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### Coordinator’s Update

This will likely be my last opportunity to address the Unified Response cities as the Glendale Fire Chief, as my short tenure is coming to a close. For this reason, I asked the Area C Coordinator for permission to do this article.

Each year, the Winter issue of this newsletter covers the months of October, November and December, while also providing incident response statistics for all 11 cities for the previous calendar year. As you read through what occurred in the Area C cities in the final quarter of 2007, you may note how the many good things that all of us were involved with through the holiday season reflected the fire service’s dedication to do as much good as we can on all fronts.

Because of the shortage of moisture the last few years, this winter feels like a flood season, but it’s really in the vicinity of average. We continue to have many responses into our neighboring jurisdictions, helping each other out, just like we do when the public calls in our home towns. What a great profession we have that allows us to do that.

Among the noteworthy events at the end of 2007 were the 15 strike teams and single-unit resources that were dispatched to brush fires in October and November – fires with names like Canyon, Buckweed, Santiago, Grass Valley, Slide, Witch and Harris. Then came the historic transition to the ICIS digital trunked radio system, following over two years of careful planning and collaboration between the Area C cities. It represents a major milestone in the technology we all share.



I have been honored to serve with you all for this short time as Glendale’s Interim Fire Chief and during my previous 32 years in Glendale. I have met so many outstanding and dedicated people in all my years and have been a little closer to knowing you through this interim assignment. Please do not hesitate to call for anything I, Glendale Fire, or the Verdugo dispatch center can do for you.

And at all costs, keep it safe.

*Don Biggs, Glendale Fire Department  
Area C Alternate Coordinator*

**Verdugo Fire Academy**

Verdugo Fire Academy Class XI began January 3, with 40 recruit cadets. This class has quite a mix of military people, E.M.T. ambulance attendants, and recruit cadets sponsored by Area C departments. We look forward to assisting these young men and women to be successful in their careers and possible placement in Area C departments.

We appreciate Glendale Fire Department’s participation as the sponsoring agency. Many of your departments have Explorer Posts, and the Verdugo Fire Academy is the next step in succession for these individuals starting their careers. Please have your department Explorer advisor



contact us so we can start the enrollment process with the next academy.

Some of the recruits in this academy are sons or friends of personnel within Area C. If you know of anyone interested in a career in the fire service, please have them contact us or Glendale Community College to help guide them through the enrollment process. Our web

site is <http://www.glendale.edu/fire/>.

The Verdugo Fire Academy welcomes instructors, as there are plenty of opportunities available.

– Chief DiGiovanna



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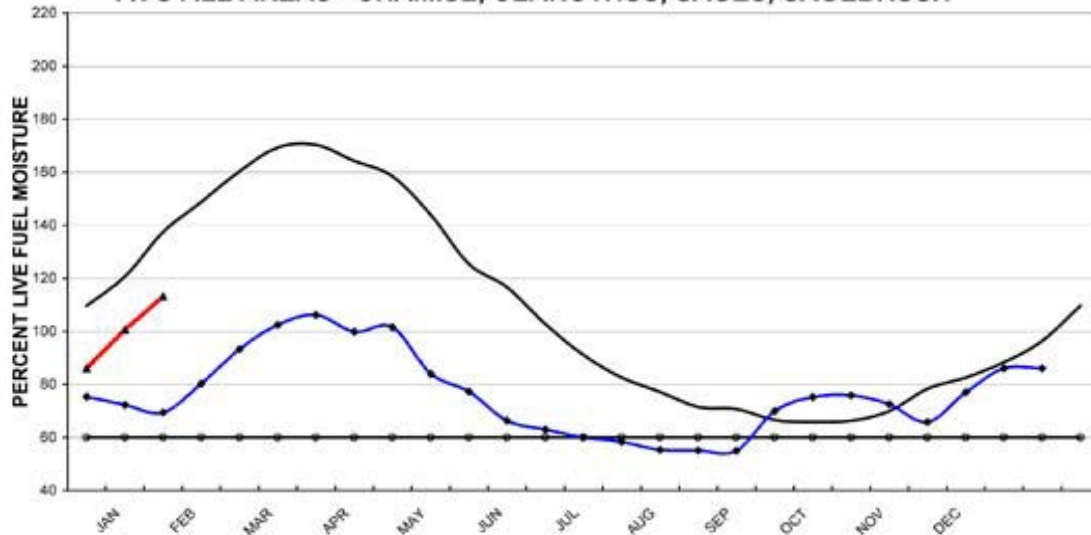
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## ALHAMBRA

Population: 89,488

Area: 7.62 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$5,584,279,077



### Suspicious House Fire Results in Transport of Occupant

On October 12, Alhambra Fire units responded to a report of a fire inside a single family home on Lemon Street, near the City's industrial area.

Upon arrival at the scene, suppression crews encountered a well-involved structure and noted a male adult in front of the house, smoking a cigarette. Injuries to the male's body were evident. He was transported to San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, where he was found to be in critical condition. As of this writing, the man is still receiving treatment for his



injuries.

While aggressively attacking the fire, Alhambra Fire personnel found that the interior of the house was extremely unkempt, with discarded trash, hundreds of empty beer cans, and an enormous collection of magazines inside. Sadly, a pet dog residing in the house was also found inside and was deceased as a result of the fire.

Once the fire was extinguished, a cause and origin investigation ensued. A search warrant was obtained and was later served by members of the Arson Unit. Physical evidence was packaged, tagged and collected, and was later processed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab. The suspicious nature of the fire is still being investigated.

The home, a small cottage-type structure, sustained damages in excess of \$200,000 and was determined to be a complete loss.

### Arson-Explosives Task Force Meeting

On January 10, the Alhambra Fire Department welcomed a big

group of attendees to the first meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Arson Explosives Task Force in 2008.

Fire investigators from Alhambra, Burbank, L.A. City, Montebello, and Monterey Park attended the meeting, along with law enforcement personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the City of Sierra Madre.

Plans and expectations for 2008 were discussed, along with upcoming training and arson case management. This year, a primary focus of the task force will be to prepare new investigators to work in the field and become competent in the handling of cause and origin investigations, from beginning to end. New personnel will receive training in interviewing witnesses, writing and serving search warrants, field surveillance, court testimony, and general cause and origin procedures.

Team or group training for members of the task force will also be a priority, and such training will be set bi-monthly, to ensure team-building and job proficiency. Illegal fireworks will continue to be a hot topic of discussion, as fires and firework-related problems continue to plague Area C cities each Fourth of July.

Any department member wishing to participate in or join the Arson Explosives Task Force should contact Alhambra Division Chief John Kabala at (626) 570-5192.

