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Coordinator's Update

What an incredible quarter this has been for Area C: the unexpected news that Chief Gray was relocating to Northern California, my selection as Area C Coordinator, and fires raging all over Southern California in Oct/Nov. Interesting and challenging times for all of us.

I am writing this first column as your new Area C Coordinator. Wow!! What a way to start. The largest wildland fire siege our beautiful state has ever experienced. Our area provided a combination of 26 engines, 7 command teams, 3 OES engines, 1 water tender, and many overhead people, including Division Supervisors and Agency Reps. We had a total of seven strike teams mobilized, all led by Area C command teams. Some of the latter Strike Teams were a mix with other areas. We did all this and still kept 39 fire stations staffed. What an accomplishment.

Obviously, we were only able to accomplish this task with the help of many, but one individual in particular stands out above the rest, his name Chris Gray, Fire Chief. I say that with the utmost respect, directed at a stellar individual. It was due, in no small part, to his efforts that we were able to respond as well as we did and will continue to do when called upon in the future. It was Chris's vision, dedication, and relentless work ethic over many years that put our Area in a position to respond to the extent that we were able to. And even at that level, we still had all stations staffed and able to mitigate all 911 incidents. Thank you, Chris.

I know first hand that all the Area C Fire Chiefs could not be more proud of their departments and the commitment of all members, and not just the folks that deployed, but also those who stayed back to protect our communities with the same dedication and compassion to all. Many of you were committed seven days or more, doing hard, hazardous, work with poor, if any, rest. Again, we are all very proud of you.

It is a difficult undertaking to mobilize such large numbers of equipment and personnel to fires all over Southern California. Thankfully, we have a dedicated group of people who work very



hard and don't often receive much notoriety, either from day to day operations or on large incidents and deployments. They are the faceless voices that we hear on our radios or talk to on the phone. During the recent fire siege, I had the opportunity to work very closely with all of them, and I can tell you that they are a group of consummate professionals through and through. We should be very proud of them and the quality service they provide to us on many levels. We know them as Verdugo Dispatch. They spend countless hours working ever so diligently, analyzing information, both internal and external, so that when we receive the call to act, things progress seamlessly. We all owe them a debt of gratitude. Please, when you talk to them, let them know how much you appreciate their efforts and give them a word of thanks.

We still must stay vigilant as we are in the height of our wildland season. Many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners have been eaten on the fire lines. As all of you know, our fuels are critical and our weather is dry, without any recovery in sight. The weather folks are predicting another year of low rainfall. It is really a simple equation: if we get wind before rain, Southern California will continue to burn. And we will continue to support all the fires with firefighters and equipment to the best of our ability.

On a different note, I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. and speak in support of Congressman Schiff and Congresswoman Bono's proposed legislation: Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH), HR 1759, which proposes establishing a nationwide database to track convicted arsonists. As currently proposed, the MATCH Act would also establish the Criminal Arsonist Management Assistance Program to ensure that jurisdictions have the necessary means to manage and maintain their local registry. I was honored to represent the fire service and see firsthand how legislation is enacted. It's not done yet, but it seems to stand a good chance at a vote of the full House.

Once again, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as Area C Coordinator with Chief Dennis Downs, Pasadena Fire Department as my backup and Chief Don Biggs, Glendale Fire Department. I look forward to my continued interaction with you all and know that I can count on your support.

As we move into the holiday season, my wish is for everyone to be safe, happy, and get to go home to friends and family at the end of the day, whether it's from a desk, a station or the fire lines. My best to you all for Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanza and New Year's, and for those not celebrating – have a great day!

Tracy Pansini
Area C Coordinator

Recent Strike Team Activity

Team	Incident Name	Dispatch Date	Dispatch Time	Leader	Trainee	Release Date	Release Time
1800-A	Zaca	7/7/2007	10:46	MTB BC504 Middlebrooks	Golden	7/8/2007	14:21
1201-A	Canyon	7/7/2007	16:03	GLN BC2 - Creasey	N/A	7/8/2007	0:31
1205-A	Canyon	7/7/2007	18:04	PAS BC3 - Gordon	N/A	7/7/2004	23:20
1800-A	Zaca	7/16/2007	18:47	MRV BC10 - Dennis	SMD - AC4 Heydorff	7/17/2007	13:55
1800-A	Zaca Two	8/3/2007	17:08	SMD CH4 - Lowe	SMD - AC4 Heydorff	8/12/2007	10:07
1202-A	Skyline	8/21/2007	15:20	GLN BC2 - Creasey	PAS - BC3 Gibson	8/21/2007	20:28
1204-A	North	9/3/2007	16:40	ARC BC105 - Norwood	GLN BC2 - Fish	9/4/2007	19:44
1203-A	Potrero	9/8/2007	15:55	BRK BC1 - Robertson	N/A	9/8/2007	19:12
1800-A	Butler 2	9/15/2007	14:37	ARC BC105 - Haney	ARC - BC105 Braun	9/19/2007	22:31
1205-A	Butler 2	9/15/2007	16:21	SGB BC5 - Terry	N/A	9/18/2007	13:40
1201-A	Butler 2	9/15/2007	16:24	BRK BC1 - Robertson	GLN BC2 - Fish	9/18/2007	15:40
1204-A	Canyon	10/21/2007	5:17	PAS BC3 - Johnson	PAS Cpt. Rosetti	10/23/2007	15:37
1202-A	Canyon	10/21/2007	5:17	GLN BC2 - Doyle		10/23/2007	17:12
WT11	Canyon	10/21/2007	11:00	GLN Eng. John McGaffin	GLN FF Lance Menier	10/24/2007	15:01
1205-A	Canyon	10/21/2007	11:12	MPK BC6 - Khail	ALH BC7 Phelps	10/23/2007	16:56
1203-A	Buckweed	10/21/2007	14:54	BRK BC1 - Robertson	PAS BC3 - Gibson	10/23/2007	12:37
1801-A	October Fires	10/22/2007	18:20	ARC BC105 - Haney	PAS BC3 - Imler	10/22/2007	21:39
1204-A	Santiago	10/23/2007	15:36	PAS BC3-Johnson		10/28/2007	12:07
1205-A	Santiago	10/23/2007	16:54	MPK BC6-Khail		10/28/2007	14:00
1202-A	Santiago	10/23/2007	17:10	GLN BC2-Doyle		10/28/2007	15:12
1203-A	Grass Valley	10/24/2007	12:36	BRK BC1-Robertson	PAS BC3 - Gibson	10/24/2007	19:21
1203-A	Slide	10/24/2007	19:21	BRK-BC1 Robertson	PAS BC3 - Gibson	10/29/2007	15:03
1801A	Witch	10/23/2007	2:29	ARC BC105 - Haney	PAS BC3 - Imler	10/29/2007	16:30
1207A	Harris	10/24/2007	17:41	MRV BC10 - Dennis	WCV BC?	10/28/2007	15:24
WT11	Witch	10/24/2007	14:48	GLN Eng. John McGaffin	GLN FF Lance Menier	11/4/2007	10:30

ALHAMBRA

Population: 89,326

Area: 7.62 sq.mi.

