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March 2015

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## Walk With the Animals

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Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center hosted its annual "Walk With the Animals" fundraiser on March 21 at Fairmount Park. The Riverside City FD has played an important role in the event the past few years. This year Training Captain Tim Odebralski with his dog/golden retriever Nikko and puppy in training, Rook, along with USAR civilian canine handler Katrina Kurth and her dog/lab, Kenzie providing a very popular demonstration with their canine search and rescue dogs. In addition, Training Captain Tyler Reynolds made his debut as a member of the RPD Mounted Enforcement Team (MET). Tyler is an avid horse rider and fan of all things equine.

He completed a large animal rescue class last year where he became interested in joining this volunteer group. Way to represent Tyler and Odie!!! Also, units from the Downtown station attended, and Lisa Holloway and retired BC Mike Koury were among the participants.



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## St Patty's Day Dinner at Airport Fire Station

Retired Deputy Chief Oran Pentz and Retired Captain and now RFD Chaplain Tony Braun joined Station 5 crew for a traditional Saint Patrick's Day dinner cooked by Rick Cabrera. It was a great time with some great stories!



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Congratulations to Jesse Norton and his crew! Jesse passed his engine certification test on March 23. Photos to the right show Jesse celebrating with family and crew at Station 5 and buckling up for his first code 3 run.



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The chiefs are in the pit crew. Operations Deputy Chief Bill Stamper, Fire Marshal/Division Chief Bill Schellhaus, Training Division Chief Dave Bakas, and USAR Division Chief Steve McKinster practice the "pit crew" CPR method.





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## Birthdays



### April Birthdays

<b>Mike Allen</b>	<b>4/9</b>
<b>Roger Cutshall</b>	<b>4/17</b>
<b>Steven Edwards</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Gary Giovannetti</b>	<b>4/4</b>
<b>Corey Holt</b>	<b>4/14</b>
<b>Scott Huchting</b>	<b>4/14</b>
<b>Dennis Hunt</b>	<b>4/28</b>
<b>Bryan Klinke</b>	<b>4/28</b>
<b>Stephen Loner</b>	<b>4/1</b>
<b>Dominic Luna</b>	<b>4/30</b>
<b>Steve McKinster</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Christopher Naron</b>	<b>4/19</b>
<b>Steven Payne</b>	<b>4/29</b>
<b>Bill Schellhous</b>	<b>4/18</b>
<b>Sean Smith</b>	<b>4/29</b>
<b>Bill Stamper</b>	<b>4/11</b>
<b>Mark Thompson</b>	<b>4/8</b>
<b>Jonathan Turley</b>	<b>4/19</b>
<b>Tim Vanderhorst</b>	<b>4/12</b>

## Read Across America



Ron Rondero answered questions after reading a Dr. Seuss book to students at Adams Elementary School on March 17. E5, S5 and B2 read to grades K through 5.



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## Sole Runner Stops at Station 2

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Station 2 had an amazing visitor on March 10. Jake is running barefoot with all his own gear across America to New York. He started in Huntington Beach on Mar 5. He camped out at back of 2's on March 10 and continued his journey on the morning of March 11. To find our more about Jake's adventure with a cause, check his website is [thebaresoleproject.com](http://thebaresoleproject.com).



Mailbox



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Mary S. Roberts  
Pet Adoption Center

Serving Since 1897

April 3, 2015

City of Riverside Fire Department  
Attn: Norma Pagan  
3085 St. Lawrence St  
Riverside, CA 92504

Dear Riverside Fire Department,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and animals at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center I want to thank you for being a part of the 23rd Annual **Walk with the Animals**, held Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Fairmount Park in Riverside. Your presence, participation and support helped make this year's event one of the best we've ever had!

As you may know, **Walk with the Animals** is one of our most important fundraising events of the year. It provides much needed funds that help keep the Pet Adoption Center operating. We are so excited to announce that we raised over **\$60,000** at this year's event! These funds will go directly to the care of the many dogs, cats, kittens and puppies that are currently at our center. In addition, the Walk provided a platform to educate the public about the many amazing programs we offer here at the center, beyond just adoptions.

One of the most pervasive and consistent comments we received at the Walk, and since, is how amazing the Riverside Fire Department demonstrations were. Of all the different aspects of the event, the one that the most people requested we bring back next year was the RFD demo.

Thank you again for your service and support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Pickett".

Katie Pickett  
Special Events Coordinator



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## American Legion “Law and Order” Award

Every year American Legion Post 289 honors firefighters and peace officers for their contributions to their departments and the community. The awards are presented at their annual “Law and Order” dinner. This year’s recipients are Captain Greg White and Captain Mike Allen. The Awards dinner was held at American Legion Post 289



on March 19. Congratulations to these deserving individuals. Greg’s contributions have been mainly in the areas of public education and arson. Mike Allen has been involved in CQI for the paramedic program and report writing as well as coordinating the small tools program and EMS supplies at the Downtown Station.



## La Sierra High School Career Day

Eng Jeff Lewis and FF Renee Griffin promoted a career in the fire service on March 7 at the Work Force Development Event at La Sierra High School. Fire Explorers Shant Barmaksyan and Sebastian Juarez also helped out at the event showing how Fire Explorers can help “kickstart” a career in the fire service.





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## Girl Scout Badge

USAR canine handlers Tim Odebralski (RFD Training Captain) and his golden retriever Nikko along with civilian handler Jill Haynes and her lab Chance met with a girl scout at the quarterly March USAR drill to assist her in meeting the requirements for earning a badge.



## Extrication Drill

Batt 2 A shift crews participated in an extrication drill in the Arlanza area on March 26 to familiarize themselves with the new Holmatro rescue equipment. Crews were successful in removing doors, windows, roofs, but getting FF/PM Boykin out of the stroller was a challenge.



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**pink**  
on parade

# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

**SAT : MAY 16 : 8-12PM**  
FAIRMOUNT PARK, DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE  
benefitting Riverside's breast cancer resource center. Featuring vendors, entertainment, door prizes, raffles & survivor tent luxuries!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8AM	INDIVIDUAL/TEAM CHECK-IN
9AM	WALK BEGINS

## REGISTRATION FEES

ADULT (17+)	\$30
YOUTH (11-16)	\$10
CHILDREN (10 & UNDER)	FREE!

for more info call 951.823.0261 or  
to register visit [www.crowdrise.com/pinkonparade2015](http://www.crowdrise.com/pinkonparade2015)



Join the RFD Pink Mafia Team or sponsor one if its members. We are having a friendly competition with RPD to see who can fundraise the most for this great cause.

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## CERT Happenings

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## Congratulations!

**ALPHABETICAL ORDER:** Nina Acosta, Francisco Alfaro, Bryce Arie, Landy Aviles, Carol Bell, David Bell, Andrew Bird, Andy Contreras, Deb Croan, Brandon Duffield, Cindy Finley, Mark Fox, Matthew Fuller, Oscar Gonzalez, Victor Marin, Regina Miller, Al Palacio, Milton Peraza, Gloria Quinones, Albert Raper, Kailee Stool, Jamie Stool, Frances Tabor, Alysia Webb

**Thanks CERT "VICTIMS":** Chris Acosta, Jonathan Caprio, Wendy Caprio, Ray Gayton-Jacob, Sharon Hedges, Vince Rosse, Joyce Rybold, Kim Sabatello, Mary Swanson, Marty Swanson

**CERT Instructors:** Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Operations Administrator Tony Coletta, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez

