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Coordinator's Update

As I write this, news is breaking in Cabazon, near Palm Springs, where four firefighters were killed and another critically injured in the Esperanza Fire. This tragedy underscores once again the need for extreme caution when fighting wild-land fires. No building or structure is more precious than human life. In all fireground situations, **LCES** should be primary in your mind: **Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.**

This week marks the tenth anniversary of the Calabasas Fire, where two Glendale and two LAFD firefighters were severely burned on Oct. 22, 1996. Glendale FF Scott French suffered third-degree burns and was hospitalized for several weeks; retired FF Bill Jensen had third-degree burns over 73% of his body and he was given less than a 5% chance of survival at the time. In the past 25 years, California has lost over 160 firefighters in the line of duty. The U.S. Fire Administration's objective is to reduce the number of firefighter fatalities by 25% within five years and by 50% within ten years. Let's all do our part by reminding each other often... *"Safety comes first on every incident, every time."*

An historic first occurred this month with the start of the Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy, a collaboration between Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena to train 37 firefighter recruits, which began October 2 and will run a total of 15 weeks. By all accounts, it is progressing very well. Graduation will be in January 2007. It is anticipated that, in the coming years, this concept of regionalized training will expand to include more of the Area C cities.



Speaking of collaborative training, the tri-cities are also working together on obtaining a Flashover Training Facility, funded in part through a Heritage Grant received by Burbank Fire. This week, six members of the three fire departments departed for Sweden to participate in a specialized training program. The training containers and equipment are being purchased and will soon be installed in their new location behind Brand Park in Glendale.

I am pleased to announce that the Unified Response automatic aid agreement has been signed by all 11 participating Area C cities, just 20 months after we commenced our six-month trial on Valentine's Day 2005. It has been a privilege working with the other 10 Fire Chiefs and the Verdugo Task Force members to formulate a plan that expands the pool of equipment and trained personnel a jurisdiction can depend on for help in an emergency. By, in essence, dropping the borders between cities and unifying our tactics to address various emergency scenarios, we are already saving lives and property while providing superior public safety to all of our residents and visitors. Clearly, regional cooperation is the answer to best effect a favorable outcome when a city is challenged by a major incident. A reception will be scheduled in the near future to celebrate the signing of this historic agreement between the 11 cities.

A new feature has been added to the new Unified Response web site (<http://www.unified-response.org>): an automated sign-up in the "Authorized Users" section, where an Operations Battalion Chief from each city logs on each morning to convey their strike team readiness to Verdugo. The on-duty Fire Communications Shift Supervisor receives a table and after 8:30 a.m. proceeds to create the day's strike team lineup based on which engines, leaders and trainees are available. A recent meeting of the Area C strike team task force resulted in clarification and refinement of several sections, including the rotation of the 1204 and 1205 strike team engines, and an updated version of the Area C strike team policy is posted on the web site.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Rich Kaufman, who will be retiring November 15 after 27 years with Verdugo and a total of 39 years of public safety communications work. The contributions he has made as Verdugo has grown from the original tri-cities to its current 11-city array are substantial and his work is profoundly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena firefighters on the nearly \$10,000 they raised in Fill the Boot events toward fighting muscular dystrophy for Jerry's kids. Special thanks to Peter Hendrickson from the Burbank Firefighters Association for initiating this effort.

Next time you're on the Internet, check out the new web site for ICIS (Interagency Communications Interoperability System) at <http://www.icisradio.org>. On Monday, Oct. 23, an impressive demonstration was held for local legislators that spanned Los Angeles County and showcased the seamless range and clarity of the new system. Congressional representatives Adam Schiff, Diane Watson, and Grace Napolitano participated, along with officials from ICIS participating cities Glendale, Burbank, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Montebello and Pomona.



As the table below indicates, Verdugo has dispatched 17 strike teams and single-unit resources from Area C so far in 2006, 15 of them in the last calendar quarter, primarily for the Day Fire. Although the weather continues to cool somewhat, let's remain vigilant and prepared; the fuel is dry and the rains aren't here yet. People are counting on us!

AREA C STRIKE TEAM ACTIVITY: 2006 Year to Date

Strike Team	Incident	Start Date	Time	S/T Leader	S/T Trainee	Release Date	Time
1204-A	Sierra	2/6/2006	8:38	BC6 - Donovan	MPK - PR6 - Fabrizio	2/7/2006	18:44
1202-A	Sierra	2/6/2006	8:40	BC2 - Howard	GLN - SPT2 - Arrellanes	2/7/2006	18:50
1850-B	Sawtooth	7/12/2006	17:06	MTB BC Lynsky	MTB - Cpt. Middlebrooks	7/16/2006	19:12
WT11	Edgemont	7/15/2006	0:58	Eng. Griffith	GLN - FF. Detro	7/20/2006	13:33
1800-A	Prado Mobilization	7/24/2006	5:59	BC105 - Norwood	GLN - SPT2 - Arrellanes	7/28/2006	21:52
1205-A	Cross	8/28/2006	14:20	BC105 - Norwood	MRV - BC Fabrizio	8/28/2006	23:57
1203-A	Cross	8/28/2006	14:22	BC3 - Gordon	PAS - BC Imler	8/28/2006	22:59
1204-A	Day	9/11/2006	16:40	BC6 - Khail	MRV - BC Fabrizio	9/12/2006	0:40
1201-A	Day	9/16/2006	21:30	BC1 - Lenehan	BRK - Capt Howe	9/18/2006	12:28
1205-A	Day	9/16/2006	21:35	BC10 - Dennis	MRV - BC Haberle	9/18/2006	13:17
WT16	Day	9/17/2006	11:39	BRK - Eng. Lanning	BRK - FF. Mercado	9/29/2006	8:31
WT11	Day	9/17/2006	11:39	GLN - Eng. Ortiz	GLN - FF. Detro	9/29/2006	21:20
WT41	Day	9/17/2006	11:39	SMD - Eng. Bartlett	SMD - Eng. Wamboldt	9/29/2006	18:54
1840A	Day	9/17/2006	13:58	MTB BC Lynsky	MTB - Capt. Valentine	9/17/2006	20:24
1800A	Day	9/21/2006	14:11	BC10 - Dennis	MRV - BC Fabrizio	9/25/2006	16:11
1202A	Day	9/26/2006	16:52	BC2-Scoggins	BRK-Cpt. Robertson	9/28/2006	20:02
1204A	Day	9/26/2006	16:55	BC7-Stedman	PAS-BC Blades	9/28/2006	21:58

VERDUGO FIRE RECRUIT ACADEMY

Photos by Jerry Jacobs

For the first time ever, Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena are conducting a tri-cities recruit academy which began October 2 and will be 15 weeks in duration.



ALHAMBRA

Population: 89,326

Area: 7.62 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$5,103,093,384



Illegal Fireworks Cause \$4 Million Warehouse Fire

As the 4th of July holiday approaches each year, our fire departments brace for what could be “the big one” – a huge dollar-loss conflagration and roof collapse caused by a bottle rocket or other illegal firework. That’s just what happened in Alhambra, just before midnight, when a third-alarm fire occurred in a paper storage warehouse adjacent to a Target store parking lot.

The fire was reported at 11:13

p.m. on July 4 and was already fully involved when firefighters arrived on scene. Firefighting efforts included all of Alhambra’s units, as well as mutual aid assistance from Arcadia, Glendale, Monterey Park, Pasadena, and South Pasadena. Fortunately, the structure was not occupied at the time of the fire, and no injuries were reported.

The building, located at 2300 West Poplar Boulevard, just across the street from Fire Station 73, consisted of 15,000 square feet of warehouse and office space. It was occupied by a family-owned business known as Southland Display, which produced and set up promotional materials for theatres across the country. While some of the administrative offices remain, the ware-



house area was a total loss and several areas of the roof caved in during the fire. Many rare and old movie posters were lost in the blaze.

Alhambra Division Chief John Kabala and assisting investigators believe that the fire was started by either a bottle rocket or a Roman candle which ignited some dry brush growing on the side of the building. Witnesses reported seeing persons igniting fireworks in the Target parking lot adjacent to the building right before the fire started. Outdoor Target surveillance cameras may eventually help to identify the person or persons responsible for starting the fire.



ARCADIA

Population: 56,145

Area: 12.00 sq. mi.

Assessed Value:
\$7,552,672,371

New Firefighters and Reserve Firefighters

The Arcadia Fire Department would like to announce the hiring of

two new Firefighters. Michael Herdman and Gary Robinson started on September 3. Firefighter Herdman has been assigned to E106C and Firefighter Robinson is on E106A.

In addition, the Arcadia Fire Department would like to announce the hiring of two new Reserve Firefighters. Jeremy Mushinski started on August 11 and Julio Cadenas started on August 30. Reserve Firefighter Mushinski has been assigned to work a 24-hour shift every Friday and Reserve Firefighter

Cadenas has been assigned to work a 24-hour shift every Tuesday. Both Reserve Firefighters are assigned to Station 106. Congratulations and welcome to the Arcadia Fire Department!

EMS Division - 2006 Department of Health Service EMS Audit

In September 2006, the Los Angeles County Department of Emergency Medical Services Agency conducted a site survey at the Arcadia Fire Department. The survey was conducted to review compliance with

quality improvement, documentation, inventory, and selected pre-hospital care policies.

The results of this audit were outstanding. The Arcadia Fire Department met every administrative/service requirement and achieved all statistical standards established. The Department of Health Services final report demonstrated the Arcadia Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Division to be a valued component of the department. The efforts by Arcadia's Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics were evident during the site survey, and each team member should be commended for their part in this year's successful survey.

Finally, a special thanks to Arcadia's EMS Chief, Kurt Norwood, Paramedic Coordinator, Stan Bakey, and Nurse Educator, Suzette Otlewis for their organization, preparedness, and overall outstanding contribution to yet another successful audit.

Contact Kurt Norwood, Battalion Chief/EMS Division, for any information on the Arcadia Fire Department EMS Division. B/C Norwood can be reached at (626) 574-5102, A shift.

Apparatus and Equipment: New Engine

The department took delivery of two Pierce Arrow XT engines last year, and to complete our fleet we have ordered a third, which should be delivered in the spring of 2007. This additional purchase was necessary because the department wanted to acquire a 2006 EPA-compliant diesel engine before the emissions changes take effect in 2007. By purchasing the engine now, the city will benefit tremendously in terms of maintenance and training as all of our front-line vehicles will have the same Detroit Diesel Series 60 engines. Additionally, all three Arcadia Fire

Department front-line engines will have Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS).

Contact Dave Haney, Battalion Chief/Apparatus and Equipment Division for further information on any Arcadia Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment. B/C Haney can be reached at (626) 574-5102, C shift.

Emergency Operation Center

The City of Arcadia completed the mandatory NIMS/SEMS training for NIMS compliance by September 30. The courses were IS-100 and IS-700. The City of Arcadia is preparing for a "Full Scale Drill" in conjunction with Arcadia Methodist Hospital, Arcadia Unified School District, and the Red Cross on November 15. All cities within Area C are invited to participate and send equipment to Arcadia High School at 0830 hours on November 15. The scenario is an earthquake and follows the LA County drill from the week before. Contact Dave Odell, Battalion Chief/Emergency Services Coordinator for further information on Arcadia Fire Department Emergency Services. B/C Odell can be reached at (626) 574-5102, B shift.

New Fire Headquarters (Station 105)

The construction of the new Fire Station 105 (Headquarters) is moving along with an anticipated completion of October 2007. Within the next few weeks, all of the foundations will be poured and some structural steel should be installed.

Demolition of "old" Fire Headquarters (Station 105) officially began July 5. The City of Arcadia Development Services and Fire Department staffs continue to work diligently on the rebuild of Fire Station 105 at 710 S. Santa Anita Avenue. The plans call for a 450-day or approximately 15-month construction phase.

As a reminder to all Area C Agencies, the Fire Administration, Fire Prevention Bureau, Truck 105, and Battalion 105 continue to be located at Fire Station 106, 630 South Baldwin Avenue. Engine 105 and RA105 continue to be located in a converted single-family dwelling at 141 Alice Street.

Battalion Chief David Haney is the Project Coordinator for the Fire Department. The new headquarters will feature a modern two-story design with the administrative offices, including Fire Prevention, on the first level and the suppression living quarters on the second level. Also featured is a large four-door apparatus room designed to house all Station 105 apparatus.



BURBANK

Population: 106,879

Area: 17.15 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$11,900,455,179

We are happy to report that the annual July 4 festivities at the Starlight Bowl came and went uneventfully from a fire perspective, and a good time was had by all.

The third quarter saw a flurry of meetings, scheduling and activities throughout the tri-cities in preparation for the October start of the first tri-city recruit training academy. Despite a few technical and operational differences in the techniques and equipment of each of the tri-cities, the Training Officers, Training Captains and Fire Chiefs worked together to produce an academy that hopefully meets the needs of all three departments. Burbank Fire hopes this first effort will be the first of many joint training academies which should be a successful and productive combination our manpower and financial resources.

On the personnel side, we are pleased to announce the July 1 promotion of Tom Lenahan from Captain to Battalion Chief for the C shift. Rich Baenen has been called back to National Guard duty, and as this could be a longer tour, Captain Steve Briggs will take over Disaster Preparedness in Rich's absence.

Effective October 1, our Hazardous Material Specialist, Devin Burns, left us after 16 years for a promotional opportunity at Burbank Water and Power. His absence will require some reorganization of our Fire Prevention Bureau personnel, and for the time being, FPB Haz Mat

activities will be led by Jorge Martinez. Chris Burruso of our mechanical shop left us in August after nine years for a position closer to his Lancaster home.

Burbank's Fire Chief and Chief Officers were pleased to attend the Quarterly Tri-City Chiefs' meeting, held at the Disney facilities on July 18. These face-to-face meetings and discussions are very productive. The next one is scheduled for the month of October.

J. P. Harris provided our members with wildland training in September: three days in the classroom and six days of field training. We are very appreciative of JP's efforts, knowledge, and willingness to provide this valuable training which was very well received by all members.

In concert with our tri-city partners, work is proceeding on the Flashover Training Facility obtained through a Heritage Grant from Fireman's Fund. A site has been identified, purchases are underway, and training is scheduled for October, both locally and for a group from the tri-cities, who will travel to Sweden at the end of the October for on-site training.