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



Alhambra's Newest Battalion Chief

Former Fire Captain Tom Phelps was promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief with the Alhambra Fire Department on July 12. He joins fellow Battalion Chiefs Ray Mosack and Acting Chief John Cermak, and is assigned to command the "B" shift.

Chief Phelps began his career with Alhambra in December 1980. He was promoted to the rank of Fire Engineer in October 1984, and then accepted a "day job" as Hazardous

Materials Specialist in 1992. He also conducted arson and fire investigations while assigned to the Fire Prevention Division.

Chief Phelps was again promoted in 1995, then to the rank of Fire Captain. He is married with four daughters and has one female pet dog, and often jokes about needing to come to work to be around "some guys" for a change. Congratulations, Chief Phelps!

Warehouse Fire Results in \$5,000,000 Loss and Garlic Cloud Over Industrial Area

Just before midnight on October 5, a full assignment of Alhambra firefighters responded to 1117 Westminster Avenue for a reported warehouse fire. Engine 74 personnel arrived first onscene and noted the building was already fully involved in fire. Crews from Engines 74 and 73 immediately established hand lines to protect neighboring buildings, while Engine 72 personnel set up exposure protection on the south side of the building.

Additional equipment was requested and combined truck companies established aerial operations as part of a defensive attack. Other visiting agency equipment joined with Alhambra Engine 71 in fire attack and

control. The fire appeared to be most intense near a loading dock area and spread rapidly through the structure from east to west. The fire was so intense that the roof collapsed in a relatively short period of time. No firefighters were inside at the time, and no civilians were injured in the fire.

The warehouse was leased to a company that manufactured and sold food stuffs, among which included large drums containing garlic juice. During the fire and for several days afterward, the air surrounding Alhambra's industrial district was permeated by a distinctive odor of garlic.

The San Gabriel Arson & Explosives task force conducted an involved investigation into the cause of the fire. As of this writing, the exact cause is still undetermined. Fire loss estimates include \$2 million in contents and \$3 million in structure damage.



ARCADIA

Population: 56,145

Area: 12.00 sq. mi.

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

Personnel

On July 21, Chief David R. Lugo, Jr. retired from the Arcadia Fire Department after serving as Fire Chief

for five years. On July 22, City Manager Bill Kelly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Tony L. Trabbie as Acting Fire Chief. In August, B.C. David Odell was appointed as Acting Deputy Fire Chief, and Captain II Rick Braun successfully completed the Battalion Chief Recruitment pro-



cess and was appointed as an Acting Battalion Chief. In October, the acting appointments were made permanent.

In September, three new firefighter recruits started an eight-week training academy and have been assigned as follows: Brian Ursettie (E105A), Kenneth Galindo (E105B) and Richard Olivarez (E105C).

After 28 years in the fire service, Firefighter Craig Stogner retired from Arcadia Fire Department with 20 years of service to the City of Arcadia. Engineer Richard Loken retired af-



Deputy Fire Chief Dave Odell Battalion Chief Rick Braun Firefighter Craig Stogner Fire Engineer Richard Loken

ter 29 years of service. Both retirees will be honored at the annual retirement dinner in November. Good luck to both of them!

Headquarters Station 105 Project Update

The City of Arcadia Development Services and Fire Department staffs continue to work diligently on the rebuild of Fire Station 105 at 710 South Santa Anita Avenue. The building is beginning to resemble a fire station and is moving along at a rapid rate after some unforeseen delays. There is a new projected move-in date of February 2008. Fire Department staff and crews are looking forward to being in their new firehouse.



Training

All Arcadia fire suppression per-



sonnel completed "Class A" foam training taught by the experts from Pierce Fire Equipment in July. In-house trainers taught RT-130 during the month of July in preparation for the upcoming fire season.

Four personnel attended an ICIS "train the trainer" class in Glendale, then provided training on all three shifts.

New WMD masks were issued to all suppression personnel and SCBA fit testing was completed in the month of September.

Fire Prevention Bureau

October is Fire Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Practice your Escape Plan in the



Home." Arcadia Firefighters provided safety tips, demonstrated escape tactics, and discussed escape routes with elementary school students throughout Arcadia. Remember: *Practice...Practice...Practice.*

Santa Anita Race Track

Oak Tree racing season started in September and will continue into November, which normally increases the city's response volume. All crews did a walk-through of the racetrack facility to familiarize themselves with pre-fire plans.

BURBANK

Population: 106,879

Area: 17.15 sq.mi.

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

We are thankful to report that our personnel have been out and, more

importantly, have come back unhurt from deployment to the fires that have ravaged Southern California in the last few weeks. We are proud of them, their contributions to the fire service, and the wildfire field experiences they have gained as a result. Some of the first deployed crews were called out again for additional assignments.

On August 30, BFD personnel attended Chief Gray's retirement

event to thank him for his long service to the tri-cities and wish him well with his move and transition to a new department. At the same time, we are proud to continue to provide our fullest support and cooperation to the Glendale Fire Department and Chief Biggs.

Part of our fire season planning included preparation, printing and distribution by the Disaster Preparedness Division, under the leadership of

Capt. Steve Briggs, of a 12-page instruction guide called *The City of Burbank's Wildfire Action Plan*. This publication is intended to be a guide for residents of our hillside community. Contents include a description and pictures of defensible space, a checklist of supplies to have on hand, evacuation guidelines, and suggestions for an evacuation plan. We hope this will be a useful tool for residents and another component in our outreach to our foothill community.

It has been a busy, if hamstrung, quarter for the Fire Chief who, in addition to regular business, underwent thumb surgery during this quarter. Healing is in progress as evidenced by the decreasing size of the cast and dressing, down from something the size of a mini football (captured and replayed on video from the Council session), then a smaller cast, and now a small ace bandage and brace.

