

AMERICAN CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CHIEF'S REPORT

By Glen E. Weeks

April saw a big jump in the number of incidents for the month (146), making April 2009 the second busiest month on record (last May we had 150 incidents).

April 2009 was an eventful month for training activities. In addition to the Fire Explorer Academy there were other excellent training events held this month. The Napa County Training Officers (N.T.O.) are to be congratulated for their outstanding work and cooperation and the resulting high level of training being provided locally. The N.T.O. consists of representatives from all Napa County Fire Agencies. Thanks to the N.T.O.'s, all Napa County Fire Agencies participated in the first ever for Napa County "Truck Operations Academy." The Napa Interagency Rescue Team annual exercise was also held in April and was a very successful event with a high level of training provided. The exercise included structure collapse rescue, confined space rescue, and high angle rescue scenarios.

This month I attended the Western Fire Chiefs Association forum hosted in the City of Napa. There were Fire Chiefs from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Arizona and Nevada in attendance. This forum provided an opportunity to network and share ideas and opportunities in today's economic environment.

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2009 Fire Explorer Academy

By Matt Churchman

The 2009 Fire Explorer Academy was held in Marin County and hosted by the Marin County Fire Department and Ross Valley Fire District. The Academy commenced Monday, April 13, and concluded with a graduation ceremony on Sunday, April 19. While in the Academy, the Explorers participated in vehicle extrication, wildland firefighting, structural firefighting, flammable liquids/gas firefighting, and heavy rescue training events. The days were long and challenging, starting at 0500 and going to 2200 hours. Each course was taught by advisors from all over the state of California and Nevada. I was very proud of our Explorers; Chris Canziani and Orlando Igno, as they walked across the stage during graduation to receive their certificates of completion.



Explorers training in structural firefighting operations.



Explorers training in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Fire operations.

Notable Calls

Of note in the month of April 2009 was the fact that we experienced a call volume of 146 incidents. Of the 146 incidents, there were no significant fire or rescue events.

Urban Search & Rescue Training

By Frank Wells

The 2009 Napa Interagency Rescue Team (NIRT) Exercise took place on 4/15 at the Napa County Training Grounds in Yountville. Participating agencies included: American Canyon FPD, St. Helena City Fire, CAL Fire/Napa County, & Napa City Fire. This multi-agency drill coordinated by the Napa County Training Officers included a simulated structural collapse, high-angle rope rescue, and confined space rescue scenarios.



Structure Collapse scenario at the 2009 Napa Interagency Rescue Exercise

Napa County Truck Operations Academy

By Frank Wells

The Truck Operations Academy took place 4/20 – 4/23 in the City of Napa, and at the Napa County Training Grounds in Yountville. Agencies participating included: ACFPD, St. Helena City, Cal Fire/ Napa County, & Napa City. ACFPD staff who participated were: Capt. Bryant, FF Wells, and Reserve FF Fowler. Topics covered included: aerial physics, building construction, ventilation techniques, forcible entry, building size-up, and apparatus placement.



Firefighter Wells and Reserve FF Paul Fowler participating in a roof ventilation evolution at the 2009 Napa County "Truck Operations" Academy.



Firefighter Cia participating in a high angle rescue evolution at the 2009 Napa County Interagency (NIRT) Exercise.

ACFD MONTHLY REPORT

For

4/1/2009 to 5/1/2009

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)	5	85	1	86
Check Plans and Specifications (Review)	2	54	2	48
Fire Prevention Re-Inspection	14	78	14	45
Initial Fire Prevention Inspection	63	260	24	103
Inspect & Evaluate Commercial Sprinkler Systems	10	57	5	30
Inspect & Evaluate Residential Sprinkler Systems	1	60	5	67

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				146	Total number of calls Year to Date				469			
Fire												
Structure		3	Vegetation		2	Other Fire		1	Total Fire Calls YTD		19	
EMS			Calls for month		83	Total EMS YTD				321		
Other Misc Calls			Calls for month		57	Total Misc Calls YTD				129		
Mutual Aid and Auto Aid												
<i>Napa County</i>				<i>City of Vallejo</i>				<i>Total of All Jurisdictions</i>				
Given	5	YTD	28	Given	5	YTD	8	Given	10	YTD	36	
Received	17	YTD	33	Received	6	YTD	11	Received	23	YTD	44	

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Events and Activities	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Approved Work Detail	15.5	267	5	6
Community / Govt. Relations	27.5	60.55		
Develop Educational Material	3.5	9.5		
Develop Fire Prevention Programs	11.5	19.5		
Develop Fire Safety Programs	3	5		
Fire Explorer Program	88.5	121	6	13
Fire Extinguisher Training	4.5	70.75	13	236

Fire Station Tour	8	23.5	50	234
Make Public Appearances	3	139.75		60
Other Public Education Detail	7.5	15		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
500	3954.37	332.75	1806.95

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Meetings	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours	Monthly Total	Year to Date Total
Board of Directors Meeting	14	106	3	22
County Chiefs Meeting	12	47	2	12
Labor Management Meeting	21.5	46.5	4	8
Labor Negotiations Meeting	2	10	1	4
Management Team Meeting	6	46.5	3	22
Other Meetings	38.5	266.5	13	98
PRC Meeting	2	3	1	2
Training Officers Meeting	4.5	74	1	12

Note: Total equals the number of meetings

Meeting Details

Hours

Board of Directors Meeting		
4/7/09	Open and Closed Session	4
4/14/09	Special Fire District Open and Closed Session	7
4/21/09	Open and Closed Session	3
County Chiefs Meeting		
4/23/09	Cal Chiefs/IAFC Conference - Napa	8
4/30/09	County Chief's Meeting	4
Labor Management Meeting		
4/17/09	Labor Management Meeting	2
4/17/09	Labor Negotiations	3.5
4/20/09	Labor Management Meeting	3
4/23/09	Shift Meeting	1

Labor Negotiations Meeting

4/10/09	Labor Negotiations Planning with IEDA	2
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Management Team Meeting

4/1/09	Weekly Managers	2
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4/15/09	Weekly Managers	2
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4/22/09	Weekly Managers	2
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Other Meetings

4/1/09	EMS Meeting - Macs, MCI Plan Development	6
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4/8/09	Meeting with Lee Regarding Mechanic Bid	1
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4/9/09	Meet with Physio Control, EMS Equipment	1
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4/16/09	B shift Captains Meeting	1
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4/16/09	ECC User Group	2
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4/16/09	High School Naming Committee	1
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4/17/09	Explorer meeting with Fitch	1
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4/17/09	Morning meeting with Chief Fitch	0.5
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4/18/09	Shift Officer Meeting	1.5
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4/23/09	Shift Meeting: Alarm Assignments	1.5
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4/28/09	Solano Ops Chief Monthly Meeting	2
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4/29/09	Meet with Crews: Fire Prevention Activities	2
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4/29/09	Shift Meeting	0.5
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PRC Meeting

4/7/09	Meeting regarding Lombard Crossing	2
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Training Officers Meeting

4/14/09	Napa County TO's	1.5
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Total Hours: 68

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project	Hours this Month	Year to Date Hours
Database applications	16.5	115.75
Fire Station Maintenance - Cleaning	34.5	412.25
Grant Writing	2	3.5
Inspect and Maintain Aerial Apparatus	1.5	72.5
Inspect and Maintain Fire Apparatus	97.5	1013
Napa County CERT	9	53.25
Web Publishing and Management	1	9

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.