On July 25, former Burbank Fire Chief Curt Reynolds and his wife Nancy visited and toured the Verdugo Fire Communications Center. The concept of a joint tri-cities communication and dispatch center was the brain child of Chief Reynolds when he was Burbank's Fire Chief, in conjunction with the Fire Chiefs of Pasadena and Glendale at that time. Chief Reynolds was thrilled to visit and see how their vision had played out over the years, culminating in this

truly high-tech, state-of-the-art fire dispatch center.

Burbank's Community Disaster Volunteers participated in the Challenge at Staples Center on September 10 and were only half a point out of first place to the City of Redondo Beach! Another great performance by our CDVs. In August, our members participated in the 2006 Relay for Life, and through their efforts \$2,500 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Thanks to Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Hatch for spearheading this effort.

A couple of notable incidents were the August 16 structure fire on Olive Avenue, at a commercial site occupied by Rite Aid, which resulted in approximately \$50,000 damage to the structure and \$15,000 to contents. On August 29, BFD units assisted LAFD with a major structure fire in the area of Vineland and Van Owen. Due to drifting smoke, west-east landings at Burbank airport were switched to other runways for a short time.



GLENDALE

Population: 206,308

Area: 30.59 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$17,278,729,026



Generous Grant

On September 7, Swett & Crawford and the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company awarded a \$9,000 grant to the Glendale Fire Department. The funding will be used to enhance the department's public education and safety programming by providing additional materials for children which will be used for our department's new Public Education vehicle to be unveiled later this year. Fire and safety education and prevention continue to help in making families more fire-safe. With children under five years old the most likely to die in fires, it is important to begin teaching fire-safe habits early, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

This grant was funded by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a premier property and casualty insurance company that provides grants to fire departments through its Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program. Through the program, local insurance agencies like the Swett & Crawford offices in both Woodland Hills and Los Angeles are able to direct grants to assist and support their local communities.

The Fireman's Fund HeritageSM program is the company's social mission to support firefighters for safer communities. Grants are awarded for the purchase of needed equipment, firefighter training and community education programs. Since the program was created in 2004, Fireman's Fund[®] has awarded millions of dollars in grants to local fire departments, national firefighter organizations and non-profit fire and burn prevention organizations across the country.



New Ambulances

We have recently taken delivery of two new ambulances from Medtec, which is a subsidiary of Pierce. The ambulances will soon have some minor fabrication done by FF Jeff Rehm and Engr. Ed Foster before being placed into service as RA21 and RA25. The new ambulances are equipped with 15-inch DVD screens in the patient compartment area to allow for patients to view public service announcements and fire safety messages as well as what can be expected once the patient is in the emergency room.

The ambulances are very similar to our current ones in shape and size but have a little more storage room and a bit longer box. We have added two cameras, one for backing the ambulance and one in the patient area for patient and paramedic safety. The lighting package is much more visible, with strobe and LED combinations.

TMAC Booklets

A pocket-sized booklet including VHF frequencies for voice radio

channels commonly used throughout Southern California has been updated, printed and distributed. These booklets are especially useful when responding on mutual aid incidents outside one's own jurisdiction.



Personnel

Congratulations to Jon Payne and Jeremy Frazier on their promotion to Fire Engineer on August 4.

We are also pleased to announce the creation of a Public Education Coordinator position for the GFD and Tanya Gregorian's reallocation to fill these duties. In the nearly two years she has been with us, Tanya's energy, creativity and intelligence have proven her appropriateness for this position.

Our two newest graduates of the Paramedic Training Institute have passed all certifications and are now in their new slots as Firefighter/Paramedics. Best wishes and a job well done to both Phil Ambrose and Steve Elliott. Chris Mays and Tyler Richardson started at PTI in July and are also expected to do very well there.



MONROVIA

Population: 39,006

Area: 13.73 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$2,938,208,033

New Employees

Monrovia Fire is pleased to welcome four new employees: one Battalion Chief and three Firefighter/Paramedics. Battalion Chief Chris Fabrizio began his career with the City of Monterey Park 12 years ago, promoting to the position of Battalion Chief before laterally testing for a similar position with Monrovia. He was appointed on August 7 and is currently assigned to Operations on B shift. His administrative duties include Training & Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Services.

Harvey Hewitt is a newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic with Monrovia after serving five years with the Monterey Park Fire Department. Christopher Huson is a newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic with two years' experience as a reserve firefighter at La Verne and Montebello Fire Departments. Finally, Ernesto Moreno is a newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic with 15 years' experience with the Montebello Fire Department.

All four employees are outstanding additions to this organization and have helped to bring our department to a "full-staffing" level for the first time in over two years.

Recent Promotions

The Monrovia Fire Department recently held three promotional exams in which internal candidates were successful. Scott Haberle was promoted to Battalion Chief on September 18. He has been assigned to

the Fire Prevention Bureau and has taken over all Fire Prevention activities, the Hazardous Material program, and the Brush Mitigation Program.



Brad Dover and Brian Patrick were recently promoted to the position of Fire Captain. Brad has been assigned to E101 on the "A" shift and will be working on Disaster Preparedness for the City. Brian Patrick has been assigned to E102 on the "C" shift and will be working on Apparatus/Equipment and grants for the department. Finally, Jeremy Sanchez has been promoted to Engineer and has been assigned to E101 "C" shift. Congratulations to all of the newly promoted employees!

Wildland Management Program

The continuation of our Brush Clearance Program and the 2006 Wildland Management Program have provided a very successful season, with the voluntary compliance rate of our property owners at 99.9%.

Our 2006 Wildland Management Plan was a collaborative project plan to reduce the risk of wildfires in Monrovia. We continued to work with the United States Forest Service, and Los Angeles County Fire Department, and all local stakeholders in the



protection of our wildland-urban interface boundaries. We have continued to work aggressively toward the goals of our plan to take an assertive approach to fire hazard mitigation through coordination and enforcement of our city codes and ordinances and the collaboration of pre-fire planning with our surrounding agencies.

Our projects included grading and brush clearance on the Lower Clamshell Truck Trail, five buffer zones created across the foothills, a brush clearance enforcement program in our very high fire hazardous severity zone, Phos-Check fire retardant spraying to control the fire ignition potential along the entryway to Canyon Park and Ruby Canyon, goat grazing fuel reduction projects, reduction of hazardous brush by 50% through the Brush Chipper Program, additional training and standards for our personnel related to wildfire response, brush patrols throughout the fire zone area, wildland management educational meetings for our Neighborhood Watch groups including evacuation routes and high fire danger areas identified with signage at our access points, and updated regulations to close Canyon Park and the Wilderness Preserve during "Extreme Fire Danger" conditions for the protection of life and property.

Disaster Preparedness

During the past year, Monrovia Fire Department personnel have provided 14 Neighborhood Emergency Action Team (N.E.A.T.) training pro-

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grams. Participants learn first aid, fire extinguisher training, how to control utilities, damage assessment, search and rescue, food and water supply recommendations, and communication techniques. The objective is to teach residents to form a team and be self-sufficient immediately following a disaster for up to 72 hours. The program is also available in Spanish. Several businesses participated in the Business Emergency Action Team (B.E.A.T.) program. The objectives are similar to those of the N.E.A.T. program, but it is aimed toward business needs. Assistance is provided to businesses on enhancing their chances of quick recovery if a disaster occurs.

