

AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S REPORT

By Glen E. Weeks

On behalf of all of American Canyon, I would like to thank Captain Vern Simas for his dedication and service to the community for the last 25 years. I would also like to personally thank him for all of his hard work and support. Two of the major projects Vern was responsible for were the apparatus maintenance program and the self contained breathing apparatus maintenance program. Vern spent many years going above and beyond the call of duty and was a very valuable resource to the organization with his skill, work ethic and dedication. We all wish Vern and his family all the health and happiness in his retirement!

We are about to welcome our newest firefighter, Max Etchieson, who will be filling the vacancy created by Captain Simas. Probationary Firefighter Etchieson has successfully completed all of the pre-employment process and is set to start his orientation on July 13. We will introduce Max in more detail in next month's newsletter.

I attended several Emergency Medical Services stakeholders meetings this month. The local emergency medical services agency (LEMSA) has hired the consultant that will be drafting the request for proposals for the next county ambulance provider bid process. All of the Napa County Fire Chiefs are very interested in the process and are endeavoring to be involved.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

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Captain Vern Simas Retires

After 25 years of service with the American Canyon Fire Protection District, Captain Simas retired on June 25, 2009. In July of 1985, Captain Simas began as a volunteer firefighter and in 1987 he became a full time temporary Engineer with the District. In 1989, he was hired full time as a career firefighter. In 1991, he was promoted permanently to Engineer. Since 1990, Captain Simas has been a member of the Napa Interagency Hazmat team. In 2004, he became a member of the Napa Interagency Heavy Rescue team and in September of 2007 he was promoted to Fire Captain. We would like to thank Captain Simas for his hard work and dedication to the community. His work ethic and sense of humor will be truly missed. He will be spending his retirement days hunting, fishing and baby sitting his four new grandchildren. Happy trails Vern!



A Shift
Captain Bryant, Captain Simas, Firefighters Cia,
Prettyman and Medina

Notable Calls

Commercial Vehicle Fire

On June 10th, E11 was dispatched for a commercial vehicle fire at 125 Mezzetta Ct. On arrival, a commercial truck (tractor) was found fully involved in fire. The tractor was still attached to a trailer, but the trailer was empty and received only minor damage. Cal Fire Engine 27 and Chief 1100 also responded to assist with mitigation of the incident. Once the fire was under control, it was noticed that diesel fuel was leaking. The fuel tanks on the truck had melted and dumped approximately fifty gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground. Incident Command made all of the necessary notifications for the release of the pollutant. The incident was subsequently investigated by fire and police personnel.



All that remains of a semi tractor at Mezzetta Ct.

South Napa Junction Vegetation Fire

On June 21, American Canyon fire units were dispatched to a grass fire reported as 5500 Eucalyptus, but was actually located behind the Lodge in and surrounding the basalt plant ruins. The weather was dry and windy and the fire had potential to make a run for the hills. American Canyon Engine's 11 and 411, Chief 1100 and Cal Fire Engine's 27 and 1470 were able to rapidly contain the fire to about 2 acres. Napa County Water Tender 16 was brought in to assist with water supply and Cordelia Brush 31 was brought in to assist with overhaul of the 2 acre fire area. We were not able to determine the cause of the fire.

Water Tender 11

Water Tender 11 was busy again this month responding to assist neighboring communities. On June 8, WT-11 was dispatched to the "Coombsville" vegetation fire in Napa. Upon arrival, WT-11 was directed to fill engines with water and then redirected to assist with structure protection. On June 15, WT-11 supplied water for Schellville-Vista Fire Protection District at a grass fire on Skaggs Island. On June 21, WT-11 responded to the "Blue Rock" grass fire in Vallejo. Finally, WT-11 responded to and supplied water at a small grass fire near Wetlands Edge in American Canyon on June 25.



Grass fire adjacent to Wetlands Edge Road.

ACFD MONTHLY REPORT

For

6/1/2009 to 7/1/2009

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) | 8 | 65 | 4 | 54 |
| Fire Prevention Re-Inspection | 23 | 109 | 11 | 61 |
| Initial Fire Prevention Inspection | 30 | 324 | 11 | 124 |
| Inspect & Evaluate Commercial Sprinkler Systems | 3 | 62 | 2 | 33 |