## ARCADIA

Population: 56,556

Area: 12.00 sq. mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$8,308,174,551

### Personnel

On November 11, Engineer Thomas Devlin promoted to the position of Fire Captain to fill the vacancy created by the permanent appointments of Fire Chief Tony Trabbie, Deputy Fire Chief David Odell, and Battalion Chief Rick Braun.

Firefighter Jeff Patterson began paramedic training on October 1, and

Firefighter Drew Pryor graduated from paramedic school on October 24.

### Headquarters Station 105 Project Update

The construction of our new headquarters station is progressing. Most of the exterior work has been completed and now the emphasis is on the finish work of the interior.



Within the next month, the landscaping around the new station should be well underway and the lot covered with a multitude of colors. The anticipated move-in date has been delayed from early February to late spring or early summer.

### Training

During the past three months, the Training Division has been busy with the addition of five Probationary Firefighters to the department. Making sure these new members learn the skill sets of their new job and ensuring they become productive members of the department is labor intensive, as you are well aware. The Arcadia Fire Department welcomes its newest members: Kenny Galindo, Richard Olivarez, Brian Ursettie, Ben Chueng and Jon Ansell.



### Fire Prevention Bureau

*Practice your Escape Plan in the Home* was the theme for our Fire Prevention Month in October. Arcadia Firefighters provided safety tips, demonstrated escape tactics, and discussed escape routes with elementary school students throughout Arcadia. The firefighters conducted 38 public service demonstrations during Fire Prevention Month.

### Chili Cook-Off

Firefighters Brian Ursettie and Richard Olivarez participated in the Arcadia Elks Chili Cook-Off and placed second in a field of 11 participants. The Elks have been a strong supporter of the Arcadia Fire Department and provided many donations to the Department.

### Firefighter Bill of Rights

The entire command staff of the Arcadia Fire Department attended a seminar sponsored by the law firm of *Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore* on the Firefighter Bill of Rights on December 11 in the City of Los Angeles. The new bill was passed and became law effective January 1. From this seminar, the command staff developed a new policy and trained the remaining fire department staff.

### Christmas Holiday Party

The Arcadia Fire Department hosted a holiday party at Fire Station 107 on December 20. Jointly sponsored by the Firefighter's Union, the party was a huge success. Of course, there was a foam drill at the station just prior to the party kick-off.



## BURBANK

Population: 107,921

Area: 17.15 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$13,275,111,353

### Highlights from Burbank Fire: October - November - December

In the month of December, three stellar individuals with a combined total of 91 years of service retired from the Burbank Fire Department. They are Battalion Chief Norm Stockton with 31 years of service, Captain Jess Talamantes with 32 years of

service, and Engineer Hans Jenner with 28 years of service. These individuals have served with dedication and integrity throughout their careers and we wish them well as they pursue their retirement dreams.

Subsequent to the above retirements, the following personnel changes were effective January 1, 2008: Battalion Chief Bob Trowbridge takes over the Training Division, Steve Briggs promotes to Battalion Chief of the A shift, and Captain Daryl Isozaki assumes responsibility for our Disaster Preparedness Division.

On December 21, the Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy graduated 22 recruits: nine for Burbank, eight for Pasadena, and five for Glendale. As



the new recruits are acclimating to their new duties, plans are already underway for the next academy in the spring of 2008.

Due to the current closure of the Glendale Armory for repairs and renovations, the Burbank Armory is open from December 2007 to March 2008 to provide temporary, overnight homeless accommodation. So far, the

round-trip transportation arrangements between Glendale and the shelter appear to be working smoothly.

On November 8, the Senior Recruit Class of LAPD held a Memorial Colors Run through Burbank in memory of fallen Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka, who was killed in the line of duty November 13, 2003. BFD members participated in the run and apparatus met the group to salute them at various points around the city. We were proud to play a small part in this tribute to a fallen officer and to wish the new recruits well, some of whom have connections to our own fire department family.

Our department was honored when, at their meeting on November 13, the Burbank City Council recognized the fire service and Burbank Fire Department members who battled wildfires in 2007.

The City held its Annual Employee Recognition Breakfast on the apparatus floor at Station 11 on October 25. There was a great turnout of city employees at the breakfast in honor of city employees reaching service milestones from five years and up. Mayor Ramos was in attendance with the City Manager and most of the department heads. BFD honorees were Engineer Doug Puckett, who has 35 years of service, and Firefighter Dwayne Servillo, who has 30 years of service. We are proud of them and the 20 other BFD employees who reached their 20-, 15- and 10-year milestones. Hosting this city event is new for us, but the previous site is now under the new Administrative Services Building being constructed across the street.

Education has been in high gear this quarter. In addition to regular testing, training and the ongoing recruit academy, regularly scheduled training included the Firefighters Protection Bill of Rights (FFBOR), procedures and operational training to

ensure a smooth transition to ICIS, annual Wellness Fitness training including nutrition and fitness counseling, pandemic flu, C.R., and flashover training. Feedback from flashover training from the Fire side has been excellent, but we have received some complaints about smoke from the community and folks trying to get in a round of golf at DeBell.

During this quarter it was decided to transition our manual station day books into the Firehouse system effective Jan. 1. There is a learning curve with the data entry component, but so far it appears to be going smoothly.

Fourteen volunteers graduated from our CERT program in October. Thanks are due to all our volunteers who contribute their free time preparing to assist in any emergency and also to train their peers and newcomers. We were proud to host their annual recognition dinner on November 14 on the apparatus floor at Station 11 to commend their support and their many contributions to our organization.

Engineer John Freeborn headed up our annual Spark of Love drive, which was very successful. He made sure the banners and posters were up, collection boxes were in place, and toys picked up from our stations and local participating CVS stores.

BFD members participated in a number of charitable campaigns over the holiday season, including the annual Muscular Dystrophy Fill the Boot campaign with Glendale and Pasadena Fire Departments; a Thanksgiving Food Drive through the Burbank Chapter of the National Management Association; and donations, preparations and delivery of holiday baskets for needy local families through the outreach of BTAC and the Salvation Army.

In October, BFD members participated in the International Walk to

School Day (photo below).



Notable incidents this quarter included the Oct. 5 vehicle into a structure response with pedestrians involved, three of whom were transported to local hospitals, one critical and two with minor injuries.

On Dec. 7, units responded to an occupied, overturned vehicle in a flood control channel with 2-3 feet of water. Responding units, including Glendale and Pasadena, were coordinated into rescue, USAR and medical components. Both vehicle occupants were rescued and transported to the hospital with serious injuries. Burbank PD, CHP and LAPD were on scene and assisted with crowd control. CalTrans was notified by Verdugo of the need to repair the fencing.

On Dec. 25, units responded to a house fire on Myers Street. The family was not home and a "fire watch" was established to monitor the location due to the extent of the damage and wind conditions.

On Dec. 30, units responded to a fully involved house fire on Sunset Canyon. The occupant was awakened by the smoke detector and escaped unharmed, but damage to the structure and contents was considerable.