We conducted two full-scale disaster exercises focusing on wildland fires and earthquakes. The Fire Department will soon be offering CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training classes for the community to those who wish to take on a more active role in disaster preparedness leadership.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention personnel received notice that the department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$22,000. This grant will allow the department to develop a hazardous materials area plan. This type of plan is required by the State of California Office of Emergency Services and it involves identification of target hazardous material locations in the City and development of mitigation strategies in the event of a release. It will also address the freeway and the transportation of hazardous materi-

als through the community. I would like to extend a special thank you to Firefighter/Paramedic Ken Struckus, who successfully authored the grant for the department.

The Prevention Bureau has reorganized to include shift inspectors. This program was designed to improve communication between the prevention bureau and suppression personnel. One member from each shift was identified and assigned to the program. Firefighter Shawn Morton was assigned as the coordinator for the engine company inspection program. This program was modified to coincide with the issuance of city business licenses. His oversight will ensure prompt customer service as fire department fees are associated with the issuing of a business licenses.

Firefighter Tino Buccola was assigned to the apartment inspection program. This program is also tied to the business license program and involves an owner self-inspection procedure. Firefighter Brannigan Scott was assigned to coordinate the public education programs with suppression personnel. This new program is still in development, however, early results have been positive.

The Fire Prevention Bureau ramped up its public education program for this year's Fire Prevention Week. In the past, the Bureau only targeted fourth-graders in the public school system. This year, the program was expanded to include senior clubs, assisted living, and retirement facilities, along with private schools and pre-schools. The program was a success and we received positive feedback from the community. BC Scott Haberle and FF/PM Brannigan Scott were responsible for coordinating the public education programs for the department, and through their efforts the department increased our prevention audience to over 775 people (58% increase over last year).



Recruit Academy

The Monrovia Fire Department Training Division recently completed a recruit firefighter training academy. The three newly hired firefighters offer a unique blend of experience and training. Two recruits come to us with several years of previous fire department experience, and the other has firefighter reserve experience. All three are Firefighter/Paramedics and will be temporarily assigned to E-102 (Paramedic Assessment Engine).

Prior to receiving their permanent shift assignments, the recruits were required to successfully complete a 56-hour mini-academy. The training academy was developed to assist the new hires in acquiring introductory training and information necessary to succeed. This training was designed to challenge the recruits mentally and physically, in all aspects of firefighting-related topics. The recruits were exposed to a high-paced and intensive training environment.

A formal badge pinning ceremony was held on October 17 in the Monrovia City Council Chambers. Following the ceremony and introduction to Council members, the recruits were honored with a reception for family and friends at a local restaurant called Memory Lane in "Old Town Monrovia." The Monrovia Fire Department would like to formally thank the Shift Training Officers, Captains Ron Pelham, John Rooks, and Ryan Phillips, for their hard work and dedication. These individuals were responsible for providing daily training and supervision

of activities throughout the mini-academy. Thanks for passing on the Monrovia pride and tradition to our new members!

Region I Task Force 4 USAR Drill

The Monrovia Fire Department participated in three days of USAR training, hosted by Pasadena Fire. The training was part of a California State Region I, Task Force 4 Urban Search and Rescue drill. The drill was conducted at the “Old UPS Building” in Pasadena. Agencies from throughout the region deployed resources and were involved in a simulated building collapse scenario. Monrovia and Arcadia fire personnel combine to form a joint USAR (Urban Search & Rescue) team. Members of the team train together



on a variety of USAR-related scenarios on a continuous basis. This joint effort helps to ensure a high level of training and response capability without negatively impacting service delivery levels for either community.

Regional task force drills like this one are a valuable training component, supporting the Monrovia Fire Department Disaster Readiness Training Plan and contributing to-

ward strict training mandated by the state and federal government. This type of realistic scenario training provides continuing education toward recertification requirements, while also providing our Task Force members with the opportunity to refine those extremely technical skills necessary during emergency responses.

The Monrovia Fire Department is proud to participate with other Area C agencies in improving level of service being provided throughout the Verdugo Communications response area. We are increasingly enthusiastic about the working relationship between the Monrovia and Arcadia Fire Departments. Our combined efforts are proving to be a valuable asset to both cities.

MONTEREY PARK

Population: 64,387

Area: 7.70 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$4,092,636,015

CERT Program

In preparation for major disasters, the City of Monterey Park Fire Department has set a date for the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team training class. The training will commence in January 2007 and will involve 20 active members of the community. MPKFD has sent four members to CERT “train the trainer” classes through LA County Fire Department and have five more members attending in November. This program is directed by Battalion Chief Jim Birrell and involves a cadre of instructors to make this a successful venture. They include Battalion Chief Randy Harper,

Captain Rick Burroughs, Engineer Rich Tullius, Engineer Shannon Files, FF Gene Fowler, FF Matt Hallock, FF Jonathon Gin, and FF/PM Rob DeRosa.

New Hires

After successfully competing in the entry-level testing procedure, the Monterey Park Fire Department is proud to announce the following recruits: FF/PM Kevin Olmstead, FF Jillian Herbert, and FF Daniel Park.

We also have the privilege of Lillian Bow joining our management team as a Management Analyst. Lillian will work with Battalion Chief Jim Birrell in managing grants and the budget.

We formally welcome these members to the Monterey Park Fire Department

and offer them our support and confidence. Congratulations and good luck!

Operations

Monterey Park Fire has been busy working to complete several critical operational projects and equipment purchases this quarter. The expansion of the office area at Station 61 is ongoing. This new addition will facilitate the newest addition of our staff, Lillian Bow.

Captain Dave Kauffman has



nearly finished the construction of a Breathing Apparatus Clean Room at Station 61. B & C shift personnel assisted him, which included Captain Rich Reed, Engineers Frank Padilla, Paul Cubak and Rob Rysdon. FF's Curtis Cacciatori, Gene Fowler, and Mark Olivas were instrumental as well.

A new hose tower at Station 63 is nearly completed. It is a combination hose tower/cell site antenna. It will also serve the community with better reception in a notoriously bad reception area.

In addition to these exciting changes, we are expecting delivery of a new KME Type-I Fire Pumper (Slated to replace Engine 63) sometime in October.

Due to the efforts of our ambulance purchasing committee, we are expecting delivery of a new Horton

Ambulance manufactured by Leader Industries in late December. FF/PM Ron Price led this project and FF/PM's Adam Malouf, Justin Birrell, and Rob DeRosa produced a diligent effort.

The Training Staff, which consist of Captain Robbie Blake, Captain Ken Leasure, and Engineer Rich Tullius, have refined the training requirements of the Monterey Park Fire Department. This includes recruit training as well as advanced concepts.

Members of the department who participate on Rescue 5 USAR team will be provided all new Personal Protective Equipment in early October.

Major Incidents

During the past quarter, the Monterey Park Fire Department had

several notable incidents. Though we have experienced our normal fire, hazmat, EMS, and rescue-related responses, there have been a several significant incidents to report:

- Second-alarm fire at 511 S. Atlantic, Monterey Park.
- Overtaken big rig filled with hot tar on Corporate Center Drive at the 710 freeway.
- A trapped victim into a telephone pole from in a high-speed collision.
- Assisted San Gabriel Fire on a strip mall fire.
- Several homes flooded by a large diameter irrigation main which broke on a hillside.

