



Verdugo System Quarterly Bulletin
 Fall 2010



From the Coordinator

It was a relatively quiet summer throughout California, which is good for all the communities that have been prone to brush fires over the past 10 years. Locally, we had several small brush fires that we were able to handle with our Unified Response resources along with assistance from Los Angeles County, Los Angeles City and U. S. Forest Service resources. The most notable event of the summer was the brush fire in the hills above Monrovia. That was another example of Unified Response agencies coming together to solve a common problem.

As we transition from summer to fall, we cannot become complacent in our preparedness for dealing with any event we may face. We must stay diligent in our preparations to stay response-ready, and that includes many different things. It means we must continue to train as if we expected the event to occur within moments, inspect our personal protective equipment as if our lives depended on it, and know the individual skill sets of our personnel and adjust our tactics and strategy accordingly.

Over the next several months, our threat will change in the foothill areas. Flash flooding is rapidly coming back into the conversation in the areas that have burned in the last few years. Los Angeles County Public Works Department and local agency Public Works departments have already started meeting to pre-plan areas of concern in our local communities. As fire service leaders, we will be called upon to lead in this area and we must make sure our personnel have the information they need to make the best decisions possible for the communities we serve.

Verdugo continues to make every effort to deliver the best service possible to each of the communities in the Verdugo System. Delivering dispatch services has become more challenging as we have seen the numbers and types of resources decrease in the past couple of years. The staff has remained professional and flexible when presented with the many challenges they face because of the resource deployment changes that have occurred in some jurisdictions. This speaks once again to Verdugo’s outstanding team. Thank you for your commitment to the 12 cities you serve!



Harold D. Scoggins
Fire Chief, Glendale Fire Department
Area C Coordinator

“Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work” – Vince Lombardi

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Foothill Training Officers Update

I recently attended the National Fire Academy and observed the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony and the issuing of colors to this year's families. It was truly a sobering event that everyone should experience at least once. Over 90 names were added to the memorial this year. In three years, attending two weeks at a time, I have only observed the flags raised fully once. We must persevere and train like our lives depend on it, because they do.



During difficult times, people tend to dwell on negative issues and forget about the opportunities that often arise. During these difficult times, we are still moving forward in training area firefighters. Monrovia Fire Department is offering all Level 1 Company Officer and Chief Officer courses during a period that many colleges are having difficulties funding courses with FTEs. San Gabriel Fire Department sponsored a Train Safety course to interested departments at no cost. Personnel who attended the training were educated on the train operating procedures and critical safety areas in the event a train accident occurs. Burbank Fire Department was gracious enough to provide critically needed orientation to their Hazardous Materials unit along with a Decontamination class that clarified what is expected of assisting agencies in the event that an incident occurs in our local jurisdictions.

This illustrates that even during

the most difficult economies, fire service leaders will figure out a way to keep our firefighters trained and safe. The Foothill Training Officers' Association would like to thank the Fire Chiefs in the Verdugo System for their support in providing the training opportunities, but more so those people who have stepped up to provide the extra effort to coordinate these courses. Capt. Danny DeAngelis, South Pasadena Fire Department, put a great deal of effort into setting up

the Decontamination training during October and sponsoring and coordinating with Capt. Ken McNew, Burbank Fire Department. Firefighter Michael Bailey, Monrovia Fire Department, has assisted his department and the training officers in coordinating the Chief Officer courses. B.C. Bryan Frieders, San Gabriel Fire Department, sponsored and provided a facility for the Train Safety course.

Several new opportunities will be discussed at future meetings, including Liquified Petroleum Gas training and Rehabilitation Training, from vendors that have offered free instructors, materials, and products with a minimum number of students. Work continues on acquiring additional training in RIC, SCBA issues, and ventilation. The cost of manipulative ventilation training is being researched for upcoming discussion by the Foothill Fire Chiefs while the final touches of the ventilation policy are being addressed.

The California Training Officers' Fresno Training Symposium will be held November 15-19, with many certified courses that include Instructor Ethics, Current Trends and Issues, Trench Rescue, a Chief Officers Symposium, Company Officer Development and Simulations, hands-on training for truck company operations,

elevator operations, forcible entry, and much more. Look at the schedule on Cal Chief's website:

http://www.calchiefs.org/items/2010SymposiumCatalog9_27.pdf.

It's not too late to sign up.

During poor economies, training standards must continue to be a priority. We maintain the responsibility to develop and enhance our knowledge, skills, and abilities for the safety of our personnel and our professional development. Economies like today's create challenges but show true character. Now is the time to take advantage of opportunities that demonstrate capabilities and tenacity. The fire service cannot afford to sit back and wait for economies to improve and lose site of our existence. NFPA, ISO, OSHA and NIOSH don't recognize poor economies, nor do fires. Now is the time to hunker down and look at strengthening our positions with accreditation and capabilities enhancements.

Thank you for everyone's effort and support in providing the highest levels of training to our area firefighters! As always, don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other board members with any questions, concerns, ideas, or opportunities.

Sincerely,

*John C. Cermak, President
Foothill Training Officers Asso.*

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Upcoming Deadlines

Issue	Deadline
Winter 2011	Jan. 11
Spring 2011	Apr. 12
Summer 2011	Jul. 12
Fall 2011	Oct. 11

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ALHAMBRA

Population: 89,501

Area: 7.62 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$6,510,933,746

Three Earn Chief Fire Officer Designation

Alhambra Fire Chief Bruce Stedman, Assistant Fire Chief Ray Mosack and Battalion Chief John Cermak have earned Chief Fire Officer (CFO) designation by the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC). The CPC awards the CFO designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization's stringent criteria. The process includes an assessment of the applicant's education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the fire-fighting profession, and community involvement. Additionally, all applicants must outline and identify a future development plan.

The Chief Fire Officer Designation Program was created to recognize fire officers who have demonstrated excellence and outstanding achievement throughout their careers. The designation demonstrates that individuals have developed a strategy for continued career improvement and development. The highly competitive CFO designation assures that leaders of fire departments have the educational and technical competencies necessary to meet the demands of today's society.

The Commission on Professional Credentialing, an entity of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE), administers the CFO designation program. The CPC is made up of individuals from academia, federal and local government, and the fire and emergency services professions.

One of the many benefits of be-

coming a Chief Fire Officer designee is that it enhances the stature and capabilities of not only the individual who is awarded this designation, but also the organization and community to which the individual belongs. Specific benefits include:

- Demonstration that an individual has developed a strategy for continued career improvement and development.
- Highlighting the CFO's professional and personal growth, thus providing an individual source of pride.
- Showcasing superior leadership characteristics.
- Developing a commitment to continuing education, training, and skill proficiency.
- Establishing critical core competencies for personnel who serve in senior officer positions.
- Affirming an organization's dedication to proficiency and the proactive delivery of services to the community.
- Improving the hiring process by enabling authorities to quickly identify individuals with superior skills, knowledge and abilities.



Dog Rescued from Burning House

Just after 5 p.m. on August 9, Alhambra fire personnel were notified of a structure fire on East Elgin Avenue, just a few blocks from Fire Station 71.

Alhambra Truck 71 personnel arrived first on scene and found a fully-involved, single-family home located right next to a pre-school. Chief 7 arrived and was told by the reporting party that the home was unoccupied, except for a dog still inside. Firefighters

could hear the dog barking within the burning house.

Approximately 30 minutes into the fire, the dog was located by firefighters and was removed from the house. The dog, a large Husky breed, suffered minor burns but was otherwise in fair condition. Knock-down was accomplished in less than two hours, and no firefighters were injured during the rescue or while extinguishing the blaze.