(Photo by Kenji Luster)

## GLENDALE

Population: 207,157

Area: 30.59 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$19,125,287,713



### Personnel

On October 16, Glendale Fire Chief Don Biggs proudly promoted seven members of the department during a badge pinning ceremony conducted at Fire Station 21. Department administrative members included Julie Schaffer and Yolanda Rodriguez, who were promoted to Administrative Analyst and Administrative Assistant, respectively. Suppression members promoted included Captain Cody Smith, Captain Ray Ortiz, Engineer Chris Jernegan, Engineer Ed Marquez and Engineer Derek Tamburro.

### Annual Awards Luncheon

Oakmont Country Club was the site of the Annual Awards Luncheon for 2007, co-sponsored by the Glendale Fire Department and the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club. Special thanks to Christina Kazazian for the many hours she invested in coordinating this event.

### Retirement Dinner 2007

Nine people were honored at the 2007 Retirement Dinner on November 3: Fire Chief Chris Gray; Battalion Chief Bill Bailey; Fire Captains

Gerry Duss, Eric Indermill, Gerry Miller, and Tom McLaughlin; Fire Engineers John Miller and Ted Verdone; and Firefighter Fred Castro. We are profoundly grateful for the service and dedication of these fine men and wish them a happy, healthy retirement.

### GFD Annual Report

Glendale Fire Department's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006-7 is now available on our web site at: <http://fire.ci.glendale.ca.us/fireadm.asp>.



### Firefighter Recruit Preparation Seminar

The recruitment process is underway once again with the opening of the Firefighter Recruit bulletin December 3-14. About 900 application packets were submitted.

A Firefighter Recruit Preparation Seminar was held December 15 at Fire Station 21 to give candidates an idea of what to expect throughout the process and inform them on how to become better prepared.

### CERT Training

In 2007, the Community Services Section of the GFD trained approximately 220 people to become members of Community Emergency Response Teams. We would like to extend our thanks to all the firefighters, city employees, and community members who assisted with this valuable program this year.

### Public Education

One of the most critical programs in any fire department involves training the public in fire safety and pre-

vention. This year there were 180 public education presentations by the Glendale Fire Department. Many thanks to the firefighters and staff who assisted with these presentations.



### Fire Chief Visits Major City Construction Projects

Fire Chief Don Biggs and his staff had an opportunity to witness the progress of a few city projects up-close during a site visit to Americana at Brand and the Embassy Suites. Both tours were coordinated by Fire Prevention staff. Chief Biggs was updated on fire prevention related issues and had a chance to observe fire prevention related equipment and systems that are being installed at both projects.



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### Upcoming Deadlines

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Spring 2008	Apr. 7
Summer 2008	Jul. 7
Fall 2008	Oct. 6
Winter 2009	Jan. 12

## MONROVIA

Population: 39,309

Area: 13.73 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$3,269,014,353



### New Fire Code

On the heels of the most recent wild fires that impacted Southern California, those of us in the fire service are reminded of the importance of stringent fire codes related to maintaining a fire-safe community. Timing could not have been better with the release of the 2007 Uniform Fire Code and Amendment to Chapter 8.14 of the Monrovia Municipal Code, which is re-titled "Fire Hazards Relating to Vegetation and Other Conditions or to Activities." Both of these amended codes were presented before City Council and unanimously approved, further strengthening the ability of Fire Department personnel to advocate for safety in our community.

The 2007 Uniform Fire Code adoption process is in full swing, with a copy of the current code in the City Clerk's office for public review. This has been a three-year process of updating, with subject matter experts from around the country recommending changes to current codes and standards related to building and fire safety.

When the City Council approved Ordinance 2007-17 on December 4, the amended Uniform Fire Code with

local amendments became codified and became the standard applied here in Monrovia. The differences noted are more stringent fire sprinkler requirements in new construction and tenant improvements, enhanced access requirements for fire apparatus, enhanced water supply requirements for new construction, and greater authority of fire personnel during emergency fire situations. All in all, the amendments to the existing fire code will bring about more stringent building requirements, more built-in fire protection systems, enhanced access for emergency vehicles, and improved accountability of fire personnel to gain compliance.

### New Municipal Brush Ordinance

The Monrovia Municipal Code Chapter 8.14 has been amended as well and was adopted by City Council during the November 20 Council meeting. This code amendment pertains to weed abatement and other activities related to the ignition and spread of fire and will give the Fire Department more authority to ensure our community remains fire-safe.

Additions to the recommended chapter include more objective criteria for creating defensible space in those homes within the Very High Fire Hazard Zone, regulations on road access and security gates, prohibition of smoking on public land in the Very High Fire Hazard Zone, and making it illegal to possess and discharge fireworks anywhere in the city. These amended codes are intended to strengthen the Fire Department's ability to maintain a fire-safe community and help stop the ignition and spread of fire in Monrovia.

### Administrative Fine Ordinance

To help strengthen the Fire Department's ability to enforce the Uniform Fire Code and Municipal Brush Ordinance, the City Council unanimously approved a new Admin-

istrative Fine Ordinance. The new process promotes a public service that utilizes both administrative and judicial remedies against violations of the city's laws that best protect health, safety and welfare of our residents. The fines are based on the seriousness of the violation and are meant to serve as an effective deterrent for future violations. The city has established four categories of offenses ranging from minor to very serious, which carry fines of \$250 to \$1,000 for the first offense and up to \$1,000 to \$5,000 for the third offense. The intent of the ordinance is to gain compliance and maintain the health and safety of the city, not to create a revenue stream. It will greatly enhance the Fire Department enforcement capabilities related to the Fire Code and Municipal Brush Ordinance.

### Training

The Training Division hosted three days of RIC (Rapid Intervention Crew) training November 28-30. The classes were conducted in our newly remodeled training room at Fire Station 101. The classes were taught by members of the Monrovia and Arcadia Fire Departments.

These classes were originally taught several months ago and were offered to every fire department in the Verdugo response area. The classes hosted in Monrovia gave personnel who missed the training an opportunity to receive make-up training sessions. Firefighter Mike Bailey was primarily responsible for organizing and scheduling the event.

On Wednesday, November 28, we had several members from the



Arcadia and Monrovia Fire Departments and the U.S. Department of Forestry (E112) participate in the training, which is yet another outreach our department has created – keeping a strong relationship with the U.S. Forest Service related to training, prevention, brush abatement, and response activities. Captain Dave Hutchinson (ARCFD) and Captain Tom Devlin (ARCFD) assisted FF Bailey as instructors and we thank all three for their professionalism and dedication to this very important topic.