PASADENA

Population: 146,138

Area: 23.0 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$14,937,558,499

Personnel

- Deputy Fire Marshal Mark Fasick has been appointed Assistant Bureau Chief/Fire Marshal.
- Battalion Chief Kevin Costa has been named Deputy Fire Marshal.
- Captain Denis Imler was promoted to Battalion Chief and assigned to the C shift.
- Fire Captain Armando Guerrero has been transferred to the Training Division as Pasadena's lead Training Instructor for the tri-cities recruit training academy, which is being called the Verdugo Recruit Fire Academy.

- Firefighter/Paramedic Tricia Rodriguez has been designated as a recruit Peer Instructor for the Academy.

- Firefighter/Paramedics Mario Gomez and Johnie Simpson have transferred into the Fire and Environmental Safety Division in the capacity of Fire Prevention Inspectors. Inspector Kevin Robertson will transfer from Fire Prevention to Station 38C.

- Firefighter/Paramedic Myron Cooper has been named Acting Fire Captain at Station 33 on B shift.

- Firefighter/Paramedic Joe Clements has been assigned as an acting Engineer on C shift.

- Firefighter/Paramedic Art Hurtado has been appointed Acting Engineer on A shift.

Blockbuster Drive-Through

A newer model Ford Mustang crashed into the glass storefront of a Blockbuster Video and landed at least



20 feet into the structure. The 85-year-old driver was uninjured after losing control of the vehicle and driving over a six-inch pipe protecting the gas meter vault and through the front of the building. Fortunately, no patrons were in the store at the time and the approximately \$23,000 worth of damage was attributed to racks of videos, damaged storefront and gas meter vault.

Haz-Mat Response

A second-alarm was requested on N. Vinedo Drive as engine companies arrived onscene to find smoke coming from roof vents and NFPA placards for flammable and health



hazard contents. While ventilating the roof, Truck 31 reported a high pressure cylinder had exploded in the building. Two rooms were well involved in fire along the suspended ceiling space above. A haz-mat response team was requested to monitor the air inside. The fire destroyed two rooms of the business, which manufactures air monitoring equipment.

Recruit Class 2006 A

Pictured below are Pasadena's 16 new recruits at rest and in motion. This is the department's largest recruit class. The recruits are part of a

joint recruit training academy between Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank.



Urban Search & Rescue

Pasadena hosted the Urban Search & Rescue Regional Task Force training at a site donated by Huntington Memorial Hospital that

was scheduled for demolition. Over 10 departments participated over the three-day period. Training included breaching, emergency building shoring, and technical search rescues.

Retirement Dinner

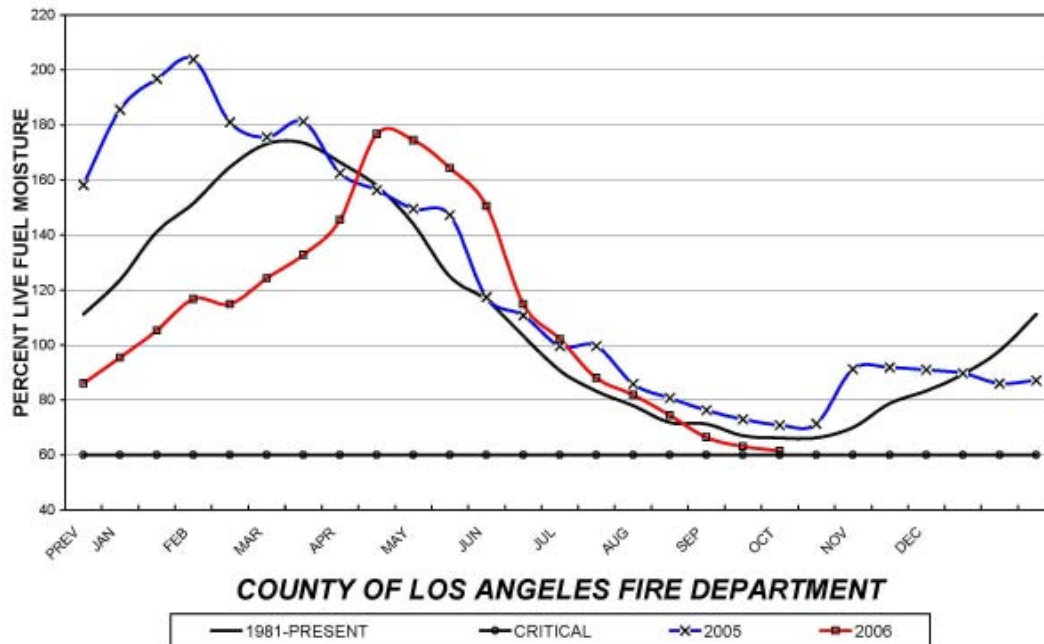
A golf tournament and dinner were held recently for the following six department personnel who retired within the last year:

- Capt. Byron Brown retired Oct. 3, 2005 (30 years).
- Capt. John Higby retired Nov. 1, 2005 (28 years).
- Capt. Harry Crusberg, Jr., retired Nov. 1, 2005 (26 years).
- FF/PM Matthew Thompson retired May 15, 2006 (29 years).
- FF James Carrico retired Mar. 9, 2006 (18 years).
- Assistant Bureau Chief/Fire Marshal Scott Pursell retired June 30, 2006 (33 years).



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LIVE FUEL MOISTURE 1981-2006

AVG ALL AREAS - CHAMISE, CEANOTHUS, SAGES, SAGEBRUSH



<http://www.lacofd.org/Forestry/FireWeatherDangerLiveFuelMoistureAllAreas.asp>

SAN GABRIEL

Population: 42,320

Area: 4.10 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$2,688,594,458

On Sept. 11, the Department held a ceremony at Station 51 to remember the lives lost in the 9/11 attack. Department members, city officials and staff, family members, and local citizens attended this event. At the conclusion of the ceremony, there was a video of the Department's funeral for Gary Sauls and a dedication of the plaque that will be mounted on Engine 51 commemorating his 37 years of service in San Gabriel.

Captain Jeff Roy, Captain Derrick Doehler, and Robin Sauls attended the IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs. This memorial, held September 16, honored the 122 IAFF members who had died in the line of duty between June 2005 and June 2006. A DVD of the ceremony, including the presentation of a folded flag to Robin Sauls as Gary's name was read, is circulating in the Department.

The Department is currently doing background checks on two potential Firefighter/Paramedics. There are two openings (B and C shifts; A shift has a waiting list) and we are hoping to fill both slots by the end of the year.

The Department's Paramedics have implemented the 12-lead program, and in the short time since its inception, several patients have had the benefit of being transported to STEMI centers.

An Engineer promotional exam will soon provide a list of eligible candidates. At present, there are no

openings for the position, but a current list will provide well-trained Acting Engineers for overtime and IOD slots.

Both stations have been undergoing renovations and the end of construction seems (finally) in sight. Station 51 has added 14 feet to the front of the garage building to accommodate the length of USAR 5 and add more space for reserve vehicles, while Station 52 saw the twin apparatus doors become a single door, removing that favorite target of acting drivers, the center post. Station 52 also had its driveway improved; the 1949 concrete was taken up and new concrete was poured, courtesy of the Public Works Department.