All together, six engine companies, two truck companies, one rescue ambulance, and three Chief Officers responded to the incident and were able to contain the fire to the structure of origin. Fortunately, the adjacent pre-school was unoccupied at the time of the fire so it did not require evacuation.

The total dollar loss was estimated to be \$350,000 and the cause of the fire was under investigation.

ARCADIA

Population: 56,719

Area: 12.00 sq. mi.

Assessed Value:
\$9,620,638,609

Incident Responses

On July 19 at 11:21 a.m., Engine 105, Engine 106, Engine 107, Rescue Ambulance 105, Rescue Ambulance 106, and Battalion 105 responded with units from the Monrovia, San Marino, Glendale, Burbank, and Los Angeles County Fire Departments to a hazardous materials incident on South Santa Anita Avenue, a chlorine leak into a large recreational swimming pool located within the Los Angeles County Park.

The cause of the leak was a malfunction of the pump that automatically distributes chlorine into the swimming pool. The pump experi-

enced a backup in the system, causing a back-pressure of chlorine. When the back-pressure cleared, a large amount of the chemical was distributed into the pool. Swimmers in the pool experienced reactions to the excessive chlorine. Symptoms included burning eyes, burning mouth, shortness of breath, and altered mental status.

A Mass Casualty Incident was declared. Los Angeles County EMS Agency Medical Alert Center was contacted for hospital and emergency room availability. Thirty-four patients were evaluated on scene, with 17 of them being transported to Arcadia Methodist and Huntington Memorial Hospitals for further evaluation and treatment.

Truck 105 was assigned HazMat Group with the Hazardous Materials Teams from Glendale and Burbank Fire Departments. The HazMat Entry Team made entry into the swim facility and found that the chlorine leak only affected the swimming pool and that no chlorine gas had been released into the structure. The entry team found that swimming pool personnel had previously shut off the pump. The entry team shut off the power to the chlorine pump via the electrical panel.

Los Angeles County has closed the pool due to the incident and is currently planning to demolish the site and rebuild a new swim complex.

Apparatus/Equipment/Facilities

At the October 5 City Council meeting, City Council members approved the purchase of a new Ford E450 Super Duty Type III Rescue Ambulance from Road Rescue. The new Rescue Ambulance will be placed at Station 106 as RA106 and will be identical to RA105.

New Truck 105 has been in service for about two months now, with all crews very pleased with its configuration and functionality. Old Truck 105 has been in the shop getting some much-needed repairs and will remain

in the fleet as a reserve. This is the first time in the history of the department that we have had a fully equipped reserve truck.

All crews continue to train with the new Sperian Warrior SCBA's with an anticipated in-service date in early 2011.

Fire Department members and the City's Purchasing Officer are evaluating bids for a new Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for Station 106, with the bid to be awarded within the next month and installation shortly thereafter. This system was made possible through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Arcadia City Council.

Emergency Preparedness

Over the past few months, the Arcadia Fire Department has been getting ready for our ACTION (Arcadians Caring Together Improves Our Neighborhoods) Workshop on October 9. Working together with our Police and Public Works Departments, we will be educating our community on emergency preparedness, earthquake readiness, fire safety, crime prevention, and First Aid. The department's goal is to educate more citizens on the importance of self-reliance and preparation in the event of a disaster.

Fire Prevention

Preparations continue for the adoption of the new 2010 California Fire Code. Arcadia's local amendments will provide requirements for residential sprinkler systems, photovoltaic system installations, and alarm systems.

Multiple meetings were held with Metro Gold Line Construction Authority personnel to verify locations of proposed emergency access points for the Gold Line extension. Other issues discussed included water supply, emergency lighting,

and training.



Vehicle accident involving a sheared fire hydrant on S. Baldwin Avenue: Engine 106 and Truck 105 shut off the flow from the hydrant and removed a large amount of water from nearby structures.



Vehicle accident into a structure on W. Naomi Avenue: The driver of the vehicle required extrication and was transported to a local trauma center due to the extent of her injuries. The building required minor shoring prior to being released to the owner.



Structure fire on W. Lemon Avenue: Upon arrival, fire was found inside an exterior wall and attic at the front of the structure. A coordinated attack contained the fire to the attic and wall. The fire was considered accidental in nature.

BURBANK

Population: 108,469

Area: 17.15 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$15,586,950,908

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Second-Alarm Structure Fire

On July 27 at 6:41 p.m., Burbank Fire responded to a structure fire with Glendale units assisting. The commercial structure is located at 507 S. San Fernando. After approximately 20 minutes, the conditions changed drastically, so personnel inside and on the roof had to retreat. The apparatus were repositioned and made a defensive attack on the fire from external locations.

A second alarm completed the total of 50 personnel working on the fire for an hour and 20 minutes before knockdown of the fire was declared. The fire was confined to the involved structure, without extension



to attached occupancies. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries, but BFD did have some minor damage to one fire engine and two ladders because of the radiant heat in a confined area.

The cause is unknown at this time. The damage to the structure was reported at \$1.5 million, with \$250,000 damage to the contents. The police department provided traffic control with public works providing stanchions for restricted lane access.



Community Emergency Response Team Training (C.E.R.T.)

The Fall 2010 CERT class commenced on September 18 at the Burbank Fire Training Center. The 11 students will participate in four Saturday classes, culminating in a graduation on Saturday, October 23. Participants who successfully complete this training will have accumulated a total of 28 hours of training, including classroom education and hands-on training on the drill grounds. All instruction is provided by Burbank Fire Corps Program (BFCP volunteers) Community Emergency Response Team instructors. During the calendar year, the Burbank Fire Corps Program provides CERT training in the Spring and Fall seasons.

C.E.R.T. Invitational Competition

On September 11, the Burbank Fire Corps Program hosted the first annual CERT invitational competition for L.A. County operational area CERT or Emergency Response Team (ERT) teams that registered to participate in the challenge. The compe-



tion was held at the Burbank Fire Training Center from 0800 to 1600 hours. Teams from Redondo Beach, Agoura Hills, L.A. County Sheriffs, L.A. City Fire, NBC/Universal, and Burbank Fire Corps competed in six events, including fire suppression, search and rescue, cribbing, disaster medical, triage, and CERT curriculum.

Each team had an opportunity to win an event station by achieving the highest score. There were also awards for the highest overall score for the competition. The intent for having this competition was to promote goodwill, competition, and a training venue for CERT-trained personnel to use their skills and knowledge. This was a positive experience for the hosting agency and the participants are eager to return to the competition next year.



The specific date of the event, September 11, was to acknowledge the victims of the terrorism attacks on 9/11 and to promote National Preparedness month.

Operation Golden Phoenix County-Wide Exercise

Operation Golden Phoenix was the headline disaster exercise for 2010. The City of Burbank Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated for this improvised nuclear



detonation exercise in the L.A. County Operational Area on July 28. This was a full EOC activation, which

included the participation of EOC participants, City executive staff, and local stakeholders, all of whom were tasked to coordinate and respond to exercise events and information surrounding the improvised nuclear detonation event.

The scope of the exercise was vast and the participation of many cooperating agencies lent itself to the success of the activities occurring in the City of Burbank. Burbank HazMat 12 and cooperating hazardous material

teams provided a demonstration of their radiation monitoring capability and protective equipment to the press corps that was present at the exercise.



GLENDALE

Population: 207,902

Area: 30.59 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$21,728,487,387



Awards Luncheon

The annual GFD Awards Luncheon was held Oct. 13 at the Glendale Hilton Hotel. The event was again generously co-sponsored by Glendale Sunrise Rotary and the Glendale Fire Department. Ellen Leyva from ABC7 News served as Master of Ceremonies. This year's Distinguished Service Award recipients were (from left to right above) Capt. Tom Marchant, Engineer Darik Bolin, and Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Tucker. Retired Deputy Chief Steve Howard received the Fire Chief's Vision Award, and a variety of commendations and letters of appreciation were also presented. About 300 people attended the event.