### Recruit Testing

The Monrovia Fire Training Division is pleased to announce that all three probationary firefighters, FF/PM Ernesto Moreno, FF/PM Chris Huson and FF/PM Harvey Hewitt have successfully passed all components of their 12-month test. This rigorous two-day testing was held December 10-11 at Fire Station 102. The department would like to acknowledge the efforts of Training Chief Chris Fabrizio and Training Officers Captain Ron Pelham, Captain Ryan Phillips and Captain John Rooks for their hard work, determination and dedication to these “rookie firefighters” and the department. Cadet Firefighters Weidman and Cubak were present for both days of testing and made positive contributions.

### Monrovia Fire Department Strategic Plan

The Monrovia FD strategic plan (2007-2012) was approved by City Council and has paved the way for measured growth and performance expectations over the next five years. Anticipating the current economic conditions have caused and will continue to cause a pinch in many areas of municipal government, the plan is sensitive to these factors, but also calls for modest improvements in the first two years with substantive improvements thereafter, assuming a

correction in the economy is realized.

To that end, it is anticipated that the department will add a second Paramedic Squad (thereby relieving the burden of increased medical call volume and hospital wait times), will increase staffing in the Fire Prevention Division, and will advocate for a Management Analyst position in the Fire Administration Division. All the while, five strategic priorities with corresponding action plans (see below) have been identified to set the compass for maintaining direction and positive development of the organization and the people:

- 1) Improving our organization
  - Improving internal communication
  - Improving internal relations
  - Increasing respect
  - Developing a paramedic attrition plan
  - Examining the delivery of paramedic services
  - Enhancing wildland/urban interface response capabilities
- 2) Personnel development
  - Conduct succession planning
  - Refine training standards
  - Increase wellness
  - Enhance the Fire Cadet program
- 3) Optimizing our resources
  - Improve computers, software and related services
  - Complete a standards of response covers study
  - Maintain equipment
  - Administrative support
  - Identify new funding sources
- 4) Enhancing community outreach
  - Develop better ways to communicate with the public
  - Become more aware of citywide goals and objectives
  - Develop ways to better serve our diverse population
- 5) Improving fire prevention and emergency preparedness activities
  - Progression of general services and technology

- Staffing forecasts and position allocation
- Labor and assignment distribution
- Develop a community wildfire protection plan
- Improve public education

### Retirements

The Monrovia Fire Department would like to announce the retirement of three members whose combined service to the city is 77 years. Captain Brad Sandona (30 years of service), Engineer Kirk Bates (20 years of service), and Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Elmgren (27 years of service) decided to re-



tire in the month of December, after distinguished careers providing fire and life safety services to the residents, business owners and visitors to our city.

All three have served with pride and professionalism and have developed reputations that have helped shape the organization over the years. They collectively leave a big hole to fill in the department, but fortunately they have been preparing for this transition and have been actively mentoring junior members to carry on the various assignments that were under their responsibility. We would like to wish Captain Sandona, Engineer Bates and Firefighter/Paramedic Elmgren a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement as they transition into the next chapter of their lives.

Congratulations, gentlemen, on your distinguished and valued careers, and good luck with all future endeavors!

## MONTEREY PARK

Population: 64,508

Area: 7.70 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$4,461,684,253

### Personnel

On October 16, the Monterey Park Eastside Optimist Club paid tribute to Fire Safety Specialist Chris Lua Gomez for her outstanding work with the community. The Club selected Specialist Gomez for her development and coordination of the Firefighters In Safety Program in collaboration with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. This program provides information to children at Monterey Park's elementary schools about fire prevention and fire safety through presentations made by teams of firefighters.



Specialist Gomez has been with the city of Monterey Park for more than 20 years, of which the past five years have been with the Fire Prevention Division. In her capacity as Fire Safety Specialist, she has been an instrumental force in the Fire Department's public education programs and fire and environmental safety operations, working closely with the community, civic groups, city officials, governmental agencies, the business community, developers, and media on a variety of platforms and projects. Congratulations, Specialist Gomez!

On November 16, the Monterey Park Fire Department, along with City officials, employees, family members, and friends, honored its latest Firefighter/Paramedic graduates at a



badge pinning ceremony held at Station 61, 350 West Newmark Avenue. Honorees were Thomas Burke, Ricardo Olivares, and Daniel Cline.

Recruitment to fill a vacant Battalion Chief position was held on January 9. Chief Orchard anticipates announcement of the new Battalion Chief by the end January. In the interim, Chief Orchard extends her deep appreciation to Battalion Chief Jim Birrell, Battalion Chief Mark Khail, and Battalion Chief/Fire Mar-



shal Randy Harper for taking on the responsibilities of this vacant position and covering the shift responsibilities.

### Strike Team Mobilization

In October, the Fire Department sent two strike teams to the Malibu Fire and the Santiago Canyon Fire: Engine 61 with Captain Richard Tullius, Engineer Adam Malouf, Firefighters Ryan Weddle and Nick Lima; and Engine 63 manned by Captain Ken Leasure, Engineer Scott Kelley, Firefighters David Goetz and Brandon Reyes. In addition, Captain Neil Lakin was dispatched to the Santiago Fire as a Safety Officer and Captain Rick Burroughs to the Witch Fire as a Division Group Supervisor.

### Strategic Planning

The Department completed its strategic planning process, which involved the participation of numerous

community members, allied response agencies, program partners, local service clubs and community-based organizations, businesses, other city departments, Fire Department staff, and IAFF representatives. The Department thanks everyone for their participation in this process, which was instrumental in the development of the final Strategic Plan.

The input provided by the stakeholders was constructive, meaningful, and oftentimes enlightening, which allowed community stakeholders and staff the ability to build and develop a comprehensive plan that identifies goals to address current and future issues such as personnel and training issues, capital improvement projects, technological and environmental issues, public relations and communications programs, and other areas deemed critical to the community and to the Department. The final plan is to be released this month.

### Community Outreach – “Making Monterey Park Heart Safe”

Since launching its fundraising campaign a few months ago, the Monterey Park Women's Club and Chief Orchard announced nearly \$10,000 has been raised for the CPR/AED Training and Public Access Defibrillation Program. Although there is still a long way to go before reaching the goal of \$106,000, staff is pleased with the progress to date and will continue fundraising efforts in the community.

### Capital Improvement Projects

The Monterey Park Fire and Public Works Departments will be working on the preliminary design and construction specifications for a new Fire Station 62. Although construction is not set to take place for a few years, staff will be working on the preliminary design and scope of work in order to be prepared to issue a Call for Construction Bids.

## PASADENA

Population: 147,262

Area: 23.0 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$16,626,007,715

### Personnel

Firefighter Vito Chiechi was promoted to Engineer, and Engineers Larry Contreras and Tony Fung were promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Danny Serna replaced recently retired Captain Felipe Niquete as Administrative Operations Captain.



