

AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S REPORT

By Glen E. Weeks

October was Fire Prevention Month and communities in Napa County were benefitted by, and hopefully enjoyed the terrific spirit of cooperation amongst all of the fire agencies in the county. Throughout the valley, and throughout the month, fire agencies cooperated with each other by alternating event dates so that resources could be shared for display. What terrific displays they were, my personal favorite was the fire apparatus parade through downtown St. Helena!

In the month of October, we hosted a representative from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The ISO is a national source of information about property / casualty risk. ISO evaluates community fire protection services and infrastructure and provides a rating system that helps establish property insurance rates for a given area. The ISO attempts to evaluate communities at least once every ten years. American Canyon's last evaluation was approximately 15 years ago. The representative was here for three full days evaluating fire department staffing, equipment, apparatus, training, communications, hose and pump testing and our water supply. Thank you to Public Works and particularly Steve Moore for their assistance evaluating the water supply for fire protection.



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Open House

Our annual Open House took place on Saturday, October 17th. This year, thanks to Napa County / Cal Fire, we had a couple of new special visitors, Sparky and Smokey, who entertained the children. The antique fire truck from St. Helena Fire Department provided mini excursions which are always a crowd favorite. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the rides! Special thanks to Captain Tony Gouveia, our antique apparatus driver from St. Helena!



US&R Metal Cutting Drill

Structural collapse rescue is an important component of urban search and rescue teams. This includes cutting, breaking, removing and even digging through tons of collapsed concrete and metal to safely reach victims. The US&R team held a metal cutting drill this month which included using specialized tools, such as an exothermic cutting torch and a petrogen torch (a torch that uses gasoline to produce heat).



Loma Fire Incident

On October 25th, a wildfire broke out around 3:00 a.m. in Santa Cruz County. The flames, fanned by strong winds, roared down the hillside in the pre-dawn hours not far from where the Summit Fire burned more than 4,000 acres in May 2008. A trailer and two outbuildings were destroyed by the Loma Fire, but no residents were hurt. Captain Jamie Bryant was called out to work on GIS mapping for the incident. This helps the Incident Commander develop an Incident Action Plan as well as assist firefighters on the line to identify hazards and areas of concern.



Loma Fire Incident

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

10/1/2009 to 11/1/2009

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Inspections and Plan Checks	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Check Plans and Specifications (Comment Only)	6	59	4	58
Check Plans and Specifications (Review)	9	54	2	32
Fire Prevention Re-Inspection	2	104	2	58
Inspect & Evaluate Commercial Sprinkler Systems	17	57	5	21
Inspect & Evaluate Residential Sprinkler Systems	3	52	10	58

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		122	Total number of calls Year to Date		1136						
Fire											
Structure	1	Vegetation	0	Other Fire	5	Total Fire Calls YTD	69				
EMS		Calls for month	81	Total EMS YTD		772					
Other Misc Calls		Calls for month	35	Total Misc Calls YTD		295					
Mutual Aid and Auto Aid											
<i>Napa County</i>				<i>City of Vallejo</i>				<i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i>			
Given	6	YTD	86	Given	5	YTD	36	Given	11	YTD	126
Received	9	YTD	76	Received	3	YTD	24	Received	10	YTD	97

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Events and Activities	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Fire Prevention Week Activities	100.25	106.25		
Make Public Appearances	2	159.75		10
Prepare Fire Department Displays	5	5		
Toys for Tots Program	2.5	4		

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
389.25	4415.25	67.5	1734

ADMINISTRATION

Adminstrative Meetings	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
ACFD Staff Meeting	47	189	2	16
Board of Directors Meeting	6	100	2	25
County Chiefs Meeting	4	47	1	12
Labor Negotiations Meeting	17.5	197.5	1	19
Management Team Meeting	8	58.75	4	30
Other Meetings	19.5	265.5	7	94
Personnel Evaluation	2	19	1	8
Training Officers Meeting	2	43	1	10
WARN User Group	1	4	1	3

Note: Total equals the number of meetings

Meeting Details

Hours

ACFD Staff Meeting			
10/14/09	Company Officer Meeting		4
10/15/09	Company Officer Meeting		4.5
Board of Directors Meeting			
10/6/09	Open and Closed Session		3
10/20/09	Open and closed session		3
County Chiefs Meeting			
10/16/09	Napa County Chiefs monthly meeting		4
Labor Negotiations Meeting			
10/5/09	Negotiations with Mediator		3.5
Management Team Meeting			
10/7/09	Weekly managers meeting		2
10/14/09	Weekly managers		2
10/21/09	Weekly managers meeting		2
10/28/09	Weekly managers meeting		2

Other Meetings

10/1/09	Meet with WMS - apparatus maintenance	1
10/6/09	Solano College FIRETAC meeting	3
10/12/09	H1N1 Conference call	0.5
10/19/09	Meet with finance managers	1
10/20/09	Meet with ISO rep, ISO re-grade	4
10/20/09	H1N1 Conference call	1
10/22/09	FASIS Board meeting	8

Personnel Evaluation

10/8/09	Personnel Evaluation	1
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Training Officers Meeting

10/13/09	Napa Training Officer meeting	2
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WARN User Group

10/21/09	WARN user group monthly meeting	1
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Total Hours: 52.5

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours
Fire Station Maintenance - Facility Repair	24.5	84
Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning	58	455.75
Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus	87.5	996
Napa County CERT	7.5	46
Test Hose & Couplings	2	100
Vehicle and/or apparatus repair	4	38.5
Web Publishing and Management	5	35