Personnel

Congratulations to Captain Ed Marquez and Engineer Gregg Shaw on their promotions. On July 16, a badge pinning ceremony was held at Station 21 for their promotion, and also for Ron Gulli, who received his #1 Captain's badge as the most senior Captain in the department. These three have worked very hard to reach this milestone and the fire department is proud of their accomplishments and wishes each the very best.

A farewell reception was held Sept. 3 for Executive Secretary Janet Scollard, who was retiring after 30 years of service to the City of Glendale. Janet served under six Fire Chiefs

during her tenure with the GFD.

House Fire

On October 11 at 3:38 p.m., seven companies of Glendale firefighters, two Rescue Ambulances, one Arson Investigator, and one Engine Company and Battalion Chief from the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 3400 block of Las Palmas Avenue in Glendale. Battalion Chief Greg Fish was the Incident Commander.

Engine 29, the first unit to arrive, reported smoke coming from the attic area of the structure. As firefighters advanced with interior firefighting efforts, a primary search of the unit was also accomplished. No human occupants were found, but five dogs were rescued. Truck Company members performed vertical ventilation on the roof of the structure. After 24 minutes of firefighting operations, the roof had been compromised enough that the incident commander ordered all interior firefighters out of the structure, and at 4:05 p.m. the roof of the





structure collapsed.

The fire was confined to the structure of origin. Extensive overhaul was performed by firefighters to confirm extinguishment of the structure and contents. No civilian or firefighter injuries or fatalities occurred, but eight family members were displaced. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Damage was estimated at \$450,000 for the structure and \$150,000 for the contents.

Apartment Fire

A fire broke out on the second floor of a triplex in the 400 block of N. Everett at 3:22 a.m. on August 26. Five companies of Glendale firefighters, a rescue ambulance, and an arson investigator under the direction of Battalion Chief Greg Fish responded. Engine 25 immediately advanced a hose line to the front door of the affected unit to mount an attack on the fire. They encountered a well involved kitchen fire and were challenged by low visibility and intense heat. A primary search for occupants was conducted, but the unit was unoccupied at the time.

Other fire companies were directed by the Incident Commander to coordinate vertical ventilation of the unit involved and evacuation ef-



forts for the two units directly below the fire. With a coordinated effort, firefighters contained the fire spread to the area of origin within the single unit.

It took 20 members of the Glendale Fire Department just eight minutes to confirm a knockdown of the fire. With no extension to adjacent units, extensive overhaul was performed by firefighters to confirm extinguishment of the structure and contents.

There were no reports of injuries or fatalities. Damage was estimated at \$150,000 to the structure and \$30,000 to the contents. Arson investigators were summoned to determine the cause and origin of the early morning fire. The American Red Cross was contacted to assist with nine displaced occupants. At the time of this writing, fire cause is pending investigation. Incident duration was 2 hours and 36 minutes.

New Ladder Truck & Utilities

We have received our new 2010 Pierce tiller-ladder truck and a few new utility vehicles. We are very proud of all of the hard work that went into the specifications, design, purchase, and outfitting of these vehicles.

We have one new 2010 rescue ambulance that will be delivered very soon. As these new vehicles are assigned into our fleet, it is very important that we all help out with the “domino effect” of moving vehicles around.



Public Education

The Public Education office was out and about all summer, spreading



the good word about fire safety to residents of all ages. The GFD participated in and assisted with the city’s annual Cruise Night event and it was once again a huge success. We also participated in the following events:

- Verdugo Hills hospital staff fire extinguisher training.
- Glendale Community College fire safety presentations to ESL classes.
- Fire extinguishing and fire safety talk at the Gardens on Garfield residential complex.
- Fire safety lessons and Honda Element presentation to Cub Scout Summer Camp.
- Career Day for Camp Rosie students at Pacific Edison (thank you to Christie Mochinaga and AO Katherine Thompson).
- Fire extinguisher and fire safety presentation to Holy Family Grade School staff.
- Read-along for Wonder Years pre-school and kindergarten students.

In addition, a smoke detector workshop was held Oct. 20 in conjunction with Home Depot and 100 free smoke detectors with batteries were distributed.



MONROVIA

Population: 39,984

Area: 13.73 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:

\$3,817,574,223

Retirement

After 25 years of service to the City of Monrovia, the Fire Department bid farewell to Administrative Assistant Jodie Dennis, who retired on September 10. We wish her good health and happiness as she transitions into this new phase of her life and say thank you once again for all she has done for the department and the employees. Congratulations, Jodie!

Promotion

Following a highly competitive and demanding Fire Engineer practical exam, Andrew McDaniel had the highest score and was placed at number one on the promotional list. Effective September 21, Andrew was promoted from Firefighter/Paramedic to Fire Engineer and is currently assigned to Engine 101A. Congratulations are extended to Andrew for this deserving promotion as well as to the other three candidates who were successful in the testing process and have been placed on the Fire Engineer promotional list.

New Hires

On September 21, the Monrovia Fire Department welcomed three new employees. Firefighter/Paramedics Shane Stocking, Jacob Clemens and Christian Vasquez were recently hired and immediately started their introductory training academy. All Monrovia Fire Department new hires are put through a rigorous mini-academy to prepare them for the challenges to be faced as firefighters. Following the mini-academy, the recruits complete

an 18-month probationary period. Each of the three new employees has been assigned as paramedics on either Paramedic Engine 102 or Squad 101.

Following the retirement of Jodie Dennis, the Fire Department has hired a new Administrative Assistant, Audra Tellez. Audra has been working for the City of Monrovia since September 2006, assigned to the City Clerk's office, the Library, and now the Fire Department. She is a local Monrovia and has an outstanding knowledge of the city and functions, as well as a deep appreciation of the commitment our city has to its citizens. Audra has been hard at work learning the systems and practices within the Fire Department and has continued her fantastic attitude of support for the administrative division as she acclimates to the position. We are certainly glad to have Audra on the team and look forward to her continued success.

Completion of Probation

Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedics Dustin Leddy, Anthony Gallegos and Nick Board, who last week completed their 18-month comprehensive probationary firefighter exam. Classroom exams, didactic training, and crew training were established to challenge the three Firefighter/Paramedics and ensure they have the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the difficult and demanding tasks asked of our fire personnel. Based on their dedication to constant learning, improvements in their application of tactical



exercises, and a strong grasp of the baseline requirements required of Monrovia firefighters, we are now proud to remove their probationary status and offer them permanent employment with this great organization.

All members have played a pivotal role in bringing Dustin, Nick and Anthony up to an exceedingly competent level of proficiency, but special thanks are given to the station Captains who developed them over the past 18 months. Ultimately, however, this day is about celebrating the success of our three new permanent Firefighter/Paramedics who now have the responsibility to continue the training and staff development elements required by mentoring and teaching the six employees currently in the probationary process.



Brush Fire: The Canyon Incident

A two-acre brush fire that occurred on August 23 was a big reminder of the importance of early detection, rapid response, the robust fire service mutual aid system, and the cooperation that is common among the various departments within the City of Monrovia.

Power lines surged, sparked and broke from a metallic balloon that had floated into the lines above heavy brush. This caused ignition in a steep hill at the entrance to Canyon Park and took nearly three hours to control

(this is a reminder of the dangers of releasing metallic or Mylar balloons). The fire resources that were dispatched included three water-dropping helicopters, two hand crews, 20 fire engines, and numerous support personnel (over 125 firefighters).