Above, Fire Chief Dennis J. Downs congratulates new Firefighter Rafi Bitchakdjian, one of eight graduates of the Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy. Other graduates included: Arno Avakian, Jonathan Gonzales, Paul Hampton, Josef Konrad, Alexander Lopez, Timothy Sell, and Kyle Robinson.



### Hotel Fire

Pasadena Fire units were dispatched to a reported structure fire in one of the rooms at the Sheraton Hotel. Upon arrival, Engine 31 (Captain Miller) reported that the hotel was being evacuated and ordered Truck 31 into the hotel for an investi-

gation. Truck 31 found smoke on the upper floors and a fire that was contained to one room on the third floor. The fire started in a wall-mounted air conditioning unit and was extinguished by one discharging ceiling sprinkler head. A total of 200 hotel guests were evacuated with assistance. Additional fire units were requested to shut off and clean up the water and evacuate the smoke. A total of 17 hotel rooms received water damage. Investigator 8 was requested to determine the cause. One minor wrist injury was sustained by one Firefighter. Hotel guests were allowed back into their rooms in about 1½ hours. Estimated total damage was \$150,000 structure and \$50,000 contents.

### Second-Alarm Fire at Landmark Restaurant

In October, a structure assignment was dispatched by Verdugo Fire Communications Center for a reported structure fire at Burger Continental on South Lake Ave. Units arrived to find a one-story building with flames in the interior and from the roof. They made forcible entry through the front door. BC3 Marty Johnson arrived onscene and requested an additional engine company and truck company.

Personnel went to the roof and started extinguishing the fire and opened up the roof to remove smoke. Forcible entry to the adjacent buildings was made and there was no extension. It was determined that the fire originated at the stove area, below the hood system, but that further investigation would be needed to determine the exact cause. The damage to the structure was \$75,000, with a content loss of \$50,000.

### Second-Alarm Structure Fire

At 4:31 a.m. on Dec. 30, Verdugo Fire Communications Center dispatched a structure assignment to a



reported roof fire on S. Michigan. E34 Captain Watson arrived onscene and found a three-story apartment building with an odor of smoke, but with no flames or smoke visible. They went to the third floor and found that it was clear of smoke, then went to the roof. Using their thermal imager, they determined that the roof was hot, containing fire. They started pulling ceilings and extinguishing the fire. Truck31 Captain Maas used their aerial ladder to access the roof. Upon opening the roof, heavy fire was found in the attic space. Capt. Maas reported that the fire was spreading from the initial location. BC3 Marty Johnson requested an additional engine and truck company. With all companies working and reports of the fire continuing to spread in the attic space, Michigan IC requested that the second alarm be filled out, including an additional truck company. Power to the building was shut off due to the damage caused by the fire as well as water on all three floors. Investigator 3 determined that the fire was electrical in nature. The Red Cross was called for the approximately 30 displaced residents. Dollar losses included \$300,000 for the structure and \$100,000 for contents.

### Double Fatality

In late November, Pasadena Fire was dispatched to a full structure fire assignment with possible persons trapped. Crews arrived onscene and found a two-story structure well involved in fire. They were unable to use this stairwell due to the amount

of fire. Crews confirmed that there was a report of two people still trapped inside on the second floor. The interior stairwell door was sealed on the first floor and had drywall on the second.

The truck company went to the roof and conducted vertical ventilation. When they opened up the roof, a large amount of fire and smoke came out of the opening.

When companies were operating onscene, a power line came down on companies operating in the front yard and started arcing. A warble tone was activated, notifying all personnel of the danger. Personnel were removed from the area and Pasadena Power Department was requested to the scene, removing the line.

Companies were finally able to extinguish enough of the fire to allow entry through a window on the second floor. They found the two occupants deceased in the upstairs unit.

At the time of the fire, there were 2 people in the upstairs unit and 11 people in the downstairs unit. The Red Cross was requested to the scene

to assist with finding a place for the residents to stay, as well as clothing.

### Second-Alarm Structure Fire

On December 30, Pasadena, Arcadia and L.A. County Fire units were dispatched to a reported structure fire at the Albertsons Shopping Center in the 3800 block of Sierra Madre Blvd. E37 Captain Eaton arrived first and reported a one-story commercial strip mall with heavy fire showing. Personnel laddered the building and began venting the structure to stop the horizontal spread of the fire in the common attic. They began pulling ceilings in the units to stop the spread of the fire. Due to the potential of fire spread throughout the building, a second-alarm assignment was requested by I.C. Gibson.

The fire caused major structural

damage and smoke damage to two attached businesses. The dollar loss was set at \$400,000 to the property and \$150,000 to contents.

### LAAFC

Chief Downs was recently applauded for his year of service as President of the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association. He will now serve as 2nd Vice-President.



*Pasadena Firefighters participate in annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill The Boot." Photos by Kenji Luster and Jaime Nicholson.*

## SAN GABRIEL

Population: 42,691

Area: 4.10 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$3,040,642,655

### New Firefighter Hired

FF/PM Brad Davis joined the Department on November 26 and has been assigned to Station 51, B shift. He was a part of the Department's Auxiliary program in 2006, received his paramedic training from the Northern California Training Institute, and served his internship with AMR in the Redlands/Colton area. Prior



to being hired in San Gabriel, FF/PM Davis was working with AMR in Riverside. He is 22 years old (raise your hands, those who can still remember when they were 22) and resides in Newport Beach.

### Car Crash on Pine Street

On November 3, two cars collided at the intersection of Pine and Broadway, sending one car into the stairs of the two-story apartment at

263 South Pine. The vehicle knocked out the supports that held up the stairs to the second floor rear entrances; the stairs then rested on the cowl of the vehicle. To allow the car to be removed, the crews had to build a support for the stairs using equipment carried on USAR 5. The photos below show the car in its position under the stairs, along with the finished support system that allowed the safe removal of the vehicle.





### Brush Strike Team

On October 21, Engine 52 was assigned to Strike Team 1204A and sent to Santa Clarita, along with Engines 14, 16, 26, and 73, under the stellar leadership of Chief Robertson of Burbank. Engine 52's crew included Captain Derrick Doehler, Engineer Art Stafford, FF/PM Alex Robbins, and Engineer/Paramedic Dennis Barwick. This started a week-long brush odyssey that ended with their return to San Gabriel on Oct. 29. During that week, the crew fought fire, working several locations (Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs, Snow Valley, Grass Valley Lake, Cedar Glen), doing cold trailing, patrol, and relieving the concerns of local homeowners. On Oct. 27, FF Kirk Goltermann and FF/PM Chris Fetner relieved Robbins and Barwick, and E52 continued the mis-



sion until the strike team was demobilized on Oct. 29.