Following Chief Gray's move to Northern California, Chief Pansini was selected to serve as Area C Coordinator. In addition to those duties and "regular business," the Chief attended Chief Lugo's retirement event. He also attended the Armenian National Committee Banquet on Sept. 30 at the Universal Sheraton in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Western Diocese with City of Burbank leaders and executives. The Chief and staff attended the sister event, the Western Armenian Diocese cathedral ground-breaking presided over by His Holiness Karekin II (the Armenian pope) on Oct. 2. Both of these extraordinary events provided cultural insight, education, and gastronomic adventures.

The Chief attended LAAFC's Bear Paw Conference on Oct. 3, 4 and 5, and although registered, could not attend the Cal Chiefs Conference in Riverside. Will try again next year. He met with CHP Commander Bill Dance to strengthen an already good relationship with CHP and explore

further avenues for seamless interactions of BFD and CHP personnel in the field.

The anniversary of 911 occurred during this quarter. BFD allows each member to remember it in his or her own way and nothing formal is planned. Multiple invitations came in for community events at Forest Lawn and Knights of Columbus which were publicized in our weekly newsletter. BFF President Lew Stone and BFD personnel and apparatus represented the department at a memorial event with students at Burroughs High School.

News from the Fire Prevention Bureau: Several events were planned for Fire Prevention Week. Staff had a good time and were able to provide good information to the public, along with our character Squirt, who has his own loyal following.



We have been working with our Human Resources Department to improve the specifications for the position of Deputy Fire Marshal. The specification is now complete and will be submitted to the Civil Service Board for approval in November.

Danny King joined the Fire Prevention Bureau as a Fire Inspector on September 5 and is proving to be a good addition to the team. Danny came to us from Warner Bros Fire Department, and he has prior experience as an Inspector for South Pasadena Fire Department.

Changes have occurred at the Burbank Police Department. Chief Tom Hoefel retired on July 30 and Tim Stehr, long-time Burbank Police Department employee, was sworn in as Burbank Police Chief at the Au-

gust 1 Change of Command Ceremony.

The second joint tri-cities firefighter recruit academy got underway during this quarter. Many thanks are due to everyone involved in making the joint academy a continuing reality. Due to great teamwork at all levels and much effort, discussion and communication, it has been possible to mesh each department's training requirements into an overall structure called a joint academy. Plans are in the works for the next academy in April or May 2008.

Bob Trowbridge, Communications Division BC, obtained and distributed Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) cards to Chief Officers and critical administration areas to provide priority emergency telephone override and access to service during system outages or emergencies.

Joint hazmat training took place in July, along with radio refresher classes and training on the new program in preparation for the ICIS changeover on November 5. Classes were also provided on Pandemic Flu and USAR Team Training.

Following a recent court case on the East Coast and subsequent media reports relative to possible failure of Survivair equipment, BFD members have been reminded to perform essential checks of their SCBA equipment. Bulletins and instructional memos have been distributed with procedures to take in the event any of the airways become blocked.

Other events: The annual Wellness Fitness program began July 25 and included orientation, blood work, nutrition information and fitness counseling. BFD rigs and personnel helped the Boys Civitan and Girls Ponytail baseball teams kick off their season in July.

In July, we were pleased to welcome the Quest Caravan. This is another joint effort of many folks from

Burbank, the tri-cities, and way beyond. From a Burbank perspective, thanks are due to BFF Local 778 for their continuing donation and support and to all the other Area C cities who participate in this very worthwhile process. Burbank's superstars this year (i.e., those who did a lot of the heavy lifting) are Ray Krakowski, Brian Rowley, Jeff Howe, Terry Mencuri and Eric Rowley. To them and the many others who offered their time and service, we thank you as many, many burn victims will now be able to benefit from this amazing program.

Notable incidents include a fatal neighborhood confrontation in Burbank on Aug. 9 at 5 p.m., involv-



ing both police and fire, which resulted in three deaths and one injury.

A house fire on Niagara Street occurred on Aug. 20 started in the garage. No one was home, but a pet was rescued. Damage to the structure was



estimated at \$30,000 and contents \$20,000.

A traffic accident occurred on Aug. 25 at Hollywood Way and Tulare, resulting in three critical patients who were taken to Holy Cross and County-USC. BPD was on scene for traffic control and investigation, and Public Works staff repaired signal damage. (Pictures by Chester Brown.)



GLENDALE

Population: 206,308

Area: 30.59 sq.mi.

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

Personnel

The big news during this calendar quarter was Chief Gray's retirement at the end of August. He and his family have moved to San Rafael, where he is now Fire Chief.



Retired Glendale Assistant Fire Chief Don Biggs has taken a brief leave of absence from his duties at Warner Bros. to act as Interim Fire Chief of Glendale Fire



Department during the recruitment process for a new Fire Chief. Thanks to Chief Biggs' long relationship with the department, the transition has been exceptionally smooth.

Congratulations to Greg Fish, who was promoted to Battalion Chief on August 30. Chief Fish has assumed the duties of Training and Safety Officer. The new Training Captain is Matt Luchetta.



Firefighters Steve Keys and Jeff Ragusa have both passed Paramedic Training Institute and the National Registry Skills exam. Steve and Jeff were tied for the highest score in their class at PTI and both spoke at their graduation. The graduation ceremony was held on July 24 at the El Camino



College Campus in Torrance. Congratulations to both of them.

Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy

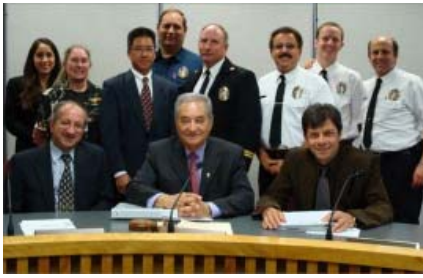
We have embarked on another training academy adventure. Eight Glendale recruits are putting forth their best efforts in the second class of the Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy. The dates for the academy are:

September 25 – Orientation
October 8 – Academy began
December 21 – Graduation

The Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy staff representing Glendale will be Captains Foley and Mohlenbrok, along with the 40-hour peer instructor FF Jeff Brooks. The platoon peer instructors are Firefighters Bob Garibay, Jason Bess, Gil Pedroza, Gil Mejia, Jason Broussard and Scott McMahon, and FF/PM Chris Malaspino.

Review of New Fire Code

The first hearing of the joint Building and Fire Board of Appeals was on September 19. Our proposed adoption ordinance was favorably ac-



cepted by the Board. A second hearing will be in early October, followed by two City Council hearings.

