

# AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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## CHIEF'S REPORT

By Glen E. Weeks

This 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Fire finally took its rightful place on the winner's podium – for best Chili! Rumor has it the cops cut us some slack and didn't try that hard. Well, never-the-less, thank you to Reserve Firefighter Frankie Ford for preparing an outstanding chili. In my opinion, it was the best chili put forward by either side since the beginning of the cook-off three years ago. Most of all, I would like to extend a thank you to the event organizers who did an outstanding job as usual pulling together a great event.

In the month of July we began the implementation of a new Record Management System (RMS). The new RMS from Zoll Data Systems will replace the outdated 4D RMS system we have been using. The RMS system is utilized for National Fire Incident Reporting, Fire Prevention Inspection Records, Maintenance Records, Training Records and can be utilized for EMS pre-hospital patient care reporting in the future.



*Probationary Firefighter Max Etchieson*

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## Welcome Firefighter Max Etchieson, Jr.

We are pleased to welcome Max Etchieson as the newest member of the team. Max is from Fairfield, California where he lives with his wife Nikki. Max and Nikki were married in September of 2008. Nikki works for the Vacaville Unified School District as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Max grew up in Martinez, CA and graduated from Alhambra High School in 1998.

Max attended Los Medanos College in Pittsburg and majored in Fire Science from 1998 to 2000. He attended Northern California Training Institute in 2002- 2003 and earned his Paramedic license.

From 2000 - 2005 Max worked for Cordelia Fire Protection District as a firefighter. In 2003, he worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic. In Oct of 2005, he began employment with Rio Vista Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic and was the EMS Coordinator from 2006-2009. He worked part-time for Medic ambulance from 2001 - 2005.

The Etchieson family enjoys traveling to Montana to visit relatives. Max enjoys hunting water fowl turkey, pigs and deer. He is currently enjoying working on domestic projects at home.

## Jose Martin Promoted to Captain

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Jose Martin. This month he was promoted to the position of Fire Captain subsequent to the retirement of Captain Vern Simas. Captain Martin began with the Fire District on March 24, 2004 as a firefighter. He is a reliable and hard working employee and has distinguished himself as a leader in the organization. As a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team, he became the Rescue Team Coordinator in 2006. In 2007, Jose was the VFW Firefighter of the Year. As a new Captain, he will be taking the assignment of coordinating apparatus maintenance and will continue to repair and maintain small power tools and equipment.

Jose has demonstrated a commitment to career development and completed the requirements for a Fire Officer Certificate in 2007. Congratulations, Captain Martin.

## Smoke Detector Program

By Assistant Chief John Fitch

This month we kicked off a Smoke Detector Donation program. The program is designed to provide and install a smoke detector to senior residents of American Canyon who either do not have a smoke detector or would like their existing smoke detector replaced, free of charge.

We would like to acknowledge Wal-Mart for making this program possible through their generous donation of 100 new smoke detectors.

We will be sending out notices to all of the mobile home residents in American Canyon. To date we have had 27 respondents who are interested in receiving a new smoke detector. Our fire crews will be going out into the community and meeting with these residents to provide and install their new smoke detectors as well as assist them with any other fire safe information.

Please remember that all smoke detectors should have batteries replaced and be tested twice a year. We recommend doing this when setting clocks for daylight savings.

## Notable Calls

### Hunter Hill Grass Fire

On July 20, 2009 at 11:58 a.m. Engine 411 and Water Tender 11 were dispatched to a grass fire reported Westbound Interstate 80, West of American Canyon Road. Units from Vallejo Fire Department were dispatched first and arrived on scene of a grass fire burning on the hill at the off ramp to Hunter's Hill Rest Stop. The fire was approximately ½ acre upon arrival, burning in grass and brush with a moderate rate of spread. Engine 411 was assigned the left fire flank and assisted Vallejo Fire Engines 25, 23 and Patrol 25 from making a 400-foot progressive hose lay. With no fire hydrant available, Water Tender 11 supplied water to all units on the fire. During the incident Napa County Engine 27 covered the American Canyon Station. The fire was brought under control within 10 minutes with an additional 30 minutes of mop-up. The total burned area was approximately 1 acre, all in unincorporated Napa County. Vallejo Fire conducted the investigation and determined the cause to be accidental, discarded smoking material. All units returned at 12:55 p.m.

## NVC Paramedic Program

On July 30, 2009 the second Napa Valley College Paramedic Program commenced. There are 19 students in the 09/10 program. The new restroom is in service and will be a big help for the training and maintenance facilities.