### Chamber of Commerce Mixer

The San Gabriel Firefighter's Association belongs to the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and as a member has the opportunity to host one of the Chamber's monthly mixers at Station 51. This event is usually the best attended event of the year for the Chamber, and features Firehouse chili, garlic bread, salad, desserts, and soft drinks. This month, A shift was on duty on Jan. 16 and set the standard for Chamber mixers for 2008.



### Search Drill

In December, the Department hosted a Regional Task Force training exercise. Conducted over three days to allow attendance by all three shifts, it offered four modules: Recon / Search, GPS navigation, the Delsar Life Detector, and the Search Cam. The entire program, including building of the props, was coordinated by Captain Dave Pacela and carried out by the A shift. FF Kirk Goltermann designed the GPS portion of the exercise.

Attendance totaled approximately 120 over the three days. Based on the feedback from the GPS portion of the exercise, FF Goltermann is creating a GPS-specific training class to be offered in the near future.

### New Hose

Prodded by the recent ISO evaluation, the Department is in the process of replacing its entire hose inventory. With Facilities Battalion Chief Mike Terry in charge of this endeavor, Engineer Tod Smith has researched the specifications and vendors, and the initial order is now before the City for approval. The Department has a new vendor, one based on the West Coast, so anticipation is that the order will take 6-8 weeks instead of six months. There will be some new color coding: black for bumper lines, blue for high rise packs, and the two cross mounts will have one red and one yellow to better differentiate the lines. Four-inch and 2½-inch lines will remain yellow.

### New Firefighters

Chief's interviews are scheduled for this month with candidates testing for two vacant Firefighter/Paramedic positions. Chiefs Nestor, Terry, Beckman and Garstang will interview three candidates, each of whom is facing the butterflies and nerves that we all had (still have?) when facing a panel of strangers who can have an impact on one's career hopes.

## SAN MARINO

Population: 13,507

Area: 3.75 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$3,503,788,360

The last quarter of 2007 was quiet in San Marino. We are up to full



strength for the first time in a long time (except for a couple of Division Chiefs), and training of the rookies continues to keep everyone on their toes.

With recent retirements in the city, Capt. Ken Bateman has now become the most senior employee in the entire city. He really doesn't look that old.

Santa made his rounds on Christmas morning on "Old Number One," and we avoided having our annual Christmas fire.

We hope all of you have a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

## SIERRA MADRE

Population: 11,039

Area: 3.0 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$1,360,517,402

### Paramedic Program

The Sierra Madre Fire Department Paramedic Program has entered its seventh month of operation since the start date of June 1, 2007. The program so far has run a total of 403 calls as of late January.

The Paramedic Program has been having great successes in our patient care, and we are being recognized on a routine basis by our local hospitals as a real asset to the community of Sierra Madre. The Paramedic Program has had great successes in the treatment of cardiac patients, specifically those who fall into a category of heart attack called a S.T.E.M.I. (ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction). We have successfully, and multiple times, diagnosed and transported patients with this type of condition directly to a designated

S.T.E.M.I. Center for immediate treatment. The Paramedic Program is also participating in an experimental field study and treatment program being conducted by research scientists and doctors from UCLA. The FAST-MAG study, as it is called, is based on pre-hospital "stroke" medical intervention. As of this date, our program has directly participated in this study by diagnosing a possible stroke with specific symptoms in the field and enrolling this patient in the study, as well as administering the medication, based upon a "double-blind" protocol.

### Auxiliary Program

The Auxiliary Program will be starting in February. Currently the Sierra Madre Fire Department has 12 full fire academy trained persons who will go through a 40-hour, in-house "mini-academy." Those persons who graduate from this academy will be given an offer of volunteer employment with our department as Auxiliary Firefighters. Those who accept this offer will start their

individual volunteer employment on a date yet to be determined in the month of February, 2008. Those who have not completed any formal fire department training will be put through an in-house 18-week fire academy that will give each recruit the minimum training required by the State of California Fire Marshal's office to obtain a State Firefighter 1 certificate. These individuals will start this academy February 2 and finish June 1.

The initial 12 individuals, along with those who graduate from the 18-week academy, will be placed on one weekly shift, on-duty 24 hours. This will give our fire department an in-house staffing of two paramedics and four firefighters, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.



## SOUTH PASADENA

Population: 25,824

Area: 3.44 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:  
\$2,726,308,667

A reflection of 2007 accomplishments here in South Pasadena is listed below:

- In March, the citizens passed the

- Utility Users Tax with over a 70% approval.
- In November, the citizens passed the Utility Assessment Tax.
- Received a new fire engine.
- Purchased almost all new equipment for the new engine.
- Returned to Strike Team availability status.
- Received grant monies for the purchase of our ICIS radios.
- Sold the reserve engine to Warner Bros. Studios.
- Completed all training expectations.
- Completed business and brush inspections.

- Completed hydrant maintenance program.
- Completed promotional Captain's examination.
- Near completion with negotiations between the two associations and the City.



# VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

## ICIS – Interagency Communications Interoperability System

The cutover to the new trunked voice radio system for the 11 Area C cities occurred November 5, following many months of intensive preparations between tri-city Radio Shops, private radio vendors, and Verdugo staff. A number of issues have been reported since the cutover and solutions are actively being pursued. A task force of representatives from the various radio shops and radio vendors will continue to work on the remaining technical issues until everything is working consistently for all 40 fire stations and 100+ fire apparatus in the field. An operations-level task force of Fire personnel from all 11 cities has also been meeting to discuss operational issues and concerns.

Verdugo is also working closely with our larger neighbors, LA City Fire and LA County Fire, on their ability to access trunked channels during mutual aid incidents.

### Personnel

The recruitment process to fill our one vacant Fire Communications Operator position is progressing well, with interviews completed and backgrounds beginning.

Verdugo's new dispatchers in training, Kadia Miranda and Crystal Bartl, are both doing well. The recent activity surrounding strike team dispatches for all of the recent brush fires has been a real eye-opener for them! Verdugo has launched several Strike Teams over a period of a few days in the past, but this is the first time that any of us can recall where four teams were sent in a single day. The team on duty that Sunday performed more than admirably and a lot of thanks have been shared from throughout the operational area as a result of their



efforts.

## ROSS Update

Shift Supervisor Lynda Sims and Admin Supervisor Don Wise attended training last summer to allow them to enter into ROSS new, qualified personnel and equipment and to edit existing data. Unfortunately, there are no local ROSS Dispatcher courses scheduled for this spring, so a request has been made to OES Chief Ish Messer and to Sandra Wisdom at LA County Fire to hold another local "fast-track" class nearby. Alternatively, dispatchers seeking this training will have to travel to Sacramento.

## CAD Users Group

Verdugo hosted the annual Northrop-Grumman Western Region CAD Users Group in October. The turnout was low due to the fires throughout the area, but Verdugo's CAD vendor showed off some exciting new products and their roadmap of future products and features was explored. Future changes and prospects look promising and the group was extremely interested in our latest addition of AVRR (vehicle recommendation) to our CAD System. Verdugo's mapping system was demonstrated for the group, including the test vehicles carrying GPS devices and the new AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) software.



## RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS: 2007

Agency	Av. Dispatch to Onscene (Min:Sec)	Percent 5 Min. or Less	Total Incidents
ALH	4:23	71.1%	4,724
ARC	4:17	71.3%	4,232
BRK	4:33	67.5%	9,516
GLN	4:07	78.7%	15,491
MPK	4:54	57.7%	3,641
MRV	4:32	65.8%	3,238
PAS	4:11	74.2%	15,687
SGB	4:18	72.8%	2,151
SMD	4:25	72.1%	811
SNM	4:00	76.2%	955
SPS	4:16	72.7%	1,521

**Note:** Dispatch to arrival 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.

## INCIDENTS BY CATEGORY: 2007

January	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	946	61	78	144	152	54	35	294	30	25	12	23
MEDICAL	4,327	361	299	597	1,176	207	255	1,044	151	47	42	98
SERVICE	367	37	15	64	57	29	19	79	13	17	10	26
OTHER	66	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OOV*	95	0	5	10	28	2	19	14	8	8	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>147</b>

February	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	717	48	47	142	119	40	31	188	31	21	11	14
MEDICAL	3,796	294	259	562	1,045	180	231	871	117	50	55	86
SERVICE	213	16	16	27	50	12	14	52	6	5	2	13
OTHER	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OOV*	85	0	4	12	34	1	17	6	1	9	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>113</b>

March	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	756	32	73	122	121	43	33	233	26	15	9	18
MEDICAL	4,125	323	300	601	1,090	229	240	969	141	44	60	87
SERVICE	328	36	19	45	63	21	27	64	21	2	10	18
OTHER	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
OOV*	93	1	3	12	32	6	15	8	4	6	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>124</b>

April	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	727	39	55	127	121	45	31	214	26	7	10	24
MEDICAL	3,999	282	250	641	1,079	229	209	969	134	34	38	81
SERVICE	315	42	28	50	60	26	12	55	11	10	7	14
OTHER	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
OOV*	97	0	2	10	34	1	20	13	4	11	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>119</b>

May	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	747	40	41	141	138	37	27	217	23	15	5	22
MEDICAL	4,009	315	251	583	1,030	209	226	1,026	130	46	47	84
SERVICE	261	20	18	50	63	18	14	59	7	5	4	2
OTHER	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
OOV*	129	1	4	16	51	5	24	17	5	5	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,151</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>108</b>

June	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	729	38	68	121	118	40	30	212	20	15	6	26
MEDICAL	3,864	305	252	592	990	209	223	943	127	45	45	84
SERVICE	260	22	18	44	55	21	14	55	12	1	5	11
OTHER	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
OOV*	93	0	3	9	27	4	18	19	3	10	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>121</b>

\*OOV = Responses outside the 11 Verdugo cities to such locations as Montebello, Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County.

July	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	791	74	62	132	138	35	31	200	25	15	11	20
MEDICAL	3,955	296	235	625	1,011	171	256	986	153	45	42	89
SERVICE	345	36	24	37	63	17	14	120	9	5	8	11
OTHER	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
OOV*	118	1	9	16	37	4	19	13	3	10	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,215</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>122</b>

August	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	800	50	65	121	155	38	37	220	22	16	15	24
MEDICAL	3,985	284	269	620	1,056	192	221	1,003	123	34	55	75
SERVICE	275	25	22	41	66	18	16	57	5	8	6	9
OTHER	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
OOV*	112	1	4	10	37	5	15	21	2	14	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>109</b>

September	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	900	59	69	131	150	54	52	253	41	21	12	25
MEDICAL	3,978	303	263	590	1,016	194	229	1,026	127	46	42	90
SERVICE	322	28	24	46	69	16	14	74	12	9	4	23
OTHER	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
OOV*	114	4	5	15	38	4	15	11	4	10	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,319</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>142</b>

October	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	834	48	48	124	154	31	38	246	28	22	11	29
MEDICAL	4,048	295	243	664	1,085	200	243	970	134	46	38	77
SERVICE	326	35	18	46	66	21	18	80	13	3	10	14
OTHER	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
OOV*	175	5	11	22	52	10	15	29	11	10	6	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,389</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>123</b>

November	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	811	36	50	126	136	48	35	268	22	20	11	20
MEDICAL	4,021	335	254	595	1,006	212	224	952	153	50	56	126
SERVICE	246	15	16	39	54	12	8	69	10	5	6	11
OTHER	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
OOV*	109	1	4	13	32	6	14	14	3	17	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>158</b>

December	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	894	50	86	116	140	54	36	292	23	24	14	23
MEDICAL	4,376	396	311	610	1,096	203	276	1,050	158	50	61	100
SERVICE	292	31	23	35	43	22	23	66	13	7	16	11
OTHER	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
OOV*	110	1	8	12	45	2	7	13	6	15	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,678</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>135</b>

2007 Totals	VERDUGO	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS
FIRE	9,652	575	742	1,547	1,642	519	416	2,837	317	216	127	268
MEDICAL	48,483	3,789	3,186	7,280	12,680	2,435	2,833	11,809	1,648	537	581	1,077
SERVICE	3,550	343	241	524	709	233	193	830	132	77	88	163
OTHER	125	2	1	8	13	1	1	33	0	0	1	0
OOV*	1,330	15	62	157	447	50	198	178	54	125	14	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,140</b>	<b>4,724</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>9,516</b>	<b>15,491</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>15,687</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>1,521</b>