Santa Ana College will be onsite again to conduct fitness testing for Department members who sign up for the program. They'll do blood testing, body mass (dare we call it flab?) measurements, flexibility testing, and a treadmill test to generate a health profile of each individual. The results are confidential to each member and, regardless of advice to stay healthy, probably won't change the attitude of "gotta get my fair share at mealtimes" nor deny the allure of the La-Z-Boy immediately after.



USAR 5, a resource jointly staffed and operated by San Gabriel and Monterey Park, was recently "typed" by California OES. The rig is now formally known as a Type 1

Heavy Rescue and is part of Region 1 Task Force 4 (R1 TF4).

There is an empty space at Station 51. There used to be a long storage container in the northwestern corner of the property. Over time, it had become a favorite holding space for extra lumber, records, old electronics, disaster supplies, and garden tools. When it became known that the Verdugo Fire Academy could use such a nice container, it was amazing how fast those things (junk?) became surplus and could be either disposed of or moved to more appropriate locations. The container has been moved to the Academy and is being used for equipment storage, while its space has been taken up by the Department's dead (soon to be gone) rescue.



A new RA is on the horizon, due within the next month, being made by Leader.

On Friday, July 21, San Gabriel had an apartment building fire at 301 So. Arroyo Dr., well attended by Area C units. It started as a multiple stabbing incident and turned into a fire when the (alleged) assailant continued his (alleged) bad behavior in another direction and tried to burn down the entire building. Units from South Pasadena, San Marino, Pasa-



dena, Monterey Park, Glendale, and Arcadia responded to assist San Gabriel. The loss was estimated at \$2.5 million for the structure.

Our new cot tents were used at a recent strike team event and were determined to be a worthwhile purchase. No more roughing it on the ground, in the open, under attack from bugs...no way. Real men use cots and nets 'cause they need their sleep; one can't be a really studly brush-interface firefighter if he's tired (man law).



SAN MARINO

Population: 13,482

Area: 3.75 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$3,271,681,646

Two Fires Result in Tragic Losses

San Marino experienced two tragic fires in the month of September. On September 20, a 92-year-old woman died as a result of a fire caused by her smoking in bed. Fire damaged two rooms and the attic in the single-story residence, and her 65-year-old caretaker escaped with moderate injuries. The caretaker tried to rescue the bedridden woman

from the home but was physically unable to effect the rescue. By the time the first units arrived on scene, the fire had engulfed the bedroom.

The second fire was a result of food on the stove. On September 25, the resident of the 10,000-square-foot home on Oak Grove Place left a pot of oil on the stove in the morning and returned that evening to find more than 50 firefighters from six surrounding cities trying to extinguish the fire. Due to the heavy timber construction, it took over five hours to knock down the fire, and flare-ups were still

occurring four days later when the remaining portion of the structure was torn down.

In both these incidents, the Unified Response plan worked flawlessly. Thanks to all who responded and did a great job.



Pasadena firefighters work to knock down stubborn Oak Grove Place fire.

Photo by Craig Durings

Annual Quest Rally

The week of June 5 - 9, Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors conducted its 10th annual Quest Rally. Throughout the week, volunteers caravanned throughout Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, collecting donations for the cause. In addition, the City of Avalon also participated as a supporting venue. At week's end, Quest had received contributions from over 100 departments, agencies and organizations, reaching a record \$146,000 for burn survivors.

As Quest has grown over the past ten years, so have the logistics and the need for volunteer staff. Many thanks not only to the many generous donors out there, but also to those who graciously volunteered during the Rally. Many dedicated people committed an extraordinary amount of time and were the reason for a successful rally. <http://www.firefightersquest.org>



SIERRA MADRE

Population: 11,010

Area: 3.0 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$1,209,753,445

Recently, there have been some momentous changes in the wind for Sierra Madre Fire Department. In September, the City Council authorized the department to upgrade Emergency Medical Services to ALS. We believe we will be able to begin paramedic service, using a model similar to that of the La Habra Heights Fire Department, by March 2007. This will finally bring ALS to all areas of Los Angeles County, as Sierra Madre was the only city in the county to operate with BLS only.

Two additional full-time career positions, an Assistant Chief and a Paramedic Coordinator, have been authorized and funded by the City Council as well. Furthermore, we have been given the go-ahead to fill ten Auxiliary Firefighter positions to

enhance consistency in staffing. These important initiatives will indeed increase our staffing and improve operations, service, and response times.

Of further note, we are currently working toward all firefighters having a minimum of a Class B driver's license. We hope to accomplish this by the end of the year. Our training program provided by Rio Hondo Community College continues to grow and develop. Several of our personnel have recently completed RS I training and have started RS II.

Sierra Madre Fire welcomes several new firefighters and trainees. Firefighters Thurman Spicer and Oscar Stigel have started their probationary year, and Mario Naranjo and Ted Walters have started the trainee process, which will transition into firefighter soon. Firefighter Chris Gaylord has been promoted to Engineer.



SOUTH PASADENA

Population: 25,674

Area: 3.44 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$2,491,710,424

We are proud to announce that Firefighter Richard Jenkins recently received the "Letter of Recognition" from the California State Firefighter's Association for performing above and beyond the call of duty. Some of you may remember the ar-

ticle we wrote concerning this incident back in January. In a nutshell, Firefighter Jenkins talked a person down off a local bridge before the patient could do any harm. The awards ceremony was held at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach.

On a different note, we are preparing to test for the entry-level Firefighter/Paramedic position. The exam will be held on October 24 and will consist of the mega-code (every medic reading this just cringed), the CPAT or Biddle, and an oral interview panel.

We currently have two probationary Firefighters, Jordan Barnes and Ja-

son Corner. Jordan will be taking his nine-month exam on October 21 and Jason is preparing for his three-month.

Lastly, our combination Police and Fire Service Day was a great success. The South Pasadena Fire Department would like to thank our Area "C" agencies that came into town and assisted with the static demonstrations of their equipment. We would also like to thank L.A. County Fire and the National Guard for the helicopter demonstrations and those individuals responsible for setting up the "Classic Car" show. We estimated approximately 5,000 citizens came through the fire station that day.

VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Personnel

Big changes are on the horizon for three of Verdugo's finest. Fire Communications Administrator Rich Kaufman will be retiring in mid-November following 29 years in public safety communications. Two weeks later, Fire Communications Operator Cindy Williamson will retire, followed by Fire Communications Operator Linda Coogan at the end of December. All will be greatly missed.

Verdugo is well into the recruiting process to fill the upcoming Fire Communications Operator vacancies. Those who passed the written and typing tests will be proceeding to oral interviews Oct. 31.

The hiring process related to the position Rich will be vacating has also begun but will take somewhat longer. In the interim, Battalion Chief Don Wright will be overseeing Verdugo.

We are also in the process of selecting an Administrative Fire Communications Shift Supervisor from among any interested current Shift Supervisors. This will be a new position for the Center, which will help oversee day to day operations and fill in for the emergency operations, if needed.

Verdugo CAD Upgrade

Geofile Testing: Verdugo dispatches units and personnel based on type of incident (fire, medical, service, etc.) and incident location (residential, brush area, high-rise building, industrial, etc.) Thus the accuracy of the geofile indicating incident location in the computer-aided dispatch system (CAD) is absolutely critical. Having produced a 27-layer map of the 11 Area C cities, including a two-mile radius just outside the perimeter of the Area, Verdugo staff is now validating the geofile using a variety of methods. Once the geofile has been validated and any glitches worked out, CAD's old geofile will be replaced by the new one.

