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## Promotional Ceremony

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A formal promotional ceremony was held on Feb 26 at the Downtown Fire Station to recognize the following promotions: (unless otherwise noted, all promotions were effective Feb 13)

### To Battalion Chief:

Mike Staley (May 9, 2014)  
Jeff DeLaurie  
Jennifer McDowell  
Thomas Jay

### To Captain:

Matt Mathis (May 9, 2014)  
Steve Hallgren (June 20, 2014)  
Steven Loner (Jan 3, 2015)  
Joe Reed  
Shannon Smith  
Sean Wilde

### To Engineer:

Paul Seawright (May 9, 2014)  
Matt Stibal (June 20, 2014)  
John Sierra (Jan 3, 2015)  
Chuck Clements  
Crispin Nunez  
James Weber

### Appointments:

Division Chief LaWayne Hearn to the position of Deputy Chief-Administration (Jan 30)  
Battalion Chief Bill Stamper to the position of Deputy Chief-Operations (Jan 2)  
Battalion Chief Dave Bakas to the position of Division Chief-Training (Jan 16)  
Battalion Chief Steve McKinster to the position of Division Chief-US&R CA-TF6 (Jan 30)

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## ***Selfless Customer Service*** ***by Steve Jeremiah:***

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On Feb 24 we helped a mother with two kids and a cat enroute to Michigan in a tired 1998 Expedition. They pulled into our front parking lot with a shredded engine belt. She asked if they could use the restroom as they waited for a tow service to come out and fix the engine problem. As they waited I looked up Napa Auto for a replacement belt to see if we could save her some money. I called Napa Auto on University and Karen, the manager, said she'd give us the city rate and have it



delivered. Brandon Mollicone paid for it since he was hired for backfill. I let him inform the driver and she was delighted and thankful for us saving her a hefty repair bill. Napa delivered the belt in less than 15 minutes, and we had a YouTube University session on an easy and practical install of a serpentine belt on a 5.4 liter Ford engine. As soon as we got the belt on, we ran the engine for a test, and then we had to leave for a medical aid. I didn't get the family's name, but she said they had already posted the story on Twitter and Facebook. Just another outstanding example of our folks helping those in need!

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## ***FM Global Grant Check Presentation***

In Feb, The Riverside City Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit received a \$2000 grant from FM Global; the money will be used to replace camera equipment. Sean Stockwell from FM Global presented the check.





## Birthdays



### March Birthdays

<b>Shawn Bauer</b>	<b>3/23</b>
<b>Marciano Duran</b>	<b>3/29</b>
<b>Brad Fike</b>	<b>3/17</b>
<b>LaWayne Hearn</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Robert Herrick</b>	<b>3/20</b>
<b>Wayne Hess</b>	<b>3/9</b>
<b>Steve Hill</b>	<b>3/27</b>
<b>Trey Janeway</b>	<b>3/21</b>
<b>David Juarez</b>	<b>3/28</b>
<b>Bart Kennedy</b>	<b>3/26</b>
<b>Tom Kleveno</b>	<b>3/25</b>
<b>Ray Mendoza</b>	<b>3/3</b>
<b>Pat Mullen</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Rod Nash</b>	<b>3/23</b>
<b>Jesse Norton</b>	<b>3/17</b>
<b>Gina Perez</b>	<b>3/20</b>
<b>Kyle Phillips</b>	<b>3/27</b>
<b>Brian Potter</b>	<b>3/30</b>
<b>Joe Reed</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Scott Richmond</b>	<b>3/16</b>
<b>Garen Roehl</b>	<b>3/30</b>
<b>Joe Rosales</b>	<b>3/3</b>
<b>Jeff Rowe</b>	<b>3/12</b>
<b>David Waltemeyer</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>Mike Weatherbie</b>	<b>3/22</b>

## Growing Families



Congratulations to John and Claudia Sierra on the birth of their son Gabriel on Feb 6. He weighed 6 lbs, 8 oz



## Airport Fire Station Tour

On Feb 5, the Airport Station welcomed Jefferson Preschool for a show and tell. Firefighter Rob Foy talked about the equipment on the units and showed them the station.