Resources were dispatched from most of the local Area C fire departments, LA County Fire, and the U.S. Forest Service, reinforcing the fact that the California Master Mutual Aid system is extremely effective at getting large numbers of resources to local incidents where “neighbors help neighbors.” That same cooperation extended to several departments within the City of Monrovia: the Park Rangers under Community Services detected the fire and called 911 and directed fire resources to the scene; the Police Department helped with evacuations out of the park, crowd control, traffic control and assistance at the incident command post; Public Works coordinated water supplies given the power outages; and the City Manager’s office assisted with public information dissemination through the media and social networking sources that were found to be extremely effective and quite helpful.

Ultimately this was a relatively small fire that raised big concerns given the location, difficult topography, high temperatures, and heavy fuels. The rapid response, aggressive attack, and coordinated management of resources controlled the blaze in short order and, except for a few cases of heat exhaustion, no serious injuries were reported and no damage to property occurred. Many thanks go out to all those agencies that assisted with the extinguishment of the fire. Special acknowledgment goes to the initial action crews (particularly the Monrovia firefighters) that demonstrated, in their actions, true professionalism, dedication, hard work and bravery in protecting lives and property. This could have been a

very big incident, but given their quick response and decisive actions, it was held to a two-acre fire.



CERT

The Monrovia Fire Department continues its relationship with the Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD), as it relates to disaster preparedness, with a new Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program custom designed for school staff members. Presently, 25 MUSD employees have completed two of four modules that have been designed to provide critical knowledge and skills related to triaging patients during mass casualty events, basic First Aid, search and rescue operations, and incident command elements that will in effect provide the basis for self-sustainability following a major disaster.

These training modules have been taught with on-duty personnel, having the MUSD employees attend the training at Fire Station 102 following the end of the school day. This is certainly a big commitment from the MUSD employees and their dedication is very much appreciated. At the conclusion of this program, we will have 25 trained and capable first responders who will be capable of handling the demands encountered in the first few hours of a major disaster. Given the feedback from school officials and Division Chief Pelham, the hope is that this will be the first of many MUSD CERT programs offered.

Community Sustainability Fair

The city of Monrovia is part of California Green Communities’ “10 Cities, 10 Challenges” <http://www.cagreencom.org/> commitment to saving energy, conserving water, cutting waste, building green, and taking

other steps to make their communities vibrant and sustainable through environmental accords. As part of this commitment, the Fire Department participated in the community sustainability fair held in Library Park.

A Firewise Landscaping booth was staffed, demonstrating and distributing drought-tolerant, native plants to enthusiastic gardeners. Along with distributing the plants, staff and volunteers talked with many residents regarding maintaining a Firewise property. Local landscape architects demonstrated how to prune an overgrown shrub to make it healthier and more resistant to ignition and assisted residents with questions regarding their landscaping.

Thanks go out to Native Grow Nursery, Los Angeles County Fire/Forestry, and the Monrovia Parks Department for donating the plants. And a very special thank you to the volunteers from the CERT program who set up and assisted with staffing the booth.

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MONTEREY PARK

Population: 65,027

Area: 7.70 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$5,205,674,548

Acting Fire Chief

On July 1, James Birrell was appointed Acting Fire Chief for the City of Monterey Park. Chief Birrell started his career with Monterey Park in May of 1983 as a Firefighter. He attended PTI and started serving as a Paramedic in 1987 and still maintains his paramedic certification today. In January 1994, he was promoted to Engineer/Paramedic, then to Captain/Paramedic in April 1995, and Battalion Chief/Paramedic with the duties of Administrative B.C. in April 2006. He has been the driving force to bring our Disaster Management to the forefront of our City Administration.

Chief Birrell will be heading a delegation of all other City department heads back to Emmetsburg, MD to attend an Emergency Managers Course developed by EMI and specifically designed for EOC operations and disaster response and recovery in the City of Monterey Park.

Distinguished Merit Award

Pictured below with Chief Birrell is Firefighter Nick Lima at the special award ceremony conducted at the



Chief Birrell (left) with Firefighter Nick Lima.

City Council Meeting on October 19. Firefighter Lima was given a Distinguished Merit Award for performance above and beyond the call of duty. On August 25, FF Lima was part of the response to a heavily involved structure fire at 501 S. Ramona in Monterey Park. As Engine 61 began an aggressive fire attack, FF Lima and the other members of Truck 61 went to the roof to begin cutting ventilation holes. As more windows were broken out around the structure, smoke conditions became more extreme. After FF Lima had completed the first hole and was backing to his safety zone on the smoke-obscured roof, he took one more step to get into a clear area but instead fell to the ground 15 feet below. He landed on his back, but after regaining his composure he went right back to the ladder and returned to the roof. He completed several more ventilation holes before coming back down to rehab.



Paramedic Morales Demo of Bluetooth 12-Lead EKG.

Bluetooth for STEMI's

Also at the City Council Meeting on October 19, the City recognized the AHMC Health Foundation, which is associated with Garfield Medical Center in Monterey Park, for its contribution of \$3,723 to the Monterey Park Fire Department. The funds were used to purchase the technology to allow Monterey Park Paramedics to utilize Bluetooth wireless connections to send 12-Lead EKG's directly to the

STEMI Receiving Center ER physician and cardiologist. This now puts Monterey Park Fire on the cutting edge for advanced treatment of our STEMI patients. A full demonstration was given to all of the persons attending the Council Meeting. Special thanks to Mr. Philip A. Cohen, Board President of AHMC Health Foundation and CEO of Garfield Medical Center, for his continued support of our Fire Department.



RT4 Trench Drill

In September, the Monterey Park Fire Department hosted the Region 1 Regional Task Force 4 Urban Search and Rescue crews for our quarterly rescue training. A live trench was dug at 800 Corporate Center Drive in Monterey Park by our City water department crews. It proved to be challenging for our teams and provided a wealth of learning.

Also, to add to the stress levels of the responders, Captain Newton Ong from San Gabriel Fire added a sense of realism with his crews by acting as the voices of those trapped below. Capt. Ong focused on supervising the Medical Specialist skills and techniques being given to our trapped victims. The departments attending were Glendale, Pasadena, Arcadia, Alhambra, San Gabriel, and Monterey Park.

**Unified Response:
A Tradition
of Collaboration**

MONTEBELLO

Population: 65,781

Area: 8.3 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$4,394,543,508



Gasoline Tanker Collision

On September 26, Montebello Fire was dispatched to a traffic collision. A passenger vehicle was pinned under the trailer of a gasoline tanker truck and a second passenger vehicle had also sustained heavy damage. Occupants trapped in both vehicles required extrication.

Additional resources were requested and Montebello Battalion 55, Paramedic Engine 55, Los Angeles County Squad 50, Monterey Park Engine 62, Downey Squad 642, and a total of five Care Ambulances were sent by Verdugo.

Montebello Battalion 55 reported that there were a total of seven patients – five adults in critical condition and two children with moderate injuries.

As a result of the collision, the tanker truck knocked over a street light pole that was energized and came to rest on the tanker truck tractor, resulting in an electrical shock and fire



hazard for crews operating at the scene. The truck driver was able to self-extricate and was not injured.

It was confirmed that the gasoline tanker was considered empty, however, there were approximately 200-300 gallons of residual gasoline in the tank. No product was spilled on the ground. Gasoline vapors were also present in the recovery system (piping on the undercarriage of the truck).