Note: Total equals number if inspections and plans reviewed

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

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|---------------------------------|----|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|----------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|-----|----|
| Total Number of calls for month | | 133 | Total number of calls Year to Date | | 699 | | | | | | |
| Fire | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Structure | 2 | Vegetation | 7 | Other Fire | 2 | Total Fire Calls YTD | 34 | | | | |
| EMS | | Calls for month | 94 | Total EMS YTD | | 477 | | | | | |
| Other Misc Calls | | Calls for month | 28 | Total Misc Calls YTD | | 188 | | | | | |
| Mutual Aid and Auto Aid | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Napa County</i> | | | | <i>City of Vallejo</i> | | | | <i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i> | | | |
| Given | 15 | YTD | 51 | Given | 6 | YTD | 17 | Given | 22 | YTD | 69 |
| Received | 10 | YTD | 56 | Received | 3 | YTD | 18 | Received | 14 | YTD | 75 |

PUBLIC EDUCATION

| Events and Activities | Hours this Month | Year to Date Hours | Monthly Total | Year to Date Total |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Approved Work Detail | 37.2 | 328.7 | | 6 |
| Community / Govt. Relations | 2 | 72.55 | | 1 |
| Fire Station Tour | 20 | 49.5 | 360 | 626 |
| Friday Night at the Plaza | 90.5 | 98 | | |

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 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 518.5 | 4791.62 | 169.25 | 2103.95 |

ADMINISTRATION

| Administrative Meetings | Hours this Month | Year to Date Hours | Monthly Total | Year to Date Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| ACFD Staff Meeting | 12.5 | 205.25 | 1 | 22 |
| Board of Directors Meeting | 3 | 117 | 1 | 26 |
| County Chiefs Meeting | 3 | 57 | 1 | 14 |
| EMS Meeting | 5 | 11 | 4 | 8 |
| Labor Negotiations Meeting | 40 | 85 | 3 | 10 |
| Management Team Meeting | 4.5 | 53.75 | 2 | 26 |
| Other Meetings | 12.5 | 316 | 7 | 120 |
| Personnel Evaluation | 4 | 33.5 | 2 | 9 |
| PRC Meeting | 1 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| Shift Meeting | 7 | 50 | 2 | 10 |
| Training Officers Meeting | 2 | 81 | 1 | 14 |

Note: Total equals the number of meetings

Meeting Details

Hours

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| ACFD Staff Meeting | | | |
| 6/15/09 | Company Officer Meeting | | 2.5 |
| Board of Directors Meeting | | | |
| 6/2/09 | Open and Closed Session | | 3 |
| County Chiefs Meeting | | | |
| 6/25/09 | Monthly Napa County Chiefs Meeting | | 3 |
| EMS Meeting | | | |
| 6/3/09 | MCI Plan Development | | 1 |
| 6/23/09 | Meet with ambulance franchise RFP consultant | | 2 |
| 6/23/09 | County Chiefs meeting with ambulance franchise RFP | | 1 |
| 6/30/09 | EMS Stakeholders Meeting | | 1 |
| Labor Negotiations Meeting | | | |
| 6/5/09 | Labor Negotiations | | 2.5 |
| 6/19/09 | Labor Negotiations | | 3 |
| 6/26/09 | Labor Negotiations | | 2.5 |
| Management Team Meeting | | | |
| 6/3/09 | Weekly Managers | | 2 |
| 6/10/09 | Weekly Managers | | 2.5 |

Other Meetings

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| 6/1/09 | LAFCO Meeting | 1 |
| 6/2/09 | Meeting with Chief Weeks | 1 |
| 6/9/09 | Met with Fish and Game to obtain master keys for their secured gates i | 1 |
| 6/9/09 | Meet with Krisitn reFire Service Fees | 1 |
| 6/15/09 | Meeting with Sherry Tenneson | 1 |
| 6/16/09 | Meet with Pyro Spetacular Re: July 4th | 1.5 |
| 6/18/09 | H1N1 After Action Conference | 5 |

Personnel Evaluation

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| 6/9/09 | Quarterly Reserve FF Evaluation | 1 |
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PRC Meeting

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| 6/10/09 | Regarding New Casino | 1 |
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Shift Meeting

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| 6/5/09 | Shift meeting | 0.5 |
| 6/18/09 | Review company officer minutes and SOG's | 1 |

Training Officers Meeting

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| 6/9/09 | Monthy Napa County Training Officers | 2 |
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Total Hours: 44

SPECIAL PROJECTS

| Project | Hours this Month | Year to Date Hours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Annual Apparatus Pump Testing | 7.5 | 26 |
| Database applications | 6 | 124.75 |
| Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning | 63 | 509.25 |
| Inspect and Maintain Aerial Apparatus | 5 | 94 |
| Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus | 82 | 1161.75 |
| Napa County CERT | 1 | 57.25 |
| Vehicle and/or apparatus repair | 10 | 42.5 |
| Web Publishing and Management | 1 | 10 |

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