Since the State of California is adopting new codes, all cities and counties are required to develop ordinances adopting the new codes, for the first time since 2004. Some people are familiar with the Uniform Code family (UBC, UFC, etc.), which no longer exists and has been replaced by the International family of codes (IBC, IFB, etc.).

The keystones of our previous fire safety provisions are being retained to ensure a continued high level of fire and life safety for Glendale: hazardous materials/environmental regulation and hazardous vegetation management/wildland-urban interface fire safety. New codes will be effective January 1, 2008.

Glendale Medic for Business

The first subscription program for business owners has been completed and brochures describing the program have been mailed to 5,000 business owners in Glendale. The brochures explain that the new program enables employers to provide protection for their employees if they should ever require an ambulance transport by Glendale Fire Paramedics. Coverage is provided to the employee whether or not they are working at the time service is provided. Billing for the service will



be handled by Glendale Water & Power.

Public Education and CERT

The summer months proved to be busy ones for the public education team. The GFD participated in a total of 41 Pub-Ed events, including graduating two classes of CERT students. Our pub-ed team also participated in the Glendale Memorial Health Fair, Cruise Night, GPD's National Night Out, library read-alongs, and several fire extinguisher demonstrations and fire safety talks.

We are gearing up for a new semester and a new group of students for the Public Safety Academy at Hoover High School, where Firefighter Pat Dawson will take the lead in Fire's share of the instruction. With the new school year underway and many requests already on the books, we anticipate that this fall will be another busy year for public education.

As Fire Prevention Week occurred in October and the theme of "Practice your Escape Plan" went out to the public, we also acknowledged all GFD personnel for being such great role models and mentors for our community and for encouraging citizens to be safe. Keep up the great public education work!



MONROVIA

Population: 39,006

Area: 13.73 sq.mi.

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



CERT Program

This year marks the beginning of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in Monrovia. Fire Department instructors teach the national curriculum, which is a combination of lectures and hands-on activities. Participants receive training in disaster preparedness, disaster medical operations, fire suppression, disaster psychology, incident command and terrorism. The 20-hour class culminates with a disaster scenario that allows participants to evaluate and prioritize a variety of emergencies, develop an action plan, work as a team and problem-solve. The first class graduated on October 6 with 19 students and will be held quarterly.

The CERT program has become a huge success and classes are filled up for the next four sessions. Our next step is to offer classes during the evening and to offer a class in

Spanish, all towards reaching the goal of certifying 1% of the Monrovia population in CERT within five years.

Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme was "Practice Your Escape Plan." Paramedics B.J. Scott and David Phillips delivered this message to 690 fourth-graders in our public and private schools. Since this message is not limited to the young, they also spoke to 420 seniors residing in the city's assisted-living facilities. Their message was that fire can spread rapidly through a home, sometimes in as little as two minutes, so a well-practiced escape plan that everyone in the family is familiar with may make the difference in getting out in time. Last year, the nation's structure fires totaled 526,000. Of that, 412,500 were residential fires (78.7% of all structure fires). Of the residential fires, 304,500 occurred in one- and two-family dwellings (58.1%). So the message was clear: *Practice Your Escape Plan!*

Expanded Management Training

On August 21, the Monrovia Fire Department Training Division introduced basic fire training principles and flashover survival techniques to the City of Monrovia Expanded Management Team. This includes all city Department Heads, Department Directors, the Police Department Command Staff, and the City Manager's Executive Staff. The intent of this training was to demonstrate the routine and somewhat fundamental operational functions of an entry-level firefighter.



This newly developed program was named "The Expanded Management Basic Fire Academy." In Phase 1 of this training, the expanded management "Cadets" were introduced to fundamental elements of fire "flashover" situational awareness training. The expanded management team was given a PowerPoint training class and each team member was fitted for structural turn-out gear. The "Recruits" were then dismissed from their first day of this training and were requested to report for duty on September 12 at 0800 in the Monrovia EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

On September 12, the team was transported to the Rio Hondo Fire Training Center in Santa Fe Springs for Phase II. They were given a safety briefing and assigned to four-person Engine Companies. These companies were instructed in minor fire suppression techniques, fire extinguisher training, hose lays, and nozzle techniques, and were voluntarily placed into a flashover container. The "Cadets" had the opportunity to experience a simulated structure fire conducted by MFD personnel, assisted by members of the Rio Hondo Fire Control II Staff.

The feedback from this event was extremely positive and a greater appreciation for the fire department, as a whole, was achieved. The Monrovia Fire Department is extremely proud of this event and the working relationship we share with other departments throughout our city. We were excited to have the opportunity to expose our fellow city employees to a few fundamental and entry level fire ground tactical evolutions and basic firefighting principles. The Monrovia Fire Department is dedicated to partnering with other city working groups in an effort to develop



stronger and more productive working relationships. Particular thanks go out to Battalion Chief Chris Fabrizio and his crew, along with Chief Tracy Rickman and his Rio Hondo Academy staff for their outstanding service!

CEO Visits

The Monrovia Fire and Police Departments have partnered up and are rolling out the CEO visit program to businesses in town. The intent of the CEO visit program is to put a face and name to the public safety department within town and to personally discuss the services offered, beyond the typical emergency response. The Fire Department will be focusing on our new CERT program and the importance of fire safety within businesses and will certainly use the opportunity to build and maintain relationships with our business community partners.

Community Disaster Preparedness Forum

Monrovia Fire held a disaster preparedness community forum which was a big success. Thanks go out to Mayor Rob Hammond for his intro-

ductory remarks, Jim Goltz from the State Office of Emergency Services for his computer model depicting a 6.5 magnitude earthquake on the Raymond fault, and Captain Brad Dover for his efforts toward educating the community on disaster preparedness and his outstanding work towards Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This community forum was geared toward the national efforts of Disaster Preparedness during the month of October to better educate our community on actions they can take to be prepared in the event of a disaster. Those needing additional information were encouraged to visit the web site, <http://www.ready.gov>.

Fire Station Renovation

The week of September 20 was “move week” for the Fire Department as we packed our bags and boxes and transitioned back to the newly renovated Fire Headquarters building. We were one month



ahead of schedule and anxious to get back to a sense of normalcy, after spending nine months in temporary trailers. There were many things left to complete in the new fire station, such as finalizing the cabinetry and counter-tops in the kitchen and front landscaping, but the building was otherwise ready for occupancy. The builders, GB Construction, and staff from the Public Works Department did an outstanding job of renovating the fire station and making the building modern, functional and professional. We were officially full-service out of the renovated fire station on Friday, September 21, and the temporary trailers were moved off-site the following week. The grand reopening celebration is scheduled for November 8 at 3 p.m. and we hope that all of our Area C partner departments will join us for a tour of the facility, food, drink and lots of fun!