## Congratulations

Engine Certification: Bruce Harter (2/2); Ryan Hicks (2/24)

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## City Employee CERT Class



**Riverside Fire Department**  
Office of Emergency Management  
CITY OF RIVERSIDE EMPLOYEES  
CERT Class # 57 Graduates





**Congratulations!**

ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Leonard Albano, Antoinette Alexander, Lilliana Alvarez, Josue Balderrama, Jay Brown, Gabbi Cao, Ed Cortez, Elena DeStefano, Ben Esseling, Abigail Gomez, Brenda Gonzales, Isabel Guzman, Gary Hironimus, Steven Howard, Lauren Leinz, Karen McCoy, Irma Ochoa, Kenneth Olson, Jerry Ozeta, Joe Perry, Hung Pham, Kirsten Rosales, Kim Sabatello, Crystal Sanchez, Robyn Shively, Rigoberto Tejada, Michael Torelli, Ron Wigg, Tracie Wilczynski

Thanks CERT "VICTIMS": Chis Acosta, Greg Crouch, Lary Hernandez, Kaye Powley  
CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Pfeunfow, Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez



Joe Perry from Fire Fleet Maintenance checks for breathing and uses the Head Tilt Chin Lift to open the airway



Kim Sabatello, Fire Prevention, practices assessing victim in Disaster Medical Unit



Karen McCoy, Fire Chief's Assistant, was the Incident Commander for the CERT Final Drill , Great Job!



The City of Riverside Fire and Police Departments are providing a new and unique service. The horse community of the City of Riverside will soon be provided with a Technical Large Animal Rescue Team that will be trained to assist with technical rescues involving horses or any large animal. This includes over-turned horse trailers, horses trapped in areas such as quicksand, swimming pools, trenches, wells, septic tanks, hillsides, or steep terrain, in which the animal is unable to free itself.

This specialized team was formed due to the efforts of the Riverside Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit who recognized the need for a technical animal rescue team to be available within the city to assist with these low frequency but very technical incidents. The City of Riverside has a large horse population in certain parts of the city, and horse activity and horse events are common within the cities jurisdiction.

The Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit partnered with the City of Riverside Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team to form the HART Team (Horse and Animal Rescue Team). The team has also partnered with Riverside Animal Control as a joint agreement and contracted veterinarians who will volunteer their service in the event of a technical rescue.

The Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit will respond to provide horse expertise, animal handling, and safety for the animal and firefighters during any large animal rescue. The Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team will respond to provide technical rescue skills to remove the animal from harm and provide paramedic services when needed.



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## Station 2 Visitors

Retired engineer Mike Dwyer and retired firefighter Linda Keller stopped by Station 2 to visit after they attended the retiree breakfast. It was fun catching up with both of them. Also, there was some historical significance since Linda was the first female firefighter to successfully complete probation, and this was Jennifer McDowell's first shift as battalion chief (first female BC in RFD's history).



## New Station 2 Signs



A big thanks to Steve Hill, Don Henry, and all of Station 2 C shift crew for these beautiful new apparatus door/tower signs





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## USAR Evaluation

CA-TF6 passed an arduous Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administration Readiness Evaluation (ARE). As a result, CA-TF6 will remain in a "Fully Operational" status.

This type of FEMA ARE is conducted every three years and is a head-to-toe audit of our urban search and rescue team. Eleven people conducted the audit, which included the FEMA US&R program office members and Peer Evaluators from various US&R teams throughout the FEMA system. There are three components of the audit: Operations, Logistics, and Management.

The following are highlights from the evaluation:

- CA-TF6 has an effective task force headquarters, warehouse, and training facility
- CA-TF6 showed diligence in financial reporting and compliance.
- 82 personnel are fully trained as Water Rescue Specialists.
- High morale within the team and commitment by individual members to the National US&R Response System.
- Significant support and commitment to the National US&R system's Incident Support Team program.



## Feb 1 Cedar Fire



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## UCR Fire - Feb 19



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## Haz Mat Stinger Operations Training



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The ceremony also honored the following firefighters for completing probation: Alex Austin, Jonathan Trujillo, Andrew Hegg, Mark Powell, Jason Roehl, David Waltemeyer, Dan Christensen, Jacob Proctor, Christopher Brandstetter, Matt Powell, Miguel Ahumada, Leroy Lopez, Brian Potter and Corey Holt



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## First Shift Badge Pinnings

