

AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S REPORT

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In last month's newsletter I reported that we were not able to get any of our Fire Explorer's into this year's Fire Explorer Academy. We kept trying and were able to get three of our Explorers admitted after all. The academy is being held this month from April 13 -20 based in Marin County. A portion of the Explorer Academy will be a vehicle extrication and rescue program which will be hosted right here in American Canyon. We would like to acknowledge and thank Pacific Auto Salvage for their very gracious donation of vehicles and space to provide the training.

As a member of the (FASIS) Board of Directors, I attended the Fire Agency Self Insurance System (FASIS) Board meeting in Sacramento this month. FASIS Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis. Being a member of FASIS benefits the District first by bringing the cost of Workers Compensation down due to the pooling of the resources of 206 participating Fire Districts. FASIS provides additional "HR" assistance to the participating Fire District's by having a staff of attorneys, workers compensation and work place safety specialists that are available to give legal and other advice and answer questions mainly related to workers compensation and work safety issues. FASIS also provides a web based assistance service that focuses primarily on worker safety and risk management. Also through FASIS, Bickmore Risk Services, which is the firm that administrates the JPA, conducted an on-site safety and risk assessment for the Fire District recently. Through FASIS we also have access to the services provided by Occu-Med. Occu-Med collects the results received from the examining medical clinic, reviews medical information that is job related and consistent with business necessity. Occu-Med then reviews that medical information and applies the appropriate guidelines (NFPA 1582) to make legally defensible qualification recommendations for pre-placement and return-to-work. All of these additional risk management and human resources services are provided to the 206 member districts at no additional cost.

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Fire Prevention Officer Conference

During the week of March 15, Assistant Fire Chief Fitch attended the Annual California Fire Chief's Fire Prevention Officer's Conference in Buellton, California. During the week long seminars, many topics were discussed and presented by Fire and Life Safety professionals throughout the United States. Examples of topics covered included fire investigative techniques, and managing fire prevention programs.

Notable Calls

Kirkland Ranch Rescue

On March 20, an adult male construction worker fell from a scaffold approximately 12' into a cement holding pit at the City of Napa Kirkland Ranch Water Treatment plant. The approximately 20 foot deep pit was under construction. Chief 1100, Engine 11 and Cal Fire Engine 27 responded to the incident. With the assistance of a crane operator and crane that was on premises, fire crews were able to lower a rescue stretcher (stokes basket) into the pit and successfully extricate the victim. The victim was treated and packaged in full c-spine precautions by paramedics and transported to the hospital.

Notable Calls

Storage Facility Fire

On March 25th, Engine 11 responded to a reported commercial structure fire at 4561 Hess Road. Vallejo Engine 25, Vallejo Truck 21, Cal Fire E-27 and ACFPD Truck 11 also responded as a part of the automatic aid first alarm assignment. Upon arrival, smoke was visible from the middle of the northern most storage structure (a long strip of storage units with roll-up garage doors). Engine 11 established a water supply from the hydrant on Hess Road and extended a supply line between two of the buildings. Engine 11 crew initiated fire attack from the exterior of the building. When the additional units arrived they were given assignments to open adjacent storage units to check for fire spread. The fire was found to have extended to adjacent storage units on both sides of the building. The fire was brought under control in a short time frame, but there was a lot of work still to be done due to the fact that a large amount of damaged property had to be removed as a part of the salvage and overhaul process. Overhaul and removal of burned property is necessary in order to ensure that all of the fire has been accessed and extinguished.

See attached March Report

Notable Calls cont.

Carneros Barn Fire

On March 24, American Canyon Water Tender 11 with two personnel responded to the Carneros area to assist Napa County Fire with a barn fire. They were used to assist by providing water supply in the rural area that the fire was located. After the fire was brought under control, they were released and returned.



ACFPD Water Tender 11

Water Tender 11 carries 2000 gallons of water and is a very useful piece of apparatus because of its short wheel base. The short wheel base gives WT11 the ability to make access in areas that other large vehicles have difficulty or are not able to access at all.