*Portable Restroom at 225 James Road*

# ACFD MONTHLY REPORT

For

7/1/2009 to 8/1/2009

## FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Inspections and Plan Checks	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Check Plans and Specifications (Review)	5	65	1	54
Fire Prevention Re-Inspection	9	109	4	61
Initial Fire Prevention Inspection	37	324	8	124
Inspect & Evaluate Commercial Sprinkler Systems	7	62		33
Inspect & Evaluate Residential Sprinkler Systems	14	67	6	73

Note: Total equals number if inspections and plans reviewed

## FIRE INCIDENTS (ALL FIRE INCIDENT YTD TOTALS ARE BY CALENDER YEAR DUE TO NFIRS REPORTING)

Total Number of calls for month		107	Total number of calls Year to Date		806						
<b>Fire</b>											
Structure	2	Vegetation	5	Other Fire	3	Total Fire Calls YTD	44				
EMS		Calls for month	71	Total EMS YTD		548					
Other Misc Calls		Calls for month	26	Total Misc Calls YTD		214					
<b>Mutual Aid and Auto Aid</b>											
<i>Napa County</i>				<i>City of Vallejo</i>				<i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i>			
Given	10	YTD	61	Given	5	YTD	22	Given	17	YTD	86
Received	4	YTD	60	Received	1	YTD	19	Received	5	YTD	80

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

Events and Activities	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Approved Work Detail	31.5	328.7		6
Community / Govt. Relations	30	72.55		1
Demonstrate & Explain Fire and Life Safety Procedure	15	70.5	20	
Fire Explorer Program	12	129		13
Fire Extinguisher Training	5.75	74.75	30	251
Fire Station Tour	4	49.5	16	626
Friday Night at the Plaza	27	98		
July 4 Parade	86	181.75		

Make Public Appearances	1	183.75	70
Relay for Life	40.5	62	

**Note: Total equals number of students or participants**

## TRAINING

Career Training Hours this Month	Career Training Hours Year to Date	Reserve Training Hours this Month	Reserve Training Hours Year to Date
310.5	4793.37	102	2104.95

## ADMINISTRATION

Adminstrative Meetings	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
ACFD Staff Meeting	27	205.25	2	22
Board of Directors Meeting	22	117	3	26
County Chiefs Meeting	3	57	1	14
Labor Negotiations Meeting	43	85	3	10
Management Team Meeting	9	53.75	4	26
Other Meetings	18.5	316	7	120
Shift Meeting	2.5	50	1	10
Training Officers Meeting	2	81	1	14

**Note: Total equals the number of meetings**

## Meeting Details

### Hours

ACFD Staff Meeting		
7/16/09	Officer Meeting	3
7/31/09	Shift meeting review Officers minutes and info bulletins	1.5
Board of Directors Meeting		
7/21/09	Open and Closed Session	3
7/28/09	Badge Pinning Ceremony	1
7/28/09	Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting	3
County Chiefs Meeting		
7/23/09	Monthly Napa County Chiefs	3
Labor Negotiations Meeting		
7/13/09	Labor Negotiations Meeting	3
7/22/09	Meeting with Bruce Heid	2
7/24/09	Labor Negotiation Meeting	6

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**Management Team Meeting**

7/8/09	Weekly managers	2
7/15/09	Weekly Managers	2
7/22/09	Weekly managers	2
7/29/09	Weekly Managers	3

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**Other Meetings**

7/2/09	ECC user group meeting	2
7/2/09	CICCS qualifications peer review committee	1
7/6/09	Meeting with Chris & Bette from Finance	1
7/9/09	Meet with PW Director - EOC project	1
7/14/09	FASIS Board of Directors Meeting	8
7/21/09	Meet with CM	0.5
7/28/09	Solano County Ops Chiefs Meeting	3

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**Shift Meeting**

7/28/09	Shift meeting	0.5
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**Training Officers Meeting**

7/14/09	Napa County TO meeting Yountville	2
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**Total Hours: 53.5**

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Hours this Month</b>	<b>Year to Date Hours</b>
Database applications	53.5	124.75
Fire Station Maintenance - Facility Repair	11	91
Fire Station Maintenance - Landscape	10	2.5
Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning	58.5	509.25
GIS applications	1.5	9.5
Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus	127.75	1161.75
Napa County CERT	1	57.25
Test Hose & Couplings	54	111.5
Vehicle and/or apparatus repair	5	42.5
Web Publishing and Management	2	10

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*Note: Year to Date Totals are for Fiscal year 08/09. Except Fire Incidents which are reported by calendar year as per State and Federal Incident reporting requirements.*