



# RFD Training Newsletter

October 2016



**Eric Botkin, Firefighter/Paramedic**  
Riverside City Fire Department  
**Hired:**  
**Line of Duty Death: 12/27/2009**



Passed away at the age of 41 after a  
courageous fight against brain cancer.  
You will be forever missed

## October Highlights

<https://youtu.be/bXd5sb6fWNM>

Fire Prevention Month

**Cancer Awareness Month**

Firefighter Interviews

USAR Water Rescue Training

Fire Station Open Houses Oct 8

UASI Training Coordinator Interviews

Annual Respiratory Drill

IEOM Make Up

Leadership Academy – Murrieta Fire

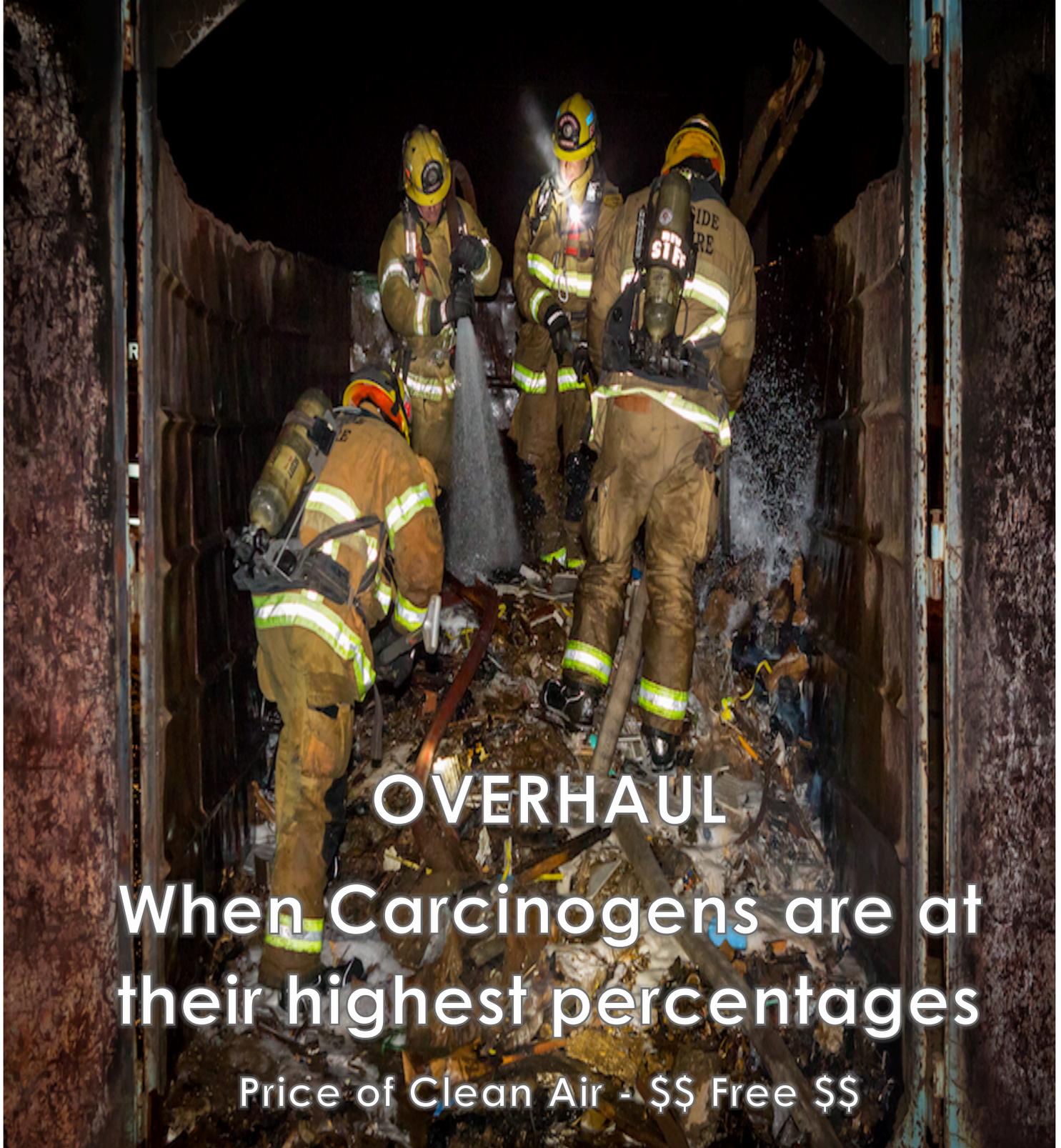
Grammar Class

Pink On Parade Oct 15

Safety Expo Oct 22



# Cancer Awareness



OVERHAUL

When Carcinogens are at  
their highest percentages

Price of Clean Air - \$\$ Free \$\$



# The Pumpers Local



## Engineers can Prevent Cancer



One of the leading causes of Lung and Colon Cancer is Diesel Exhaust. Engineers can have an impact on preventing cancer by limiting exposure of diesel exhaust to the crew. The following tips can assist with Prevention before Intervention is needed:



**Don't start the apparatus until the crew is inside cab and away from diesel exhaust**

**Open both apparatus doors when returning to quarters**

**Leave exhaust fans running and be sure they are working properly**

**Limit diesel exhaust on scene and shut down apparatus whenever possible**



**The Silent Killer**

**Prevention before Intervention**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyZ\\_HQM9Z\\_c&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyZ_HQM9Z_c&feature=youtu.be)