MONTEREY PARK

Population: 64,387

Area: 7.70 sq.mi.

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

CERT Program

In preparation for major disasters, the Monterey Park Fire Department has developed a Disaster Preparedness Trailer, which includes props to instruct the citizens of the community on how to shut down their utili-



ties in case of a major event. The trailer has the capacity to store CERT kits and an extinguisher prop powered by propane. This new addition to the fleet includes a 32” LCD flat panel TV with a DVD player showcasing our Firefighters in action. Fire-



fighter Matt Hallock and Captain Rich Reed have been responsible for this project and have done a great job.

New Hires

After successfully competing in the entry-level testing procedure, the Monterey Park Fire Department is proud to announce that the following recruits will be starting November 3:

Ricardo Olivares, Firefighter/Paramedic
Tom Burke, Firefighter/Paramedic
Daniel Cline, Firefighter/Paramedic

The department has also added an Inspector position in the Fire Prevention Division and will be filling this spot in the next few weeks. We for-

mally welcome these members to the Monterey Park Fire Department and offer our support and confidence. Congratulations and good luck!

Operations

Monterey Park Fire has been busy working to complete several critical operational projects and equipment purchases this quarter. The expansion of the office area at Station 61 is ongoing. The first level offices have received a fresh coat of paint and new cabinets have been installed in the BC's office. Station 61 will have new apparatus doors installed next month and we are adding a facility at Station 63 to park reserve apparatus.

Members of the department participating on USAR 51 are receiving specialty training in different disciplines to provide technical rescue to Area C as well as statewide.

Strategic Planning

The department has initiated a Strategic Planning process, which will provide a plan for the future of the Monterey Park Fire Department. The strategic plan is a systematic planning process involving a number of steps that identify the current status of the department, including its mission, vision for the future, operating values, needs (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats), goals, prioritized actions and strategies, action plans, and monitoring plans.

The plan will result from a consensus of ideas and goals from a representation of all ranks within the Fire Department, IAFF Local 3625, department staff, community stakeholders and business partners.

Major Incidents

During the past quarter, the Monterey Park Fire Department had several notable incidents. Though we have experienced our normal fire, hazmat, EMS, and rescue-related re-



sponses, there have been several significant incidents to report:

- A fully involved tour bus with 35 passengers on the 60 freeway,
- Second-alarm brush assignment off Potrero Grande,
- Assisted Alhambra on a second-alarm fire,
- Assisted LA County on a second-alarm fire,
- A successful save with external pacing,
- Strike team to Fawnskin.

Community Outreach

Monterey Park Fire Department is working hand in hand with the community to save lives by a campaign to implement public access to automatic defibrillators. Since 2005, Chief Orchard has advocated the importance of a Public Access Defibrillation Program in the community and has sought grant funding to start a program in Monterey Park. However, competition for funding has been fierce.

Chief Orchard's vision may soon become a reality through the assistance of the Monterey Park Woman's Club. The Woman's Club has launched a fundraising campaign in the hopes of placing AEDs in facilities such as City Hall, the library, senior citizen center, and eventually,



shopping centers and schools.

Pictured above from left to right: Management Analyst Lillian Bow, Fire Chief Cathleen Orchard, Woman's Club President Pauline Lemire, and Battalion Chief Jim Birrell.

Safe Kids

International Walk to School Month occurs in October and raises community and global awareness about children's environmental safety and promotes healthy behaviors. Organizers highlight important local issues including unsafe intersections, streets that lack safe sidewalks, and dangerous areas where more than one pedestrian has either been hit or almost injured by a car. The Monterey Park Fire Department hosts this event each year and is successful due to the efforts of Engineer Chris Thompson. This year's Safe Kids walk drew more than 150 elementary school children and was a huge success. Pictured below: Engineer Chris Thompson facilitating the Safe Kids Walk to School.



UNIFIED RESPONSE	
Upcoming Deadlines	
<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Winter 2008	Jan. 10
Spring 2008	Apr. 7
Summer 2008	Jul. 7

PASADENA

Population: 146,138

Area: 23.0 sq.mi.

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

TC / Gold Rail

On October 13 at 1:18 a.m., Pasadena Fire units were dispatched to an overturned big rig tractor trailer on the eastbound 210 freeway, east of Allen.

E33 Captain Barilla arrived on scene to find a big rig tractor trailer had driven thru the “K” railing on the eastbound lanes and had come to rest on both of the Metro Gold Line rail tracks. Via Verdugo Dispatch, Captain Barilla immediately notified the Rail Operations Control (ROC) of the incident and had both east and west bound rail lines closed as well as the Overhead Catenary Electrical System (OCS) shut down from the Allen Station east. The OCS was found intact and undamaged. Eastbound traffic lanes were shut down by CHP as crews waited for Metro representatives to arrive. RA33 handled treating the driver of the big rig, who was found to be uninjured.

BC3 Chief Gibson established a Unified Command, which included CHP, LASD, CalTrans, and LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority personnel, with CHP having the jurisdictional authority for the



incident. Together, a plan was developed to deal with the incident and remove the big rig from the rail line.



Scaffolding Collapse

On August 8, Pasadena Fire units were dispatched to collapsed scaffolding with workers injured. Battalion Chief Imler was first to arrive and found the entire side of scaffolding from a seven-story building down in a parking lot across a number of parked cars. A police officer reported that two workers were trapped in the rubble. Additional units were summoned to conduct a search and rescue effort. Only one construction worker was found injured. He fell from the fourth story with the scaffolding during the collapse. He was treated and stabilized by members of E31 and RA31 and transported to HMH in serious condition. A thorough search was completed of the vehicles and debris with no other victims found. A total of 15 vehicles were damaged in the accident. The adjacent street and parking lots next to the collapse were closed until the standing scaffolding could be secured. At least 150 feet of scaffolding as high as 75 feet had come down.

Structure Fire at Action Auto

On September 24, Pasadena Fire units E37, E32, E34, T32, T31, RA34 and Battalion 3 were dispatched to a structure fire at 2880 E. Colorado Blvd (Action Auto). Battalion Chief Imler requested two more engine companies due to the large amount of smoke visible in the area. E91 (San Marino) and E31 responded.