Rescue in a Commercial Building

On July 15, Verdugo dispatched Montebello Truck 55, LA County Squad 40, and Battalion 55 to a medical aid call on the roof of the commercial building at 540 N. Montebello Blvd. Montebello Paramedic Engines 55 and 56 were committed to other incidents in the city at the time.

Truck 55 arrived onscene and determined that a contractor that was performing work on the roof of the 2½-story commercial building had suffered a medical emergency and could not be moved via the attached roof access ladder on the side of the building.

Battalion 55 established command as Montebello I.C. and requested the assistance of an additional engine company for manpower. By this time, Montebello Paramedic Engine 55 had cleared their previous incident and was able to respond.

LA County Squad 40 paramedics were assigned to patient care and proceeded to the roof to provide advanced life support treatment for the male patient. Truck 55 and Engine 55 personnel rigged a Stokes litter basket via a rope system and utilized the aerial ladder from the ladder truck as a crane to lower the patient to the ground.

Engine 55 paramedics took over patient care and transported the patient to a local hospital for further treatment.

Probation Period Completed

We are very proud to announce

that four firefighters have successfully completed their one-year probation: Michael Age, Drew Dipaola, Peter Heck and Jason McMullen.

K9 Search Dog Certified

Captain Marc Valentine recently completed the certification process of his new search dog, Rico. Rico replaces the recently retired 13-year-old Val in the search dog duties for our department. Captain Valentine and Rico are a component of Orange County Fire Authority Task force 5.

Val was not just man's best friend – he was the oldest working employee at the Montebello Fire Department and reportedly the oldest working rescue dog in the nation. An Urban Search and Rescue canine with the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation, Val retired after 11 years of service and countless rescue missions. With owner and handler Capt. Valentine, Val has trained other rescue dogs, searched for survivors through rubble, and offered solace to firefighters responding to Hurricane Katrina during his career.

Rico, a 3-year-old Labrador nearing the completion of his training program, will take over where Val left off. He will soon receive his Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certification, giving his mentor a well-deserved break.

Val took on many roles beyond the duties of rescue dog during his career. Five years ago, when Val and Capt. Valentine were in New Orleans searching for survivors, Val offered firefighters companionship. "We were



Man's best friend: The oldest Search & Rescue dog in the U.S. retires.

far from our homes and families, working 12 hours a day, and trudging through some of the most bleak and devastating scenes you could imagine,” Valentine said about his 28-day experience in Louisiana. “At night, firefighters would come back to our camp and we would have our dogs out for the guys to pet and share stories about their pets. The time together gave firefighters a sense of normalcy despite the surroundings. The dogs felt like home,” he said.

Val and Rico were donated to the Montebello Fire Department by the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. They are two of 225 dogs in the United States trained for rescue response.

Val and Rico work, eat, sleep and play at the Montebello fire station with firefighters during Valentine’s shifts. Val and Rico were rescued and trained through the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. The organization was founded in 1996 after a need for canine response was made apparent to founder Wilma Melville during the Oklahoma bombing rescue efforts. The foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Ojai, and all of the dogs selected for its program are rescued from shelters and other agencies.

During the prime of his career, Val was deployed on an average of three rescue missions a year. In the La Conchita landslide of 2005, Val surprised his handler and found the remains of a mother and three children under a pile even though he was only trained to locate survivors. The find gave closure to 20 family members who had been waiting for more than two days to find their missing loved ones.

“It’s going to be up to Rico now,” Valentine said.

Rescue Youth Mentoring Program

Interim Fire Chief James Ballard represented the Montebello Fire Department at the graduation program held at Universal Studios for four young Montebello residents. The program, which is run through the District Attorney’s office, identifies students in middle schools who are at risk and refers them to participating fire departments for mentoring.

The department has a number of members who have volunteered their time to mentor youths. This time the four graduates were Andrew Garcia, Angel Valenzuela, Emmanuel Iturbide, and Fausto Jimenez. Three Montebello firefighter/mentors gave up their Sunday off to attend and support their



students. They were Joe Otero, Carlos Garcia, and Rueben Castillo.

In addition to the Montebello Fire Department, Los Angeles County and Long Beach Fire Departments also participate in the program, which is in its 18th year.

PASADENA
Population: 151,576
Area: 23.0 sq.mi.
Assessed Value: \$20,066,134,768

Captain’s Academy Overview

The Pasadena Fire Department Training Division conducted a Fire Captain Academy on September 23 and September 27 - October 1.

Nineteen prospective Fire Offic-

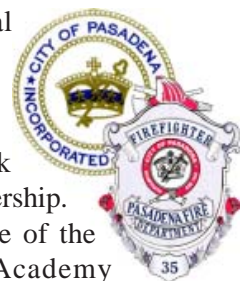
ers attended the course, which supported several goals and objectives of the Pasadena Fire Department Training Division and the Strategic Plan.

The mission of the Fire Captain Academy was to offer an outstanding training program designed to increase the knowledge and skills of our department members by providing intensive, comprehensive course curricula and employing qualified, motivated instructors.

The vision of the Fire Captain Academy was to implement an exceptional training program that devel-

ops professional strengths, maximizes individual potential, promotes teamwork and fosters leadership.

The purpose of the Fire Captain Academy was to develop the professional skills necessary to excel in new positions and prepare for future promotions. This program provides training in a sequential, logical, cohesive manner that supports retention, understanding, and application.





The six-day, intensive Fire Captain Academy was designed to develop and enhance the skills of future Fire Captains. It covered the following subjects:

- The Fire Officer’s supervisory role and responsibilities;
- The Fire Officer’s role in communication;
- The Fire Officer’s role in evaluating, correcting and documenting personnel performance;
- The Fire Officer’s responsibilities related to completing company records and reports;
- The Fire Officer’s responsibilities related to conducting fire prevention inspections and reports;
- The Fire Officer’s responsibilities in completing a size-up and report on conditions;
- The Fire Officer’s ability to develop an Initial Action Plan for an emergency incident;
- The Fire Officer’s role and responsibilities in determining fire origin and cause; and
- The Fire Officer’s role in firefighter health and safety.

Emergency Medical Services

For the EMS Division, July, August and September lead us into the

new fiscal year and open the door to our busiest months of October, November and December as we enter Tournament of Roses. In July, Firefighter Tim Sell and Alex Lopez graduated from Paramedic Training Institute. Both Tim and Alex completed their 10-shift, third-person ride-along period and Paramedic task books. Alex has successfully navigated the licensure and certification process, while Tim remains “pending” in the State system, largely due to the State’s budget woes and employee furloughs. The word on the street is “two weeks.”

The Rose Bowl hosted their final International Soccer Match for 2010 in August, where the LA Galaxy took on Real Madrid. The sell-out crowd of 87,000 was a direct result of Spain’s World Cup victory. With that, we now enter into UCLA football, with the kick-off meeting in late August. Concurrently, PFD conducted Team Medical Training, just in time for the season opener against Stanford.

Team Medical was actually deployed for an injured UCLA player this year, however, the Bike Team had to cover the deployment. Yes, there is a story here, best told by Vern and

Jonathan.

As a reminder, Team Medical training is mandatory for those paramedics wishing to work Team Medical during the UCLA season. Those members assigned throughout the season are eligible for the Rose Bowl Game.

In early August, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors created an Electronic Music Festival Task Force to address the rave parties held throughout the county, with the primary focus of spectator safety as a result of the recent death at the LA Memorial Coliseum. Interim Deputy Chief Kevin Costa was asked to participate at the opening meeting and was subsequently assigned to a working group identifying appropriate EMS responses to large spectator events. A draft policy addressing mass gatherings is now in the works, however, there is likely to be very little impact to the City of Pasadena or PFD, as we provide command and control functions for all mass-gathering events in the city and have done so successfully for decades.

