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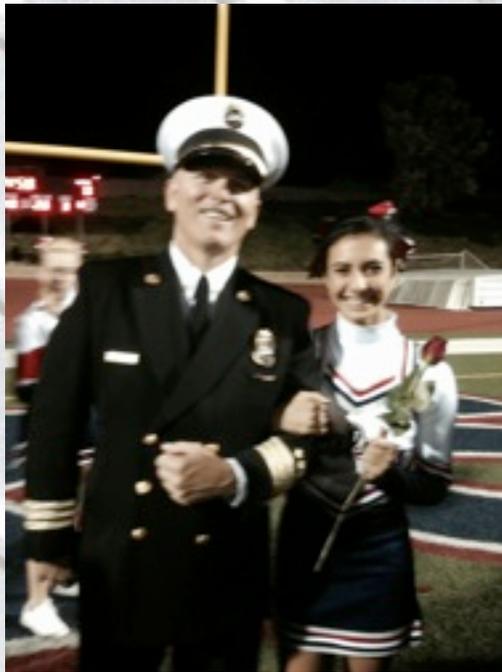
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## King High School Heroes Football Game



King High School honored public safety and military personnel at their halftime show on Oct 4. RFD crews who participated: T3, RSQ3, HM2, Eng 11, along with Chief Earley and DC Wesche. In photos below, Training Chief Wesche was escorted by cheerleader Danielle Abboud. DC Wesche also "photo bombed" Nick Navarro and his daughter, Avery, and a friend before their cheer.



MARTIN LUTHER KING  
**WOLVES PRIDE**





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**United Way Chili Cook-Off Thanks from Misty Finney:** United Way “Drive to 75” Chili Cook-Off on Oct 30 at City Hall. I would like to give a Huge Thank You to: Norma Pagan-for help planning, decorating, serving, tear down, etc., Capt. Kessel-for décor items, Capt. R. Gabler-for décor items, Explorer Laef Datin-set up, serving, tear down, FF/PM Lewis-coordinating the Explorer, Carol Crouch-for décor items, FF/PM Stibal-for set up help. Thank you to the crew of Engine 8 (Capt. Muchmore, Eng. Hallgren, FF/PM Nunez, FF Ahumada) who cooked, delivered and served their “Hard 8” chili. Thank you to Chief Earley, Deputy Chief Esparza, B/C Perna, Eng. Tasker, FF Fenzke, FF K. Rodgers for your support by coming by our booth. The awards were: People’s Choice - Public Utilities; Judges’ Best Chili – Parks and Rec; Judges’ Best Booth – PU & PW tied. More than \$2300 was raised for United Way at the event.





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## Birthdays



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<b>Chris Adams</b>	<b>11/20</b>
<b>Rich Bennett</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>Tony Burciago</b>	<b>11/27</b>
<b>Jeff DeLaurie</b>	<b>11/2</b>
<b>Steve Earley</b>	<b>11/4</b>
<b>Andy Ferchaw</b>	<b>11/23</b>
<b>Renee Griffin</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Brian Guzzetta</b>	<b>11/18</b>
<b>Don Henry</b>	<b>11/8</b>
<b>Steve Horton</b>	<b>11/2</b>
<b>Ken Lundgren</b>	<b>11/19</b>
<b>Dave McClellan</b>	<b>11/26</b>
<b>Brandon Mollicone</b>	<b>11/23</b>
<b>Keith Moore</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Lisa Munoz</b>	<b>11/27</b>
<b>Ron Nunan</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Greg Papo</b>	<b>11/3</b>
<b>Eric Peniata</b>	<b>11/29</b>
<b>Kim Sabatello</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Tim Strack</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>John Wescott</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Sean Wilde</b>	<b>11/2</b>

## Congratulations

**New Hires:** Leroy Lopez, Brian Potter, Cory Holt, and Caitlin Kaller

**6 month probation:** Dan Christensen



## Growing Families

**Jeremiah Meadows:** Congratulations to Jeremiah Meadows and his wife on the birth of their son, Trent Hudson, who was born on Oct 3 at 0225. He weighed 7 lbs 5 oz and was 21 1/4 inches long.

**Zach Pettikas:** Zach Pettikas and his wife Brittany became proud parents to newborn son, Graham Zachary, at 0253 on Oct 14. He weighed 8 lbs and was 21 inches long.

**Lovieanne Jung:** Congratulations to Lovie and her fiancé, Jon Garland, on the birth of their baby girl. Lovie gave birth to Gabriella Nohea Garland at 0117 on Oct 16. She weighed in at 7 lbs 4 oz.

**Josh Tronaas:** Please join us in congratulating Josh Tronaas and his wife Betty on the birth of their daughter. Sadie Jo Tronaas was born Oct 17 at 0815 weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Everyone is doing great.

**Paul Avila:** Paul Avila and his wife Christy welcomed in the birth of their new baby boy on Oct 22. Levi Forest was born at 0145 hours, weighing 8 lbs 9oz, and 20" long. The entire family is doing well and resting. Best Wishes to the Avila Family.