E37 (Captain English) arrived on scene under five minutes of the dispatch to find a one-story, “L” shaped auto repair shop with heavy smoke and fire showing to the rear of the structure. E37 pulled two 1¾” lines to the front of the structure and began attacking the fire. E37’s well placed lines helped keep the fire from spreading north to the office and showroom areas of the property. It took fire units 29 minutes to knock down the fire.

Investigator 3 determined the fire was caused by an overheated tar pot used by roofers at the property.

Damage was estimated to be \$500,000 to the property and \$200,000 to the contents.





Personnel

Fire Captain Brett Gibson has

been promoted to the position of Fire Battalion Chief. Chief Gibson assumed command of the B-shift effective August 21.

Engineer Art Hurtado (pictured to the right) was promoted to Fire Captain effective July 23 and he is now stationed at Station 34.

Firefighter Bradley Sims has successfully completed paramedic training.

Please join us in congratulating



these members and wishing them the best in their new duties.

SAN GABRIEL

Population: 42,320

Area: 4.10 sq.mi.

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

San Gabriel Fire lost a good employee recently. Jeff Powley, 52A Engineer, resigned to take a position with the Mountain View Fire Protection District in Longmont, Colorado. Jeff had purchased a spread of 40 acres just outside of Brighton and moved his family there earlier this month. With the completion of the sale of his home in Corona, Jeff was free to say goodbye to the Department and catch up to his wife and daughters. He is now assigned to a newly formed truck company, as a Captain. We wish him all the best, and some of us deeply envy his two stories with a basement, on 40 acres, with a barn, on the reservoir.

With the resignation of a member comes a promotion. In this case, Tod Smith (24 years with the Department) has been promoted to the position of Engineer,



and assigned to Station 51A for the duration of his probationary period. Engineer Newton Ong has been reassigned to Station 52A to make room for Tod.

Along with Alhambra and Monterey Park, San Gabriel has been undergoing refresher WMD training. Held at San Gabriel's Station 51, the training is to update and practice the basics of dealing with the biological, chemical, and radiological hazards that we hope never show up in our community.

Deputy Fire Marshal Don Berry has been working with Community Development on the City's adoption of the 2007 California Building and Fire Codes, which were adopted by the State on January 1, 2007. The City's staff has been monitoring the efforts of the State of California, LA City, LA County, and other large jurisdictions to create new, less cumbersome, more uniform codes, and the resulting efforts have led to the creation of the updated codes which were published and made available in July, 2007. The new California Codes, with amendments specific to San Gabriel, will replace the 2002 codes now used, and include the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, and (the one dearest to our hearts) the Fire Code. Final adoption is planned for the November 20, 2007 City Council meeting.

As of this writing, Engine 52 (Cap-

tain Derrick Doehler, Engineer Art Stafford, Firefighter / Paramedic Alex Robbins, and Engineer Dennis Barwick) is still out on strike team duty. They were toned out at 1500 hours on Sunday, Oct. 21, and their strike team's first position was in front of Captain Doehler's house in Saugus. The house with a view comes with brush in that view, but in this case things turned out for the better. Captain Doehler's house, and that of Captain Frieders just a few doors down, were unharmed. Through the last five days, Engine 52 and the rest of the strike team have been moved around the fire areas as need dictates, and at this time are in Snow Valley / Running Springs awaiting assignment.

The Department has changed its Firefighter hiring from a test every two years to a constant recruitment process. This change, hopefully, will allow us to more quickly fill our vacancies. With one member on IOD facing surgery, and three openings in the Firefighter / Paramedic rank, the Department is down 13% of its on-the-floor manning, and people do get tired of overtime. One candidate, an ex-San Gabriel Auxiliary, has completed Paramedic training and has just gotten his LA County Paramedic certification. If all goes well, we will have a new Firefighter / Paramedic to report on in the next newsletter.

SAN MARINO

Population: 13,482

Area: 3.75 sq.mi.

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

San Marino has contracted with Connect-CTY to provide mass notification for our community. We are

currently populating the database with names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for residents, businesses and city employees. We plan to launch and publicize the service as soon as city staff are trained to use it, probably in November.

Also, we have hired Michael Brown as a FF/PM. His first day is November 1 as a member of the B-shift. He is a graduate of Mt. SAC paramedic school and fire academy. With this addition, our staffing is com-

plete, though we continue to accept applications and conduct examinations to maintain a list of qualified candidates. We anticipate completion of the Fire Captain testing process next month, and hope to identify candidates for two Division Chief openings before year-end.

SIERRA MADRE

Population: 11,010

Area: 3.0 sq.mi.

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

The past few months have been busy for the Sierra Madre Fire Department. In July and August our OES Engine and Strike Team Leaders responded to the Zaca fire in Santa Barbara County. This past summer marks 15 years of Sierra Madre staffing its OES Engine. 1992 was our first year of this agreement and in the succeeding years it has traveled to

Northern California, Arizona and, of course, multiple incidents in Southern California.

Our Paramedic Program has entered its second quarter of service. Overall, the program is working very well, and initial reviews have given the effort high marks. Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Arcadia is the base hospital for our program. We look forward to continuing the development of excellent working relationships with AMH, as well as Huntington Memorial Hospital and L.A. County DHS.

This fall has also marked the arrival of our new City Manager – Elaine Aguilar. Ms. Aguilar comes to Sierra Madre after having worked in city administration in Glendale. We are excited about the great level of

support Ms. Aguilar has already shown for the fire service. She has a clear understanding of the needs of the fire service. We look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Finally, Sierra Madre is looking forward to the implementation of ICIS. One of the challenges presented by this conversion has been the ability to alert our personnel with their VHF platform individual pagers. Our radio specialist Captain Raymond Smith has designed and implemented a system to make this possible. We have tested the ICIS platform in all parts of our response area, including some of our remote mountainous areas. The system seems to perform well under all circumstances.

SOUTH PASADENA

Population: 25,674

Area: 3.44 sq.mi.

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

The South Pasadena Fire Department celebrated its 100-year anniversary

with the citizens in July. A combination Police/Fire Safety Fair and antique car show brought the community together. Thank you to Alhambra, Pasadena, LA City, LA County, and San Marino Fire Departments for their participation in this event. We are planning on having a more formal celebration with just the fire service during the month of October.

In addition, we have been fervently working to meet the November 5 deadline for ICIS, going through

the necessary steps to adopt the new fire codes, and continual multi-company drills with Pasadena and L.A. City Fire Departments.