Finally, universal precautions and good hygiene are recommended as we enter into flu season. PFD will be assisting the Pasadena Public Health Department with community vaccinations just as in years past.

Noteworthy Incidents

Pasadena Fire units were dispatched to a chlorine leak at Cal Tech, reported to be in the basement of the Kerckhoff Building. A full hazmat response was dispatched that included Burbank Hazmat 12, Glendale Hazmat 24, South Pasadena Air Utility 81, and PFD units Engine 33, Engine 34, Truck 31, RA34, and BC3. Upon arrival, Engine 34 (Captain La Presle) met with Cal Tech Security and initiated evacuation of the immediate area. Additional PFD personnel were requested to support the operation. During the incident, two sepa-

rate Level “A” entries were made into the basement of the Kerckhoff Building to mitigate the leak.

Two Cal Tech employees were treated and released at the scene. One PFD Firefighter was transported to HMH for evaluation related to a suspected heat related injury. The incident was turned over to Cal Tech Safety Division.

Earlier this month, Pasadena Fire units responded to a call of a traffic accident on the eastbound 210 Freeway at San Gabriel Blvd. with a re-

port of a tractor trailer rig on the Gold Line tracks. BC3 Gibson arrived on scene first and reported a tractor trailer rig overturned and on fire, resting on the Gold Line train tracks. A full-sized pickup truck with major damage was also on the tracks. The tracks were shut down between the Allen and Madre Stations so Fire/Rescue



crews could safely work in the area. A total of three patients were treated at the scene and transported with moderate injuries to a local hospital. Eastbound 210 traffic was impacted for several more hours until the trucks could be removed from the tracks.

SAN GABRIEL

Population: 42,984

Area: 4.10 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$3,604,594,269

Negotiations and Budgets

The San Gabriel Firefighters Association and the San Gabriel Fire Officers Association have finalized and signed contracts with the City. With the department having a “hold the line budget” with minimal cuts, the two associations each negotiated for a few minor changes in working conditions and benefits.

One of the major changes for the Battalion Chiefs took place September 24 when they started the 48/96 schedule. While every change creates

a few bumps in the road, the transition has been fairly smooth.

The Fire Association negotiated a seventh Captain’s position.

The Deputy Fire Marshall position will be a 40-hour work week staffed at the Fire Captain rank.

New Computers

After weeks of being told, “The new computers are coming next week,” all nine of the department’s six-year-old computers have finally been replaced! Retired/immediately hired back Deputy Fire Marshal Don Berry was instrumental in formatting and installing the new computers. Thank you for all your hard work, Don! The new HP computers are state of the art and a much needed relief from our previous models that some folks will swear used carrier pigeons to send information.

Upcoming Retirements

Two of our members have already filed their paperwork with Cal PERS. Engineer Tod Smith, 28 years, and Captain Scott “Humbleman” Harvey, 29.857 years, are counting down the shifts. Both Tod and Scott bring their own uniqueness to the department and will be missed by everyone. Rumor has it that there is a B.C. that has been seen entering the CalPERS office, but no official word yet on whether he’s retiring. Stay tuned for more on retirements!

Testing

On a trial basis, this year’s Captain’s exam will be entirely conducted by an outside firm. Our Personnel Department is close to signing a contract with the chosen firm.

SAN MARINO

Population: 13,415

Area: 3.75 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$4,108,178,980

The San Marino Fire Department has been busy in many areas over the past few months. In the Training Division, we have been focusing on several topics, including water safety (survival techniques for full submersions while wearing PPEs), alternative fuel vehicle awareness, Engineer mentoring program, L.A. County O.A.R.R.S., and a complete revision

of our training manual.

From a public relations standpoint, the City is hosting the San Marino Day Out event on Sunday, October 17, from 1400 to 1600 hours at the San Marino High School. This event will provide our customers the opportunity to meet with elected officials, department heads, fire, and police personnel in order to raise the level of aware-

ness for personal safety and security. Over the background of free food and refreshments, along with music and entertainment, the highlighted topics to be addressed will be disaster preparedness and neighborhood crimes. In addition to this event, we are also

planning on developing a C.E.R.T. program which will complement our already existing Neighborhood and Business Emergency Action Teams.

Finally, we have two areas of good news to report. The first is the successful completion of FF/PM Robert

O'Neil's one year probationary exam. The second is the city's Chamber of Commerce selection of FF/PM Dominic Petta as the 2010 employee of the year. Congratulations to both of our personnel for a job well done!

SIERRA MADRE

Population: 11,099

Area: 3.0 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$1,559,464,740

The Sierra Madre Fire Department is in the process of bringing into service another new piece of apparatus. The new Engine 41 (a 2010 KME) was dedicated on Saturday, October 9, along with the new 2800-gallon Water Tender and a new Rescue Ambulance. For a small department, the City Council's decision to provide all new apparatus is an endorsement of the level of service they want our citizens to enjoy.

We continue to enhance our staffing with addition of new paid Engineer positions. This complements the program begun a year ago to have regular daily staffing of Firefighters and the now three-year-old program

of paid Paramedics. While Sierra Madre has benefited for over 85 years from having a volunteer Fire Department, it is now moving solidly in the direction of being a combination department.

We are pleased to welcome to our command staff Deputy Chief John Penido. Chief Penido currently is serving Area C as the OES DMAC, and will be assisting Chief Steve Heydorff in developing and implementing policies, as well as contributing to the professional development of the Sierra Madre Fire Department.

Operationally, the Sierra Madre Fire Department responded to an unusually high number of mountain rescue calls over the summer. Due to a high Internet profile, Hermit Falls, (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmOCOLSSF08>) which falls in the mutual response

area of Sierra Madre, Los Angeles County, and the Angeles National Forest, was the scene over the summer of a dramatic number of severe injuries and one traumatic fatality. A positive outcome of this increased call load has been the evolution towards unified command with all of the various participating agencies. One other factor has been the effect of so many calls to the Chantry Flats area on our response times. Over the last few months, enough of our calls have been to this area that our overall response times have been affected. With the change in weather, we hope to see a drop-off in the number of calls we respond to in the National Forest.



SOUTH PASADENA

Population: 25,881

Area: 3.44 sq.mi.

Assessed Value:
\$3,170,709,193

Training

Captain DeAngelis of the South Pasadena Fire Department has orga-

nized a hazmat decontamination drill with the help of the Burbank hazardous materials team. All area departments are invited. This drill will take place in South Pasadena on October 19, 20 and 23.

Open House

The City of South Pasadena hosted a Fire & Police open house and car show on September 19. Hundreds of cars lined the streets as well as fire

apparatus and helicopters from surrounding agencies. This continues to be a very popular annual event.

Personnel

The department recently completed a Firefighter/Paramedic exam. We have no openings at this time, but have a list of qualified candidates for use in the future.

VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Verdugo Annual Report

Verdugo's annual report for fiscal year 2009-10 has been completed and may be viewed online at <http://www.unified-response.org/pdf/VerdugoAnnualReportFY2009-10.pdf>. This report provides overall statistics for the dispatch center as a whole, as well as individual sections for the 12 fire departments that are members of the Verdugo System.



Mobile Map Release

All of the front-line fire apparatus in Verdugo's 12 cities are equipped with a map display on their mobile computer. Verdugo updates this map periodically as the participating cities submit changes in hydrant locations, new streets, etc. A new update is in

progress with an expected November release that not only provides a hydrant update for one of the cities but also includes the location of every hospital in LA County and all LAFD and LA County Fire stations. A street-level update is slated for mid-2011.