ACFD MONTHLY REPORT

For

3/1/2009 to 4/1/2009

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)	13	80	14	85
Check Plans and Specifications (Review)	5	52	5	46
Fire Prevention Re-Inspection	4	68	2	32
Initial Fire Prevention Inspection	10	211	4	87
Inspect & Evaluate Commercial Sprinkler Systems	8	47	1	24
Inspect & Evaluate Residential Sprinkler Systems	9	58	8	61

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				117	Total number of calls Year to Date				323			
Fire												
Structure		2	Vegetation		0	Other Fire		4	Total Fire Calls YTD		13	
EMS			Calls for month		83	Total EMS YTD				238		
Other Misc Calls			Calls for month		28	Total Misc Calls YTD				72		
Mutual Aid and Auto Aid												
<i>Napa County</i>				<i>City of Vallejo</i>				<i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i>				
Given	10	YTD	23	Given	2	YTD	3	Given	12	YTD	26	
Received	4	YTD	16	Received	2	YTD	5	Received	6	YTD	21	

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Events and Activities	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Approved Work Detail	33.5	246		6
Community / Govt. Relations	5.25	29.05		
CPR Instruction	10	10	20	20
Demonstrate & Explain Fire and Life Safety Procedure	2	64.5		
Develop Educational Material	3	6		
Fire Explorer Program	10	32.5		7
Fire Extinguisher Training	14.5	66.75	38	223

Fire Station Tour	4	15.5	20	184
Make Public Appearances and Speeches	14	120.75		60
Other Public Education Detail	3	10.5		1

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
447.25	3433.37	332.5	1425.7

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Meetings	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
ACFD Staff Meeting	27	169.5	5	16
Board of Directors Meeting	8	92	2	19
County Chiefs Meeting	6	35	2	10
EMS Meeting	1	4	1	3
Fire District Strategic Planning	5	78.5	2	14
Labor Negotiations Meeting	4	8	2	3
Management Team Meeting	4	42	2	19
Other Meetings	31	228	10	85
Other Staff Meetings	3	62.75	1	17
Personnel Evaluation	5	29.5	3	7
Program Planning Meeting	2	2	1	1
Training Officers Meeting	3	69.5	1	11

Note: Total equals the number of meetings

Meeting Details

Hours

ACFD Staff Meeting		
3/4/09	morning shift meeting	0.5
3/9/09	Company Officer Meeting	2
3/10/09	Chief's meeting with B shift Captains	2
3/12/09	C shift staff meeting	2
3/22/09	Reserve Evaluation, Mallorca, Jarvi	1
Board of Directors Meeting		
3/3/09	Open and closed session	4
3/17/09	Open and Closed Session	4

County Chiefs Meeting		
3/5/09	Solano County Chiefs meeting	4
3/31/09	Napa County Chiefs	2
EMS Meeting		
3/26/09	Meeting with Physio control rep - Lifepack 15	1
Fire District Strategic Planning		
3/1/09		2
3/6/09	Morale survey	3
Labor Negotiations Meeting		
3/6/09	Meet with Bruce Heid - IEDA	2
3/17/09	Meet with Bruce Heid - IEDA	2
Management Team Meeting		
3/4/09	Weekly managers	2
3/18/09	Weekly managers	2
Other Meetings		
3/2/09	Operations meeting with Battalion 1416	2
3/5/09	High School naming committee	1
3/9/09	Meet with Physio Control Rep (heart monitors)	1
3/10/09	Shift Meeting	1
3/11/09	Solano County Dispatch Matrix Update	6
3/11/09	Weekly managers	2
3/16/09	Meet with Cordelia Fire Chief	2
3/18/09	Meet with CM	1
3/19/09	Meet with Travis AFB Fire Chief	1
3/26/09	FASIS Board of Directors meeting	8
Other Staff Meetings		
3/16/09	Shift cycle meeting	0.75
Personnel Evaluation		
3/14/09	Quarterly performance evaluation	1
3/15/09	Quarterly performance review	1
3/23/09	Reserve Trainee Valbuena	0.5
Program Planning Meeting		
3/6/09		1
Training Officers Meeting		
3/10/09	Napa T.O.s and NIRT managers meeting	3

Total Hours: 67.75

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours
Database applications	15	102.25
Fire Station Maintenance - Facility Repair	11	91
Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning	30	373.75
Inspect and Maintain Aerial Apparatus	9	68
Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus	122	905
Napa County CERT	10	42.75
Test Hose & Couplings	4	111.5

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.