On a personal note, it seems this was the year for weddings within our department. Several members of our department decided this was the year to step up and marry their long-time girlfriends. Another anomaly over the summer was that the Hawaiian Islands appeared to be the vacation destination for several members...aloha!

VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Personnel

A warm welcome to Crystal Bartl and Kadia Miranda, our two newest Fire Communications Operators. They are rapidly absorbing the principles of dispatching the Verdugo way, thanks to Fire Communications Shift Supervisor Manny Soto and others.



One more Fire Communications Operator position remains to be filled, and two applicants are in the background process for the position.

ICIS Preparations

The cutover date for transition to the new trunked voice radio system was moved to November 5 to allow the 11 cities sufficient time to complete their radio programming, setup and testing of station alerting, antenna installations, and training of all personnel. The goal is to have all of this done by mid-October to give everyone ample opportunity to use the new system and become accustomed to it before we begin assigning trunked tactical channels for incidents in November, and also to allow for any troubleshooting that needs to be done. Significant work is also being done at Verdugo to prepare the radio consoles and base stations for this transition. Verdugo dispatch personnel will be trained on the new procedures as soon as the documentation is completed.



ROSS Training

A number of our staff was trained on the Resource Ordering Status & Supply (ROSS) system in July. We expect several more training opportunities in the near future so that all of our personnel will be trained in ROSS. This training will allow the dispatchers to become more actively involved in a larger automated process for the ordering of strike teams, overhead personnel, single resources, etc. for fires throughout California or even more distant incidents.

Operation Golden Phoenix

Verdugo also participated in Operation Golden Phoenix, a drill held at the Rose Bowl in July. A number of agencies within Area C from both fire and law enforcement participated in a scenario depicting the third or fourth



day after a very large earthquake with civil unrest activity. Especially cool was the landing of the Apache and Chinook helicopters and the interaction with the Search and Rescue teams from the various agencies.

Projector Upgrade



Great news! Verdugo's three rear-screen projectors have been replaced by Hoffman Video and the installation project is nearing completion. The next step will be to reconfigure the map display to optimize viewing of large portions of Area C to identify any "gaps" in coverage during major incidents with multiple move-ups. Having this feature back after more than a year of inoperability will improve our operations and also enhance the viewing experience of tours that come through our Center to learn about the 911 dispatch aspects of public safety.

AVL and AVRR

When the ICIS cutover is completed, tri-cities radio personnel will be able to return to work on testing and troubleshooting our new automatic vehicle location (AVL) system. The AVL and mobile map software has been installed on several units in each of the tri-cities, but performance is not yet up to the desired level.

Automatic Vehicle Routing and Recommendation (AVRR) software was also installed recently at Verdugo on a test basis. It will not be fully functional until all units have the AVL software installed, but in the meantime, dispatchers are able to test whether the system is correctly recommending the closest units for incidents based on their last known location (their most recent incident, their fire station, or whichever district they notify the system they are in via mobile computer terminal).

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS: Summer 2007 vs. Summer 2006

Number of Incidents: July - September 2007

CATEGORY	Verdugo		Alhambra		Arcadia		Burbank		Glendale		Monrovia	
FIRE	2,491	15.9%	183	15.7%	196	18.6%	384	16.1%	443	11.5%	127	17.0%
MEDICAL	11,918	75.9%	883	75.9%	767	73.0%	1,835	77.0%	3,083	80.3%	557	74.5%
SERVICE	942	6.0%	89	7.7%	70	6.7%	124	5.2%	198	5.2%	51	6.8%
OTHER	17	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
OOV*	344	2.2%	6	0.5%	18	1.7%	41	1.7%	112	2.9%	13	1.7%
TOTAL	15,712		1,163		1,051		2,384		3,841		748	

CATEGORY	Monterey Park		Pasadena		San Gabriel		San Marino		Sierra Madre		South Pasadena	
FIRE	120	13.1%	673	16.9%	88	16.7%	52	22.3%	38	19.1%	69	18.5%
MEDICAL	706	76.8%	3,015	75.5%	403	76.6%	125	53.6%	139	69.8%	254	68.1%
SERVICE	44	4.8%	251	6.3%	26	4.9%	22	9.4%	18	9.0%	43	11.5%
OTHER	0	0.0%	9	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OOV*	49	5.3%	45	1.1%	9	1.7%	34	14.6%	4	2.0%	7	1.9%
TOTAL	919		3,993		526		233		199		373	

Number of Incidents: July - September 2006

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

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

RESPONSE TIME ANALYSIS: Summer 2007

Agency	Av. Dispatch to Onscene (Min:Sec)	Percent 5 Min. or Less	Total Incidents (Jul-Sep)
ALH	4:26	70.4%	1,163
ARC	4:18	71.5%	1,051
BRK	4:30	68.2%	2,384
GLN	4:05	79.4%	3,841
MPK	4:57	58.3%	919
MRV	4:41	64.2%	748
PAS	4:15	73.5%	3,993
SGB	4:15	75.1%	526
SMD	4:31	78.8%	199
SNM	3:58	76.9%	233
SPS	4:22	69.0%	373

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.

UNITS DISPATCHED BY VERDUGO: Summer 2007 vs. Summer 2006

Agency	Unit	Jul-Sept. 2007	Jul-Sept. 2006	
ALH	E71	421	462	
	E72	362	363	
	E73	261	207	
	E74	311	282	
	RA71	583	579	
	RA74	397	385	
	T71	170	190	
ARC	E105	378	374	
	E106	508	533	
	E107	236	196	
	RA105	381	364	
	RA106	443	425	
	T105	162	156	
	AU106	1	3	
	USR106	1	5	
	BRK	E11	700	639
E12		369	369	
E13		433	431	
E14		338	304	
E15		501	528	
E16		203	198	
E18		44	27	
HM12		6	8	
RA11		731	692	
RA13		584	549	
RA15		673	688	
T11		206	195	
T12		130	118	
WT16		2	1	
GLN		AU28	6	4
		E21	816	776
		E22	585	549
	E23	75	66	
	E24	259	235	
	E25	776	755	
	E26	636	643	
	E27	562	527	
	E28	157	163	
	E29	248	258	
	HM24	9	7	
	RA21	842	1,080	
	RA22	565	n/a	
	RA25	813	933	
	RA26	849	909	
	RA29	353	411	
	T21	245	197	
	T26	228	221	
	T29	74	56	
	USR29	1	6	
WT21	3	1		
WT27	2	1		