Dear Administrator Wise,

On August 23, the Canyon Incident began in the foothills of Monrovia. It was a small three-acre brush fire that had huge potential for destruction, given the steep terrain and heavy brush. Thanks to the rapid mutual aid fire response from Area C departments, Los Angeles County Fire and the U.S. Forest Service, no structures were damaged or destroyed and only a few minor cases of heat related injuries were encountered. This fire had the potential to burn into neighborhoods and threaten homes, and if conditions had changed,

I'm certain that the consequences would have been devastating to our community.

On behalf of the City Council and the residents of the City of Monrovia, we would like to offer our thanks and express our sincerest gratitude to your staff that played a role in the Canyon Incident. It was a collective effort and demonstrated the value and cooperative spirit found amongst the local fire departments within Los Angeles County. We appreciate the efforts made by your staff to come to the aid of our residents.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor
City of Monrovia



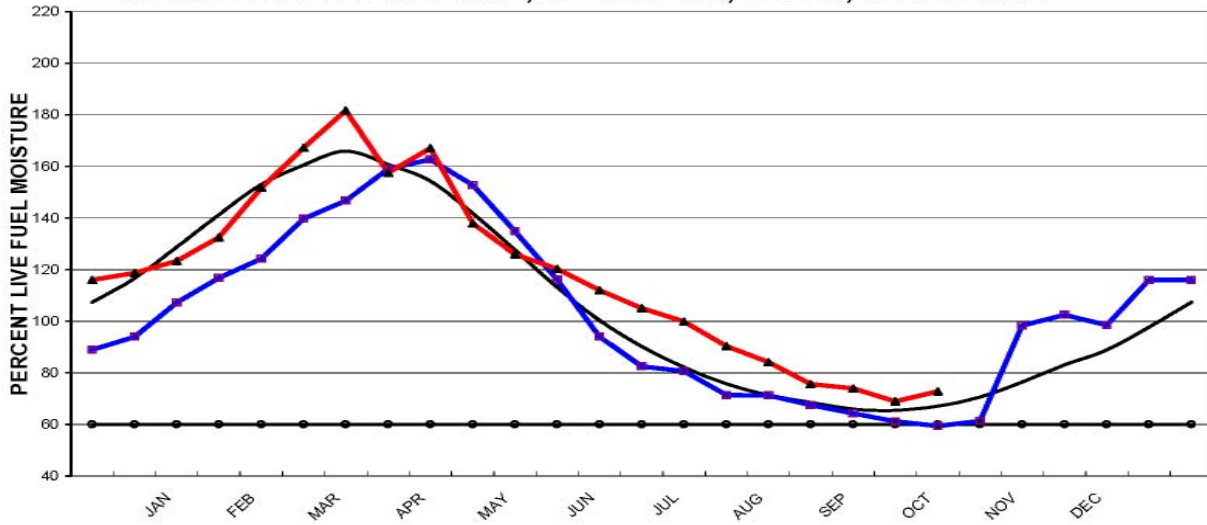
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VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LIVE FUEL MOISTURE 1981-2010



AVG ALL AREAS - CHAMISE, CEANOTHUS, SAGES, SAGEBRUSH



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



<http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/PDF/LEMAILArea.pdf>

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS: Summer 2010 vs. Summer 2009

Number of Incidents (July - September 2010)

Category	Verdugo		Alhambra		Arcadia		Burbank		Glendale		Monterey Pk.		Monrovia	
Fire	2,373	14.1%	132	11.3%	163	15.6%	298	13.1%	402	10.2%	105	11.2%	121	15.5%
Medical	13,373	79.3%	966	82.4%	820	78.7%	1,830	80.5%	3,261	83.0%	759	81.3%	607	77.7%
Service	806	4.8%	72	6.1%	46	4.4%	117	5.1%	165	4.2%	50	5.4%	44	5.6%
Other	21	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OOV*	282	1.7%	3	0.3%	13	1.2%	24	1.1%	95	2.4%	20	2.1%	9	1.2%
Total	16,855		1,173		1,042		2,272		3,930		934		781	

Category	Montebello		Pasadena		San Gabriel		Sierra Madre		San Marino		South Pas.	
Fire	163	14.7%	670	17.0%	77	14.5%	32	12.6%	46	20.0%	68	16.2%
Medical	874	78.6%	3,073	78.2%	426	80.1%	181	71.5%	128	55.7%	312	74.5%
Service	55	4.9%	149	3.8%	18	3.4%	28	11.1%	21	9.1%	37	8.8%
Other	0	0.0%	9	0.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
OOV*	20	1.8%	31	0.8%	10	1.9%	12	4.7%	34	14.8%	2	0.5%
Total	1,112		3,932		532		253		230		419	

Number of Incidents (July - September 2009)

Category	Verdugo		Alhambra		Arcadia		Burbank		Glendale		Monterey Park		Monrovia	
FIRE	2,553	15.3%	152	13.2%	185	17.9%	331	14.9%	389	10.1%	112	12.9%	127	15.4%
MEDICAL	13,035	78.0%	932	80.7%	787	76.1%	1,772	79.6%	3,184	82.8%	691	79.5%	627	75.9%
SERVICE	731	4.4%	65	5.6%	49	4.7%	83	3.7%	153	4.0%	39	4.5%	52	6.3%
OTHER	16	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OOV*	369	2.2%	4	0.3%	13	1.3%	41	1.8%	115	3.0%	27	3.1%	20	2.4%
TOTAL	16,704		1,155		1,034		2,227		3,845		869		826	

Category	Montebello		Pasadena		San Gabriel		Sierra Madre		San Marino		South Pas.	
FIRE	197	15.6%	704	18.5%	66	13.5%	40	17.5%	34	15.2%	72	18.1%
MEDICAL	985	78.1%	2,910	76.4%	393	80.4%	162	71.1%	137	61.2%	285	71.6%
SERVICE	50	4.0%	141	3.7%	18	3.7%	21	9.2%	11	4.9%	39	9.8%
OTHER	0	0.0%	8	0.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OOV*	29	2.3%	44	1.2%	11	2.2%	5	2.2%	42	18.8%	2	0.5%
TOTAL	1,261		3,807		489		228		224		398	

*OOV = Responses outside the 12 Verdugo cities to such locations as Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County.

RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS: Summer 2010

Agency	Av. Dispatch to Enroute (min:sec)	Av. Enroute to Onscene (min:sec)	Av. Dispatch to Onscene (min:sec)	Percent 5 Min. or Less	Total Incidents
ALH	01:02	03:26	04:29	67.5%	1,173
ARC	01:00	03:17	04:17	71.1%	1,042
BRK	01:00	03:09	04:09	76.6%	2,272
GLN	00:57	03:18	04:14	74.9%	3,930
MPK	01:12	03:50	05:02	54.9%	934
MRV	01:03	03:32	04:35	65.6%	781
MTB	00:58	04:11	05:10	49.9%	1,112
PAS	00:57	03:06	04:03	77.3%	3,932
SGB	00:55	03:22	04:16	76.5%	532
SMD	01:14	03:00	04:14	73.6%	253
SNM	01:04	03:18	04:22	64.7%	230
SPS	01:04	03:06	04:10	76.5%	419

Dispatch to Enroute: From dispatch to leaving the station (all personnel suited up and belted in). Also known as turnout time, the NFPA recommends 60 seconds for this phase of the response.

Enroute & Onscene Times: These come solely from field personnel pressing buttons on the mobile computer terminal; announcing a unit's status over the radio does not record the time of the status change where it would be picked up for statistical analysis.