# The Pumpers Local

## Structure Fire Safety Officer Checklist

- Report to IC for an assignment
- Incident Weather Conditions
- Establish Fire Perimeter – (Insure common geographic language is used A, B, C, D sides, etc.)
- Incident Communications (Minimal Radio Traffic, Tactical Channel, Emergency Channels)
- Overall Condition of Structure & Mode of Operation (Offensive vs. Defensive)
- Building Construction (Roof type, Pre-1933, Wood Frame)
- Utilities Secured
- Determine Exposure Problems
- 2 in 2 out in place
- RIC Team Established
- Coordinated Fire Attack (Roof & Interior)
- Check Overhead Obstructions – Wires, Façade, etc.
- Flashover Potential & Backdraft Potential
- Ladder Placement – Minimum of 2 in place
- Hose Line Placement – No opposing streams
- Incident Lighting
- Proper PPE's
- Rehabilitation of Crews (Free of elements)
- Contingency Plans
- Firefighter Injuries or Illnesses – Need for Investigation, or Near Miss Incident
- ALS On Scene and Medical Plan Established
- Assistant Safety Officer if Needed

References: Safety Officer Guidebook (FEMA),

**Note: The Training Division will be developing a standardized department Safety Officer Checklist in the near future.**



# Importance of Preplanning & Saw Technique

## Working on the Truck



Assigned to Roof Ops?

What are we dealing with here?



Inspection

Hole

Needed?

RAFTER

DIRECTION?





# Working on the Truck



First cut grabs the insulation and ductwork. Chain saw is out-of-service.



An Axe shall be carried by every Truckie



# This is why we train with an Axe

An RFD Tradition & Expertise

# Mentoring & Promotional Section



A message from  
**Chief Brunacini**



Are your  
Fire Officers  
HR-Certified?

**Fire Officer responsibilities relating to  
Human Resources and Liability:**

- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rules of Conduct     | Complaint Policy            |
| Workplace Injuries   | Reasonable Suspicion Policy |
| EAP                  | Levels of Discipline        |
| Workplace Violence   | Harassment Policy           |
| Employee Evaluations | Firefighter Bill of Rights  |



# Mentoring & Promotional Section



## Customer Service & ICS

Property Value Saved YTD = \$196, 680, 436

IC

F/A

Group

Vent

Group

S/R

Group

Owner

Occupant  
Support

Group

"On every structure fire, we (Phoenix Fire Dept.) would assign an Owner Occupant Sector within our ICS System. This would allow fire department personnel to be assigned to assist the owner with After the Fire resources as needed. This gave comfort and compassion during this person's devastating loss. It allowed us to provide available resources to them, explain what took place during the fire, and show what was saved." Chief Brunacini



# Mentoring & Promotional Section



## Company Officer Workshop

Sponsored by RCFA 1067

January 9, 2017



Registration: Email [FirePIO@Riversideca.gov](mailto:FirePIO@Riversideca.gov) to enroll in this class. Cost is free.

**Location:** City of Riverside Fire Department Training

**Time:** 0830-1200 Company Officer Workshop  
1300-1530 Oral Interview Preparation

Open to all Operations Personnel of  
Every Rank



**Lead Instructor:**  
Mike Bryant  
(Ret) Deputy  
Chief.

LA County Fire  
Department

34 years

**2017  
Captains  
Exam**

**Opens  
April 10**

**Written  
May 8**

**Start Preparing  
Now!!**

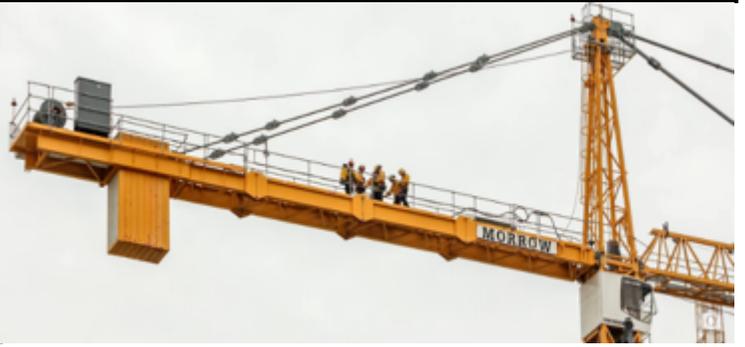
**Fresno Training  
Symposium  
November  
14-18  
2016**

**No one knows this  
better than  
Firehouse Expo's  
Keynote Speaker,  
Chief Joseph  
Finn, Boston Fire  
Commissioner.**

**"The general public thinks that  
[firefighting] is a dangerous job  
because we're running into burning  
buildings. You're going to know of  
more people who die of cancer from  
this job than die from running into a  
burning building."**

**—Joseph Adduci, Captain, BFD**

# Specialty Stations



## AHJ

# Helicopter Rescues

## Authority Having Jurisdiction

### Search & Rescue Operations

Riverside County Sherriff's Department has ultimate authority for Search & Rescue incidents within Riverside County jurisdiction relating to helicopter rescues. Although CAL-FIRE has hoist capabilities for helicopter rescues, AHJ is RSO.

### EMS Aircraft – Airship Request

When requesting an airship for EMS, Perris ECC (Emergency Command Center) is the central ordering point for dispatching EMS Airships. Perris ECC retains up to date contracts with approved ALS Airships.