Triage Feature: When a dispatcher takes a call from a party reporting a medical incident, Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) procedures are often employed to supply first-aid instructions prior to the arrival of trained personnel. As part of the CAD upgrade, Verdugo's triage feature in CAD has been revised to automate aspects of the EMD process and to more accurately and consistently record the types of instructions that were supplied by the dispatcher. Work on re-entering all EMD instructions has now been completed by Verdugo staff and programmers are working to further refine this feature before moving it to live-CAD.



ReddiNet Hospital Status

An estimated 100 times per day, Verdugo receives requests by voice radio for hospital Emergency Department (ED) status from paramedics transporting patients in ambulances. Verdugo obtains this information from ReddiNet, a subscriber-based system that displays ED status with real-time updates. Eighteen area hospitals are displayed on Verdugo's screen, along with their saturation status. This week Verdugo contracted for an upgrade to their ReddiNet system that will add an Internet-based functionality, along with an additional module for mass casualty incidents like Metrolink. This module will enable Verdugo to notify area hospitals of emergency events and quickly assess hospital capacities for accepting casualties.

With ReddiNet adding a web-based feature early in 2007, ambulances throughout the Verdugo System will have the option of using handheld wireless devices to display ED status instead of querying Verdugo when transporting patients.

Automated Strike Team Sign-Ups

A new feature is being added to the Unified Response web site (<http://www.unified-response.org/authorized.asp>) that will enable Operations Battalion Chiefs from the 11 Area C cities to log on each morning and notify Verdugo Fire Communications of their strike team status for the day. This includes listing whichever CICC-certified Strike Team Leaders and Trainees are on duty and available to be dispatched on a mutual aid brush fire, as well as which fire engine(s) may be staffed and available to go, if needed. A spreadsheet of the results from each of the 11 fire departments will automatically be emailed to Verdugo at 8:30 every morning with the day's sign-ups. We would like to express our gratitude for the City's web development team, and Behrang Abadi in particular, for his substantial assistance with this project.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS: Summer 2006 vs. Summer 2005

Number of Incidents: July - September 2006

Category	VERDUGO		ALHAMBRA		ARCADIA		BURBANK		GLENDALE		MONROVIA	
FIRE	2,585	16.8%	181	15.3%	229	22.3%	357	15.4%	427	11.3%	129	16.7%
MEDICAL	11,590	75.3%	900	76.1%	712	69.3%	1,777	76.6%	3,065	81.1%	580	75.0%
SERVICE	881	5.7%	93	7.9%	61	5.9%	144	6.2%	193	5.1%	46	6.0%
OTHER	46	0.3%	3	0.3%	5	0.5%	6	0.3%	8	0.2%	1	0.1%
OOV*	295	1.9%	6	0.5%	20	1.9%	37	1.6%	87	2.3%	17	2.2%
TOTAL	15,397		1,183		1,027		2,321		3,780		773	

Category	MONTEREY PARK		PASADENA		SAN GABRIEL		SAN MARINO		SIERRA MADRE		SOUTH PASADENA	
FIRE	118	13.9%	786	20.1%	88	17.3%	49	22.4%	32	16.5%	85	21.5%
MEDICAL	638	75.4%	2,884	73.7%	389	76.3%	128	58.4%	127	65.5%	270	68.2%
SERVICE	42	5.0%	195	5.0%	21	4.1%	18	8.2%	27	13.9%	38	9.6%
OTHER	0	0.0%	19	0.5%	1	0.2%	1	0.5%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
OOV*	48	5.7%	28	0.7%	11	2.2%	23	10.5%	7	3.6%	3	0.8%
TOTAL	846		3,912		510		219		194		396	

Number of Incidents: July - September 2005

Category	VERDUGO		ALHAMBRA		ARCADIA		BURBANK		GLENDALE		MONROVIA	
FIRE	2,348	16.9%	* Alhambra joined the Verdugo System on 4-13-06.		201	19.8%	402	18.2%	440	12.0%	122	16.4%
MEDICAL	10,466	75.4%			732	72.0%	1,647	74.5%	2,978	81.2%	557	75.0%
SERVICE	779	5.6%			70	6.9%	140	6.3%	192	5.2%	50	6.7%
OTHER	12	0.1%			1	0.1%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%
OOV*	267	1.9%			12	1.2%	21	1.0%	53	1.4%	14	1.9%
TOTAL	13,872				1,016		2,210		3,667		743	

Category	MONTEREY PARK		PASADENA		SAN GABRIEL		SAN MARINO		SIERRA MADRE		SOUTH PASADENA	
FIRE	99	11.4%	709	18.8%	99	18.2%	58	26.9%	30	17.5%	80	18.7%
MEDICAL	660	75.9%	2,845	75.4%	396	72.9%	110	50.9%	123	71.9%	306	71.5%
SERVICE	43	4.9%	181	4.8%	26	4.8%	22	10.2%	14	8.2%	32	7.5%
OTHER	1	0.1%	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OOV*	67	7.7%	30	0.8%	22	4.1%	26	12.0%	4	2.3%	10	2.3%
TOTAL	870		3,771		543		216		171		428	

AVERAGE ENROUTE & ONSCENE TIME BY CITY: Summer 2006

Agency	Av. Dispatch to Enroute (Min:Sec)	Av. Dispatch to Onscene (Min:Sec)	Percent Onscene <5 min.	Total Incidents (Jul-Sep)
ALH	1:20	4:31	68.8%	1,027
ARC	1:10	4:11	75.3%	1,027
BRK	1:15	4:33	67.8%	2,321
GLN	1:15	4:17	75.1%	3,780
MRV	1:18	4:31	66.2%	773
MPK	1:18	4:57	54.1%	846
PAS	1:11	4:26	70.5%	3,912
SGB	1:18	4:23	72.9%	510
SMD	1:53	4:52	61.2%	194
SNM	0:46	4:02	76.8%	219
SPS	1:09	4:08	74.5%	396

Average times from dispatch to enroute (leaving the station) and from dispatch to onscene (arrival at incident) for the first unit arriving at an incident are shown for incidents that occurred in each city during July to September 2006. These include those instances where a unit providing automatic aid arrived onscene first.

Dispatch to onscene times may vary due to many factors such as the city's geographical layout, the time of day or night, traffic density, road conditions and emergency unit availability. They can also be adversely affected by human error (failure to press ONSCENE on the mobile computer terminal when arriving at an incident) or failure of the mobile computer terminal to transmit the ONSCENE message.