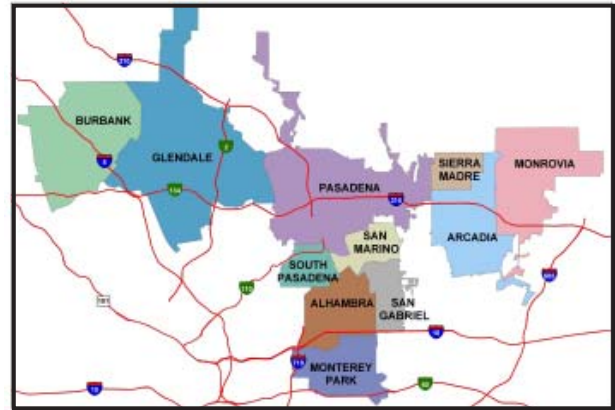
Agency	Unit	Jul-Sept. 2007	Jul-Sept. 2006
MPK	E61	446	391
	E62	313	282
	E63	297	221
	RA61	446	386
	RA62	340	325
	T61	142	127
	MRV	E101	468
E102		389	402
SQ101		374	379
T101		96	116
WT101		2	0
PAS	E31	901	874
	E32	479	462
	E33	822	835
	E34	557	585
	E36	830	759
	E37	375	401
	E38	174	195
	E39	171	149
	RA31	735	790
	RA32	562	671
	RA33	758	920
	RA34	543	n/a
	RA36	747	780
	T31	311	328
	T32	177	255
	USR32	3	11
	SGB	E51	321
E52		268	269
RA51		383	379
USR51		1	n/a
SMD	E41	68	72
	RA41	209	189
	WT41	0	0
SNM	E91	240	236
	RA91	237	254
SPS	AU81	47	62
	E81	383	420
	RA81	256	278

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: Summer 2007 vs. Summer 2006

The following tables show the number of out of jurisdiction responses for each fire department in July through September 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.



Summer 2007

Responding Agencies	City Where Incident Occurred															Subtotals
	ALH	ARC	BRK	GLN	MRV	MPK	PAS	SGB	SNM	SMD	SPS	LAC	LFD	XBB		
Jul-Sep 07																
ALH	X	1				64	3	44	8		30	2	3	1		
ARC	3	X			68	1	26	5		1	1	16		2		
BRK			X	53		1	2				2	9	29	3		
GLN	1		91	X		1	28	1			1	21	89	2		
MRV		68			X	1						11		2		
MPK	73					X		21			2	29		20		
PAS	8	19	1	8	2	4	X	1	7	1	26	34	11			
SGB	44		1			14		X	4		1	8		1		
SNM	4	1			1	1	35	46	X		31	33		1		
SMD										X		2		2		
SPS	6					1	37		14		X	2	4	1		
LAC		8		14	13	20	11	9	4	1		X				
LFD	1		8	9			1				3		X			
XAA		23	48	3	568	18	5					2	1	X		
Subtotals	140	120	149	87	652	126	148	127	37	3	97	169	137	35		

Summer 2006

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

CICCS Update

The CICCS Committee convened on October 9 at the Glendale Fire Department Training Center. Chairman Don Wright was unable to attend so the meeting was chaired Deputy Chief Steve Howard. There were five applications submitted for review. The following decisions were made:

- 1.) Arcadia Battalion Chief David Haney – Task Force Leader (TFLD): **Approved**
- 2.) Pasadena Battalion Chief Alvin Blades – Strike Team Leader Engine (STEN): **Approved**
- 3.) Pasadena Captain Gerald Gardner – Training Specialist (TNSP): **Approved**
- 4.) Glendale Battalion Chief Gregory Fish – Strike Team Leader Engine (STEN): **Approved**
- 5.) Glendale Battalion Chief Don Wright – Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS): **Approved**

During the meeting, the committee elected a new Chairman, Glendale Battalion Chief Robert Doyle. He replaces outgoing Glendale Battalion Chief Don Wright.

The subject of issuing position task books (PTB) for Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS) was discussed. Currently the requirements that must be met to have a PTB for DIVS issued are:

- 1.) Task Force Leader (TFLD) or Incident Commander Type 3 (ICT3)
- 2.) S-339

If you are interested in becoming a DIVS Trainee, it is highly encouraged that you have a task book initiated for ICT3 and/or TFLD.

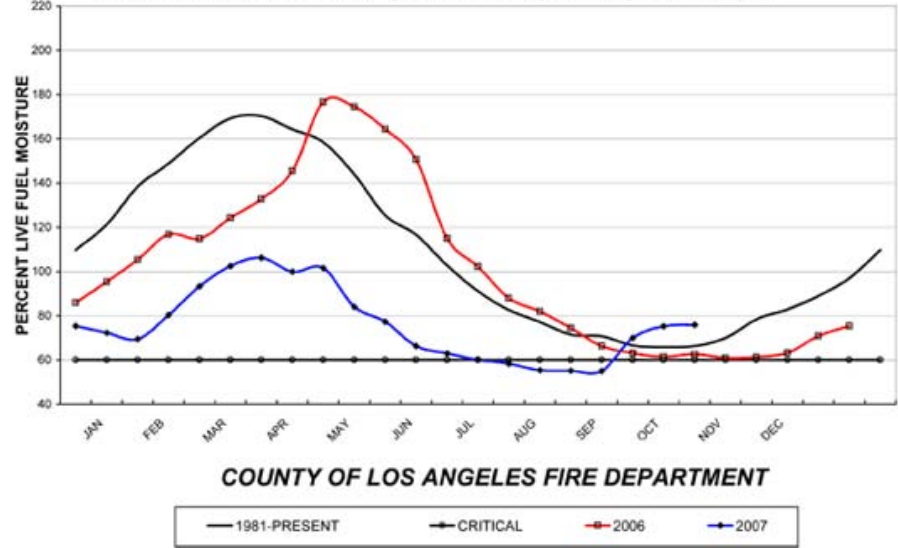
Look for the next CICCS Committee meeting in late January.

– Battalion Chief Greg Fish



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LIVE FUEL MOISTURE 1981-2007

AVG ALL AREAS - CHAMISE, CEANOTHUS, SAGES, SAGEBRUSH



<http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/FireWeatherDangerLiveFuelMoistureAllAreas.asp>

The next issue of **UNIFIED RESPONSE** will be published in mid-January 2008. Submissions of articles and photos are welcome through Jan. 10, 2008.

Strike Team Policy Updated

Please note that some changes in the Area C Strike Team Policy have occurred. You can view them at: <http://www.unified-response.org/authorized.asp>

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