\*OOV=Outside the Verdugo System

## UNITS DISPATCHED BY VERDUGO ANNUALLY: 2004-2007

Agency	Unit	# Responses in...				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	
<b>ALH</b>	E71	1,755	1,310	(Alhambra joined the Verdugo System on April 13, 2006)		
	E72	1,418	1,108			
	E73	995	698			
	E74	1,177	875			
	RA71	2,387	1,717			
	RA74	1,750	1,204			
	T71	707	634			
<b>ARC</b>	E105	1,718	1,616	1,569	1,613	
	E106	1,961	2,073	2,069	2,120	
	E107	913	877	786	760	
	RA105	1,677	1,567	1,540	1,579	
	RA106	1,788	1,800	1,638	1,712	
	T105	685	641	584	535	
	AU106	5	7	4	5	
	USAR106	7	9	9	1	
	<b>BRK</b>	E11	2,708	2,584	2,433	2,355
E12		1,638	1,527	1,482	1,480	
E13		1,722	1,670	1,685	1,564	
E14		1,383	1,327	1,296	1,254	
E15		1,993	1,998	1,936	1,919	
E16		901	843	747	736	
E18		146	97	88	82	
HM12		40	41	57	25	
RA11		2,753	2,723	2,426	2,471	
RA13		2,373	2,215	2,165	2,121	
RA15		2,750	2,721	2,571	2,651	
T11		803	735	762	713	
T12		568	498	534	496	
WT16		3	5	2	3	
<b>GLN</b>		AU28	23	16	30	24
		E21	3,256	3,192	3,133	2,875
		E22	2,412	2,372	2,359	2,205
		E23	278	258	287	252
		E24	975	953	1,043	915
		E25	3,208	3,047	3,050	2,890
	E26	2,638	2,566	2,573	2,324	
	E27	2,195	2,114	2,100	1,879	
	E28	655	692	682	716	
	E29	964	983	1,083	961	
	HM24	35	38	44	28	
	RA21	3,604	4,346	4,252	4,016	
	RA22	1,997	-	-	-	
	RA25	3,478	3,877	3,852	3,697	
	RA26	3,536	3,655	3,587	3,309	
	RA29	1,547	1,667	1,822	1,743	
	T21	961	883	1,022	970	
	T26	961	864	989	904	
	T29	295	268	294	341	
	USAR29	19	25	35	6	
WT21	5	4	6	1		
WT27	7	2	1	2		

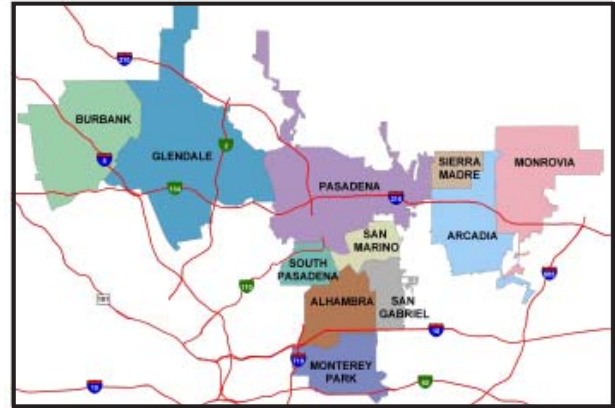
Agency	Unit	# Responses in...			
		2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>MPK</b>	E61	1,740	1,585	1,420	(Monterey Park joined Verdugo Feb. 15, 2005)
	E62	1,278	1,211	1,135	
	E63	1,077	997	995	
	RA61	1,772	1,668	1,534	
	RA62	1,397	1,362	1,236	
	T61	553	476	404	
<b>MRV</b>	E101	2,038	1,924	1,944	2,036
	E102	1,622	1,677	1,556	1,552
	SQ101	1,668	1,637	1,624	1,732
	T101	444	516	552	605
	WT101	15	3	7	8
<b>PAS</b>	E31	3,619	3,534	3,488	3,722
	E32	1,879	1,883	1,809	1,710
	E33	3,268	3,304	3,219	3,285
	E34	2,216	2,266	2,265	2,183
	E36	3,109	2,999	3,077	2,951
	E37	1,492	1,558	1,423	1,423
	E38	702	713	708	640
	E39	703	642	652	575
	RA31	2,923	3,122	3,083	3,039
	RA32	2,395	2,712	2,546	2,381
	RA33	3,248	3,586	3,465	3,635
	RA34	1,501	-	-	-
	RA36	2,981	3,155	3,051	2,927
	T31	1,306	1,264	1,104	1,028
	T32	826	924	799	694
USAR32	28	33	32	16	
<b>SGB</b>	E51	1,315	1,188	1,323	1,318
	E52	1,103	1,011	1,027	1,046
	RA51	1,589	1,473	1,583	1,552
	USR51	4	-	-	-
<b>SMD</b>	E41	270	286	224	183
	RA41	806	751	671	633
	WT41	0	1	1	0
<b>SNM</b>	E91	989	1,048	1,055	1,160
	RA91	1,013	1,142	1,151	1,249
<b>SPS</b>	AU81	242	248	283	1,116
	E81	1,557	1,675	1,656	566
	RA81	1,103	1,201	1,190	1,532

### Notes:

- Total *unit 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.
- Total *completed responses* for each unit will be somewhat lower if the unit was occasionally cancelled enroute to an incident.

## OUT OF JURISDICTION RESPONSES: Fall 2007 vs. Fall 2006

The following tables show the number of out of jurisdiction responses for each fire department in October through December of 2007 versus 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 the year. "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.



### Fall 2007

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred															Subtotals
	Fall 2007	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
ALH	X	0	0	0	0	52	6	52	7	0	33	5	2	0	157	
ARC	1	X	0	2	55	2	22	5	2	3	0	22	0	1	115	
BRK	1	0	X	66	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	10	33	4	120	
GLN	3	0	80	X	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	29	96	4	228	
MRV	1	62	0	0	X	0	1	0	0	1	0	16	0	2	83	
MPK	68	0	0	1	0	X	0	18	2	0	1	19	0	17	126	
PAS	5	18	3	8	3	4	X	2	10	1	28	42	12	2	138	
SGB	61	1	0	0	0	6	1	X	11	0	0	19	0	1	100	
SNM	9	2	0	0	1	0	22	58	X	0	37	42	0	0	171	
SMD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	6	0	1	8	
SPS	10	0	0	0	0	2	32	1	19	0	X	3	2	0	69	
LAC	1	11	0	17	14	19	6	6	7	0	0	X	0	0	81	
LFD	2	0	5	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	X	0	19	
XAA	1	28	26	6	626	17	4	0	0	0	1	4	0	X	713	
Subtotals	163	122	114	109	700	104	115	142	58	5	102	217	145	32	2,128	

### Fall 2006

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred															Subtotals
	Fall 2006	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
ALH	X	1	0	0	1	57	6	50	4	0	18	1	2	0	140	
ARC	2	X	0	0	71	4	18	8	5	0	0	20	0	0	128	
BRK	0	0	X	89	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	8	26	1	129	
GLN	1	0	79	X	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	26	95	1	233	
MRV	0	89	0	0	X	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	0	1	104	
MPK	75	0	0	1	0	X	0	17	1	0	0	22	0	24	140	
PAS	16	26	5	14	7	6	X	7	13	1	18	21	15	0	149	
SGB	34	1	0	0	0	7	0	X	6	0	0	10	0	0	58	
SNM	4	6	0	0	1	0	66	52	X	0	23	30	0	0	182	
SMD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	0	3	0	0	4	
SPS	11	0	0	0	0	1	35	5	16	0	X	0	4	0	72	
LAC	0	9	0	11	16	13	11	7	9	0	0	X	0	0	76	
LFD	0	0	4	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	X	0	18	
XAA	0	33	18	3	649	12	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	X	721	
Subtotals	143	165	106	128	745	100	176	147	55	1	62	157	142	27	2,154	