UNITS DISPATCHED BY VERDUGO: Summer 2006

Fire Department	Unit	# Dispatches	Av. Enroute Time (min.)	Av. Onscene Time (min.)	
ALH	E71	462	1:42	4:39	
	E72	363	1:16	5:07	
	E73	207	1:33	5:20	
	E74	282	1:29	5:01	
	RA71	579	1:13	5:11	
	RA74	385	1:04	5:23	
	T71	190	1:39	6:14	
ARC	E105	374	1:14	5:01	
	E106	533	1:05	4:01	
	E107	196	1:18	5:40	
	RA105	364	1:25	5:06	
	RA106	425	1:01	3:50	
	T105	156	1:07	5:14	
	AU106	3	4:25	24:57	
	USR106	5	3:48	21:41	
BRK	E11	639	1:06	4:25	
	E12	369	1:18	4:51	
	E13	431	1:29	5:33	
	E14	304	1:17	5:18	
	E15	528	1:09	4:31	
	E16	198	1:14	5:25	
	E18	27	0:53	4:21	
	HM12	8	3:10	18:38	
	RA11	692	1:15	4:42	
	RA13	549	1:27	5:57	
	RA15	688	1:09	5:03	
	T11	195	1:09	5:08	
	T12	118	1:21	5:47	
	USR11	0	-	-	
	WT16	1	*	*	
	GLN	AU28	4	2:56	24:48
		E21	776	1:13	4:14
E22		549	1:20	4:09	
E23		66	1:09	5:28	
E24		235	1:20	5:22	
E25		755	1:26	4:38	
E26		643	1:22	4:47	
E27		527	1:07	4:24	
E28		163	1:13	4:37	
E29		258	1:19	4:40	
HM24		7	2:23	21:30	
RA21		1,080	1:07	5:03	
RA25		933	1:07	5:09	
RA26		909	1:13	5:47	
RA29		411	1:16	6:26	
T21		197	1:08	5:15	
T26		221	1:23	5:42	
T29		56	1:21	5:51	
USR29		6	3:58	16:33	
WT21		1	*	*	
WT29	1	*	*		

Fire Department	Unit	# Dispatches	Av. Enroute Time (min.)	Av. Onscene Time (min.)	
MPK *	E61	391	1:31	4:59	
	E62	272	1:15	5:13	
	E63	221	1:15	6:27	
	RA61	386	1:09	5:10	
	RA62	325	1:16	5:29	
	T61	127	1:49	7:00	
MRV	E101	447	1:19	4:31	
	E102	402	1:24	5:15	
	SQ101	379	1:12	4:19	
	T101	116	1:16	5:27	
PAS	WT101	0	-	-	
	E31	874	1:10	4:22	
	E32	462	1:09	4:56	
	E33	835	1:07	4:12	
	E34	585	1:16	4:58	
	E36	759	1:09	4:06	
	E37	401	1:30	5:18	
	E38	195	1:32	5:59	
	E39	149	1:31	5:34	
	RA31	790	1:09	5:10	
	RA32	671	1:07	5:31	
	RA33	920	1:02	5:06	
	RA36	780	0:56	5:05	
	T31	328	1:18	5:35	
	T32	255	1:04	6:50	
	USR32	11	3:38	14:16	
	SGB	E51	302	1:15	4:21
		E52	269	1:35	4:54
	RA51	379	1:09	5:05	
	SMD	E41	72	2:29	6:34
		RA41	189	1:51	4:54
	WT41	0	-	-	
	SNM	E91	236	0:50	4:27
RA91		254	0:41	5:23	
SPS	AU81	62	1:52	8:05	
	E81	420	1:19	4:33	
	RA81	278	0:55	4:11	

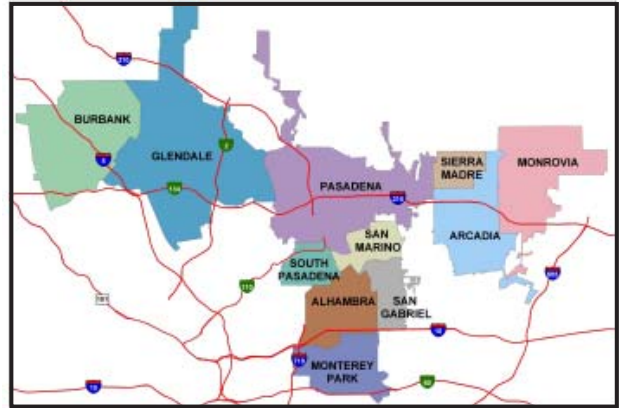
Notes:

- Total responses for a given agency will be much higher than the number of incidents they responded on because two or more units respond on most types of incidents.
- Reserve rigs are included in the total for their assigned station. For example, the E21 total includes E721 and E821 responses.
- Specialized units such as HM, USR and AU often have longer response times due to responding into other cities.

* Data unavailable or dispatch was cancelled.

OUT OF JURISDICTION RESPONSES: Summer 2006 vs. Summer 2005

The following tables show the number of out of jurisdiction responses for each fire department during July, August, and September 2006. This includes only those incidents that were dispatched by Verdugo Fire Communications Center. The leftmost column shows which agency responded; columns to the right show where that agency responded and how many times they responded to that jurisdiction during this time period. "XBB" refers to locations outside the normal Area C/ Los Angeles response region. "XAA" includes units such as private ambulances, private company fire engines, airport crash-related vehicles and helicopters. Note that Alhambra joined the Verdugo System on April 13, 2006.



Summer 2006

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred														Subtotals
	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
Jul-Sep 06															
ALH	X	3			1	65	8	37	7		23	3	1	2	150
ARC	2	X			60	5	33	6	5		1	14		6	132
BRK			X	76	1		4		1	1		3	32	2	120
GLN	2	1	84	X		2	28	3		1	1	12	72	3	209
MRV		65			X		5					13		4	87
MPK	74	1	1			X	2	19			1	18		30	146
PAS	12	21	5	12	8	11	X	6	15		17	16	11	1	135
SGB	47	3			2	13	2	X	8		1	11			87
SNM	1				1	1	90	46	X		26	23			188
SMD										X				7	7
SPS	9	2	1		1	2	43	3	14	1	X		3		79
LAC	1	16		13	8	20	11	6	3			X		1	79
LFD			5	5			1				5		X		16
XAA	1	17	30	4	588	16	1	1			1		1	X	660
Subtotals	149	129	126	110	670	135	228	127	53	3	76	113	120	56	2095

Summer 2005

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred														Subtotals
	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
Jul-Sep 05															
ALH	X	2	6	2		67	1	53	11		22	3	1		168
ARC		X	1		51	1	15	5	1	2		12			88
BRK	1	2	X	70	1	1	2		1			11	9		98
GLN		1	84	X			19					25	28		157
MRV		60	7	2	X	1	1			1		14			86
MPK	28	2	1	4	1	X		19			1	21	1	17	95
PAS	2	37	9	26	7	6	X	10	9	1	30	25	3		165
SGB	15		1	2		9	1	X	6		1	7			42
SNM	6	4	1		2	4	63	59	X		54	20			213
SMD			1	1						X		4			6
SPS	10	2			1	3	17	3	21		X				57
LAC		20	1	16	17	12	4	15	2			X	1		88
LFD			2	4							6		X		12
XAA		24	25	14	564	18	8					3		X	656
Subtotals	62	152	133	139	644	55	130	111	40	4	92	142	42	17	1763

VERDUGO FIRE ACADEMY @ GCC

The Verdugo Fire Academy continues to move forward while preparing for the next academy that begins in February. The hard-working staff and instructors as well as the participating departments from Area C are greatly appreciated. With the current academy, we are now moving more into the live fire training such as flash over, Chevron Oil fire training, aircraft and structural fire training.

Glendale Community College provides a great venue and is very supportive. We will be focusing on two academies per year beginning February 2007. The goal is to also expand the Fire Tech program and eventually bring Company Officer courses to the College. There is always room for staff and instructors, so if you are interested, do not hesitate to contact us.

This could not be possible without Glendale Fire Department's sponsorship as we continue to grow and expand within Area C.



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