# State Fire Training Position

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In April 2013, Captain Jennifer McDowell was selected to participate in the State Fire Training (SFT) curriculum development cadre to develop and complete the Company Officer project (currently known as Fire Officer). Jennifer has been working on providing current and complete support materials for all Company Officer courses. The validation process will occur in November. The documents will be reviewed and confirmed. Once the documents are complete, accurate, and relevant to the needs of the end user, they will be put into place and implemented sometime in 2014.

SFT has changed its approach. They are no longer creating Instructor Guides and certification tests. SFT approach is to endorse and use publisher created textbooks and support materials. SFT has also completely revised how we go about creating curriculum to support certification by streamlining the process and reducing the number of documents to create and maintain. SFT has also made the decision to follow the NFPA Professional Qualification standards to the letter for the purpose of certification. Courses will still be developed, when appropriate, that go beyond NFPA and they will be placed in the FSTEP program.



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## Fill the Boot

On and off duty RFD personnel assisted the Muscular Dystrophy Association in collecting \$19,000.67 in this year's "Fill the Boot" campaign on Oct 10, 11, and 12.



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## Station 11 Visit



Tiger scouts from Pack 95 stopped by the Orangecrest Fire Station on Oct 6 for a tour. They saw the fire engine and walked around the station. They really enjoyed the video about fire safety and practicing to "fall and crawl". All were given a homework assignment to have their parents change the batteries in their smoke detectors when we change our clocks later this month. Pictured with the scouts is Probationary Firefighter Jacob Proctor.

## RPD Triathlon

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RPD Triathlon: Runners jockey for position at the start of the Riverside Triathlon on Douglas Street in Riverside, Sunday, Oct. 20. The race, which included a 5K run, a 12-mile cycling race and a 150-meter swim, benefited the Riverside Police Foundation. More than 300 triathletes competed in the Riverside Triathlon, Sunday, Oct. 20 in at Bobby Bonds Sports Complex. The event included a 5-kilometer run, a 12-mile cycling race and a 150-meter swim. The event featured participants from all Inland Southern California, ranging in age from 10 to 75 years old. The event's "Challenge Cups" were won by Riverside Fire Department (Public Safety Cup) and the Inland Empire Running Club (Club Cup).

The Riverside Triathlon "Challenge Cups" were won by Riverside Fire Department (Public Safety Cup).

Results:

Clint Breads- 4th overall - 2nd in his age group.

Jesse Norton -6th overall - 1st in age group.

Gio Contreras -8th overall - 2nd in age group.

Ryan Kaessner-39th overall - 3rd in age group.

Jim Ryan-35th overall - 3rd in age group.

And competing on their own:

Connor Kodat, 6th in age, 193 overall, 11 years old

Craig Kodat, 17th in age, 194 overall

Congratulations to these competitors!



# National Preparedness Month

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Riverside Fire Department CERT, E12B (Ray Mendoza, Herb Mercer, John Wescott, and Brad Fike), and Fire Explorers participated in the Sept 28 Ready Riverside Emergency Preparedness Fair.

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Saturday, September 28, 2013



**Riverside City Fire CERT Volunteers**  
**Thank You for Your Volunteering!**

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**Riverside City Fire Explorer Post # 101**  
**Thank You for Your Participation!**

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**Riverside City Fire Station 12 Crew**  
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## PHOTO ALBUM

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**Walk to School Day:** E7C (Mendoza, Delgado, Klinke & Hicks) participated in "Walk to School Day" with Councilman Steve Adams on Nov 6.



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**First Response:** Firefighter Brian Potter on his first emergency response on Oct 2.

# Halloween

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L to R: Carol Crouch is a gunslinger; Dynasty Duck Mike Williams, and Baby Misty in her PJs kept the Halloween spirit alive at the EOC/Training Center with their awesome costumes



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## More Photos

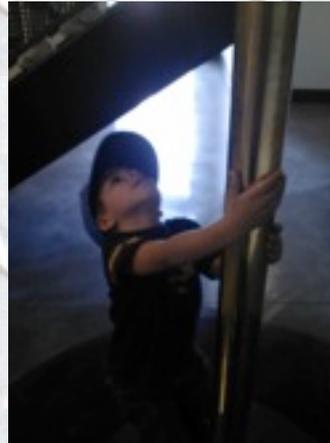
**Self Defense Class:** Captain Jennifer McDowell and Misty Finney participated in a Women's Self Defense Seminar on Oct 24 through Dave Hopkins Kung Fu San Soo in Riverside. It was such a great class, where students can actually practice what to do if attacked, and it is done in a fun, safe environment. Jennifer and Misty both highly recommend it for all women.



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**Anna's Birthday:** Anna Hauldren celebrated her October birthday with retired Deputy Chief Oran Pentz and his wife Laura and retired Battalion Chief Dave Campos and his wife Cathy. It was a fun celebration and reunion.



**Station 1 Grand Opening:** Kim Sabatello's great nephew, Keedan, enjoyed the activities at the grand opening of Station 1 on Oct 26



## Stachetober

L to R: Carol Crouch;  
Ron Rondero & Herb  
Mercer; Bryan Hoffman,  
Dave Castaneda &  
Dustin Fenzke; David  
Gilstrap & Craig Kodat



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