

AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S REPORT

By Glen E. Weeks

Congratulations to FF Cordeiro and family for the arrival of their healthy newborn son Josh II in November!

In November, fire crews participated in a mutual aid structure fire drill in the downtown area of the City of Napa. Personnel from all 3 shifts participated in 3 separate drills.

Captain Blake Lawson assisted Vallejo FD by being a member of their oral interview panel for firefighter/paramedic candidates. He spent two full days assisting with interviews.

Along with other state qualified rescue instructors, I attended a one day class in Menlo Park. The class was a roll-out of new curriculum for the state certified class known as Rescue Systems 1.

Thank you to all of the staff who contributed to the completion of the emergency operations plan.



Trainee Reserve Firefighter Graduates:
From left to right: Oriel Valbuena, Harry Tabbert, James Muela, Jonathan Pryor, John Campo, and Jason Alipio

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Reserve Firefighter Training Program Completions

We would like to congratulate the following Reserve Trainees for completing their Reserve Firefighter qualification training program: Jason Alipio, John Campo, James Muela, Jonathan Pryor, Harry Tabbert and Oriel Valbuena.

All Reserve Trainees must complete this comprehensive 3 module program to become a "qualified reserve firefighter" who is able to respond to emergencies and perform emergency functions under supervision. The training modules include but are not limited to the following items: structural and wildland firefighting and safety, ropes and knots, loading fire hose, self contained breathing apparatus, power tool operation, apparatus and equipment checks, salvage and property conservation operations, ladders, first aid and vehicle extrication.

On average, the training program is taking candidates one year to complete.

In order to maintain status as an active Reserve Firefighter with the department, volunteers must continually meet minimum standards in three areas: training, call response and public education and public relations details.

Pump and Ladder Testing

This month, we completed annual Pump and Ladder testing. Fire pumps on all apparatus are service tested in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 1911. This standard covers the service testing of fire pump systems on automotive fire apparatus and establishes the requirements for proper pump system performance testing.

Ground and Aerial ladder testing was also completed this month. The testing included visual examination of the structural welds and components of the ladders, service strength testing, roof hook test and ladder hardware tests.



Ladder Testing Nov 2009



Pump Testing Nov 2009

Notable Calls

On Saturday, November 28th, the department responded to several simultaneous calls due to high winds. Wind gusts reached up to 40 miles per hour at Napa County Airport. Truck 11 was dispatched to down power lines at Rio Del Mar and Highway 29 and the Highway was closed for about one hour. Shortly thereafter, Engine 11 was dispatched to Green Island Road for low hanging wires that were in the west bound lanes of Green Island Road. Units were also dispatched to a down tree at Melvin Road and Cassayre. Engine 211 directed traffic away from the hazard until Engine 11 and Truck 11 arrived. Once all units were on scene, the crews cut up the tree and removed it from the road.

US&R Training – High Angle



Firefighter/US&R Team member Matt Churchman practices a high angle evolution in the November US&R team training session.

Announcements

One of our most popular community events, "Santa Sleigh", is coming up. Events are planned for the following dates:

December 12 & 13	Wal-Mart	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
December 18 & 19	Safeway	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

ACFD MONTHLY REPORT

For

11/1/2009 to 12/1/2009

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Inspections and Plan Checks	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Fire Prevention Re-Inspection	3	107	2	60
Initial Fire Prevention Inspection	1	271	1	97
Inspect & Evaluate Residential Sprinkler Systems	8	63	3	65

Note: Total equals number of 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		115	Total number of calls Year to Date		1251						
Fire											
Structure	2	Vegetation	0	Other Fire	1	Total Fire Calls YTD	72				
EMS		Calls for month	87	Total EMS YTD		859					
Other Misc Calls		Calls for month	25	Total Misc Calls YTD		320					
Mutual Aid and Auto Aid											
<i>Napa County</i>			<i>City of Vallejo</i>			<i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i>					
Given	5	YTD	91	Given	2	YTD	38	Given	7	YTD	133
Received	5	YTD	81	Received	2	YTD	26	Received	7	YTD	103

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Events and Activities	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Approved Work Detail	64	305.45		5
Fire Extinguisher Training	1.25	43	27	183
Make Public Appearances	24	183.75		10
NIHIT Participation (Reserve Only)	6	51.5		
Prepare Fire Department Displays	1	6		
Toys for Tots Program	29.5	36	15	17
Veteran's Day Event	6	6		

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
269.25	4685.5	77	1786

ADMINISTRATION

Adminstrative Meetings	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
ACFD Staff Meeting	22.5	211.5	2	18
Board of Directors Meeting	14	114	3	28
County Chiefs Meeting	3	50	1	13
Labor Negotiations Meeting	32.5	230	2	21
Management Team Meeting	13	71.75	3	33
NIRT Meeting	2	2	1	1
Other Meetings	36.5	302	10	104
Personnel Evaluation	12.5	31.5	1	9
Shift Meeting	13	33.5	3	9

Note: Total equals the number of meetings

Meeting Details

Hours

ACFD Staff Meeting		
11/11/09	Company Officer Meeting	0.5
11/23/09	Company Officer Meeting	3.5
Board of Directors Meeting		
11/3/09	Open and closed session	3
11/14/09	Strategic planning study session	4
11/17/09	Open and closed session	3
County Chiefs Meeting		
11/20/09	Napa County Fire Chiefs Monthly Meeting	3
Labor Negotiations Meeting		
11/18/09		3
11/20/09		3.5
Management Team Meeting		
11/12/09	Leadership team meeting	3
11/18/09	Weekly managers	2
11/25/09	Weekly managers	2

NIRT Meeting

11/30/09	NIRT managers meeting	2
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Other Meetings

11/6/09	Meet with Napa OES, Mitigation plan	1
11/6/09	Meet with BC Parkes, fire operations	2
11/12/09	Solano County US&R meeting	2
11/13/09	Rescue systems 1, curriculum update roll-out class	8
11/17/09	Meeting with District Treasurer	1
11/19/09	Oral Interview Panel; Vallejo Fire	16
11/19/09	Napa County Op Area Disaster Committee	1
11/24/09	Solano Operations Chief Monthly Meeting	3
11/25/09	Vaccination clinic, POD exercise planning	0.5
11/30/09	Public Forum, Hazard Mitigation Plan	2

Personnel Evaluation

11/21/09	Barnes Module 2 Testing	2.5
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Shift Meeting

11/3/09	Morning Shift Meeting	1
11/21/09	Morning Shift Meeting	0.5
11/27/09	Review minutes of staff mtg and Info bulletins	1.5

Total Hours: 74.5

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours
Fire Station Maintenance - Facility Repair	4	88
Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning	43.5	487.25
Grant Writing	2.5	14.5
Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus	77.5	1061.5
Inspect Test and Maintain Breathing Apparatus	3	7
Inspect Test and Maintain Ladders	7	7
Napa County CERT	2.5	48.5
Vehicle and/or apparatus repair	1	40.5
Web Publishing and Management	6	38
