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Fill the Boot Raises Over \$25,000

Riverside City Firefighters participated both on and off duty in the 2014 "Fill the Boot" campaign on Oct 21, 22, and 23. Overall, we collected \$25,098!!! EXCELLENT WORK!

There was a "friendly competition" between battalions to see who could earn the most money for this great cause. Battalion 2 takes the trophy edging out Battalion 1 by just over \$800.



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Water Rescue Class

Billy Milligan instructed at a 3 Day Jet Ski Rescue Training Class at Lake Elsinore on Oct 27-29; the class was a mixed agency exercise. Billy covered rescue operations where Personal Water Craft (PWC) can be used to effect a water rescue; the maneuvers taught were: one and two rescuer operations with/without a rescue board attached as well as slow speed approaches/maneuvers used during the aftermath of a flood scenario where people may be rescued from rooftops of submerged houses and rough water rescue techniques. The RFD members who attended were: Tony Garcia, Brandon Mollicone, Greg Arias, Bryan Hoffman, and Josh Lavin. This type of training provides an additional resource for water rescue and increased the skills and abilities of the operators of the PWC's.



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Birthdays



November Birthdays

Brian Guzzetta	11/18
Don Henry	11/8
Kenny Lundgren	11/19
Dave McClellan	11/26
Brandon Mollicone	11/23
Keith Moore	11/17
Lisa Munoz	11/27
Ron Nunan	11/12
Greg Papo	11/3
Eric Peniata	11/29
Kim Sabatello	11/13
Tim Strack	11/12
John Wescott	11/10
Sean Wilde	11/2

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Congratulations

12 Month Probation: Cory Holt (10/3)

18 Month Probation: David Waltemeyer (10/14); Dan Christensen (10/21)

Promotions: FF/PM Joe Reed to Engineer (10/11)

Retirements: Engineer Vince Rodgers retired Oct 2 after 27 years of service

Engine Certification: Andy Ferchaw (10/30)

Growing Families

Congratulations to FF/PM Mark Powell, and his wife Michelle, on the birth of their son Liam Wyatt Powell. Liam was born Oct 12 at 2251.

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Congratulations to Cpt John Peurifoy and his wife Kelley Ubelhor-Peurifoy (RPD Dispatch Supervisor) on the birth of their son, Alexander John Peurifoy, born on Oct 11 at 1421. He weighed in at an even 5 pounds and 17" long. Alex arrived a little bit early, but both he and mom are doing well.

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RFD HOLIDAY PARTY LET'S ROCK IT LIKE A REINDEER

It's time to get together and have some fun! This is a night for all RFD employees and significant others!!



When: Friday, December 19th

Time: 5:30 - ???

Where: Orange Crest Club
1175 E. Alessandro Boulevard

Price: FREE

(Event sponsored by the Orange Crest Club and RCFA)

Dinner, Soft Drinks, Beer & Wine provided.
Feel free to BYOB if you have a preference.

Come for a visit or for the entire event - enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, fun, frivolity and friendship.

*Don't know what to wear? We can help!
Wear your ugliest holiday sweater or shirt!*

We do need to start a head count - please let us know if you think you will be attending. Your party planners are Scott Wilson (shwilson@riversideca.gov or 760-805-9964) and Karen McCoy (kmccoy@riversideca.gov or 951-897-1450).

We all know of families in our districts that are in need - As part of our party, we would love it if you would consider bringing an unwrapped gift or toy. These gifts will be distributed to the stations so that the crews working on Christmas Day have something they can give out to those families.



October-Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Top: Thomas Jay at Station 14; Bottom Left: Jeff Lewis and Craig Kodat with RPD's Air1 (note: They also showed off their Stachtober spirit); Bottom right: Dave Olivas, Bret Bauer, and Lisa Holloway at Station 2



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**Joe Reed's
Engineer Badge Pinning
Oct 24, 2014**



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22 Year Reunion

L to R: Retired FF/PM Keith Anderson; San Bernardino City Cpt Tony Robles, Eng Rick Cabrera; Cpt Steve Hallgren; and Eng Ralph Wilson got together in October to celebrate their 22 years of friendship.



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Park Incident

Downtown Fire Station units responded to an unknown fire off Park and 13th. Shortly after arrival, it was determined the smoke was actually a cloud caused by a leaking cylinder; the product was later identified as Hydrochloric acid. One RFD firefighter, three RPD officers, and seven civilians were treated for complaints of difficulty breathing.



Special Activity Requests

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L to R: Anthony Frausto dons his turnout gear at Station 2 while Sean Wilde narrates



Truck 2 C shift finds the Pot of Gold...

Steve Hill caught this moment when David Greyshock & Matt Stibal were doing their morning check



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Above: Chris Boykin and his wife at a neighborhood Halloween party

Right: Joe Reed dressed up as Toupac at Sean Wilde's Halloween Party

Below: Pumpkin creations by FF/PM Dave Castenada



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Thrive Across America

Human Resources hosted the "Thrive Across America" program from Aug 18- Oct 12. There were 87 participants who completed the virtual route from the Cohos Trail to Kings Canyon National Park. Congratulations to RFD's Fitness on Fire team captained by Cathy Mitchell (Fire Prevention). They won second place in the contest. In addition to Cathy, the team consisted of: Anna Hauldren, Chris Adams, Mike Weatherbie, Steve Payne, Tim Odebralski, and Dave Hernandez.

Fitness on Fire had a celebration lunch for our 2nd place win for Thrive Across America. We lost by .1 to RPD..... Team members Dave Hernandez and Mike Weatherbie were also on the team but couldn't make the celebration lunch!! Can't wait for the next challenge!!



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