Percent 5 Min. or Less: The goal is for the entire response, from dispatch to arriving onscene, to be 5 minutes or less as often as possible. Travel time may vary due to many factors such as the city's geographical layout, the time of day or night, traffic density, and road conditions. Area served by each fire station is also a factor – average in Area C is 3.15 square miles per station, but the range is from 1.9 to 6.9 sq.mi.

UNITS DISPATCHED BY VERDUGO: Summer 2010 and Previous Summers

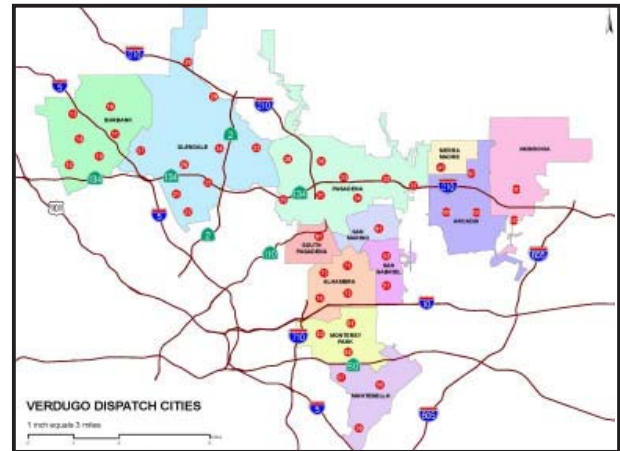
Agency	Unit	Jul-Sept. 2010	Jul-Sept. 2009	Jul-Sept. 2008	Jul-Sept. 2007	
ALH	E71	430	397	467	421	
	E72	355	351	365	362	
	E73	243	230	234	261	
	E74	305	330	299	311	
	RA71	590	493	620	583	
	RA74	450	505	457	397	
	T71	158	128	194	170	
	USR71	0	2	2	n/a	
ARC	E105	417	404	431	378	
	E106	516	534	531	508	
	E107	223	201	194	236	
	RA105	402	387	409	381	
	RA106	456	442	432	443	
	T105	140	134	160	162	
	AU106	2	1	0	1	
	USR106	2	1	0	1	
BRK	E11	653	671	628	700	
	E12	344	347	345	369	
	E13	373	398	371	433	
	E14	335	267	319	338	
	E15	498	468	482	501	
	E16	217	196	203	203	
	E18	16	22	25	44	
	HMI2	12	10	8	6	
	RA11	731	683	618	731	
	RA13	571	527	547	584	
	RA15	682	711	704	673	
	T11	178	174	194	206	
	T12	123	120	124	130	
	WT16	1	2	0	2	
	GLN	AU28	6	4	5	6
		BLS21	522	-	-	-
BLS25		454	-	-	-	
E21		807	815	826	816	
E22		586	591	591	585	
E23		68	86	74	75	
E24		265	232	223	259	
E25		789	698	715	776	
E26		715	671	673	636	
E27		517	574	539	562	
E28		159	192	175	157	
E29		240	214	249	248	
HM24		14	12	9	9	
RA21		1,022	861	857	842	
RA22		-	601	606	565	
RA25		934	816	812	813	
RA26		897	895	870	849	
RA29		422	354	349	353	
T21		262	264	286	245	
T26		253	229	217	228	
T29		70	69	67	74	
USR22		5	4	5	1	
WT21		0	4	1	3	
WT27		2	3	0	2	

Agency	Unit	Jul-Sept. 2010	Jul-Sept. 2009	Jul-Sept. 2008	Jul-Sept. 2007
MPK	E61	435	405	425	446
	E62	355	371	290	313
	E63	280	257	249	297
	RA61	494	396	432	446
	RA62	358	372	350	340
	T61	145	128	141	142
	MRV	E101	492	569	476
E102		396	366	352	389
SQ101		405	443	386	374
T101		107	127	89	96
MTB	WT101	3	2	2	2
	AU55	2	2	(Montebello joined the Verdugo System in Feb. 2009)	
	BR55	1	8		
	BR56	2	12		
	E55	641	538		
	E56	311	316		
	E57	248	509		
	T55	246	258		
	T56	-	89		
	USR55	1	3		
PAS	E31	957	846		
	E32	412	482	428	479
	E33	868	739	811	822
	E34	509	517	531	557
	E36	839	799	777	830
	E37	362	334	347	375
	E38	186	175	176	174
	E39	162	137	173	171
	RA31	748	695	726	735
	RA32	516	546	536	562
	RA33	826	732	753	758
	RA34	539	488	531	543
	RA36	755	737	740	747
	T31	363	343	316	311
	T32	2	185	209	177
	USR32	7	5	4	3
	SGB	E51	318	276	282
E52		272	277	243	268
RA51		407	371	362	383
USR51		0	2	0	1
SMD	E41	89	83	53	68
	RA41	242	213	214	209
	WT41	0	0	0	0
SNM	E91	221	195	242	240
	RA91	264	243	236	237
SPS	AU81	57	61	69	47
	E81	415	420	399	383
	RA81	317	297	310	256

- Total *unit responses* for an agency will be much higher than the number of *incidents* they responded on because two or more units respond on most types of incidents.
- Total *completed responses* for each unit will be somewhat lower if the unit was occasionally cancelled enroute to an incident.

OUT OF JURISDICTION RESPONSES: Summer 2010 vs. Summer 2009

The following tables show the number of out of jurisdiction dispatches (not necessarily completed responses) for each fire department for July - September 2010 and 2009. 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 Verdugo System/Los Angeles response region. "XAA" generally includes units such as private ambulances, private company fire engines, airport crash-related vehicles, and helicopters.



Summer 2010

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred															Subtotals
	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	MTB	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
Jul-Sep 2010																
ALH	X					56		5	47	15		32	3			158
ARC		X		1	67			21			2		12		1	104
BRK		3	X	77	3	1		3				1	7	15	2	111
GLN		1	82	X	2	1		23	1			1	16	75	4	206
MRV	5	62			X		1	2			4		8		1	83
MPK	68				1	X	50	1	24				20			164
MTB					1	38	X						10	1	9	59
PAS	6	19	7	21	1	3	1	X	2	13	1	25	20	11		130
SGB	43	1	1		1	14	2		X	10		1	10			83
SNM	7	4			4			38	30	X			35	34		152
SMD											X		11		1	12
SPS	10	1						34	1	16		X		2		64
LAC		15		17	15	22	25	15	3	8	1		X			121
LFD			8	20								5		X		33
XAA	1	29	20	3	615	14	912	3			4	1	8		1	1,611
Subtotals	140	135	118	139	710	149	991	145	108	62	12	100	159	104	19	3,091

Summer 2009

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred															Subtotals
	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	MTB	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB	
Jul-Sep 2009																
ALH	X			1	1	41	3	13	50	9		15	2		2	137
ARC	1	X			45	1		16	1	2	3		12		1	82
BRK		1	X	53		4		3				1	7	23	11	103
GLN		1	63	X	1	6		13	1		1		19	88	8	201
MRV		69			X	1					2		18		2	92
MPK	59			1		X	84		22				23		4	193
MTB		1		1		29	X	1	3			1	16		13	65
PAS	4	18	2	17	3	2		X	5	8	3	20	30	11	3	126
SGB	31	1		1		10	3	1	X	8			9		2	66
SNM	12	3				2		19	30	X			19	41	1	127
SMD		1							1		X		4		1	7
SPS	5			1		5		40	1	11		X	1	1		65
LAC		16		13	9	12	8	13	9	6	1		X			87
LFD			4	12		1		3				4		X		24
XAA	1	29	23	1	631	4	1,029	3	1		2		12		4	1,740
Subtotals	113	140	92	101	690	118	1,127	125	124	44	12	60	194	123	52	3,115