



Departmental Update and Special Recognition

Fire Department

City Council
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Fire Department



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October is National Fire Prevention Month

The Fire Department is hosting an Open House on October 10, from 11am – 3pm at all Fire Stations.

- Meet the Crews
- Tour the Stations
- Enjoy Light Refreshments



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October is National Fire Prevention Month

On October 24, the Downtown Fire Station will host a Fire Expo from 10am – 4pm

- Tour the Fire Museum
- Watch Hands-On Rescue Demonstrations
- Enjoy Light Refreshments



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Recent Accomplishments

- Implemented permitting and inspection process for Council-approved non-emergency ambulance transportation providers;
- Completed migration to new FIREHOUSE Records Management System (RMS);
- Initiated Strategic Planning Process;
 - Internal and Community Outreach
- Completed Labor Negotiations
 - Fire Management Group and Riverside Firefighters' Association



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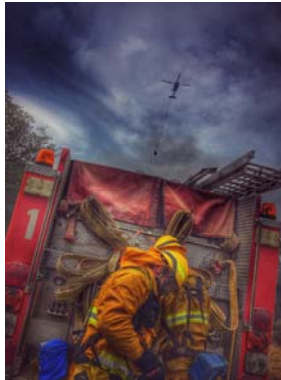
- Succession Planning
 - Promotions: 2 Deputy Chiefs, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 6 Captains, 8 Engineers
 - New Hires: 11 Firefighters
- Grants Administration
 - Extrication Tools (\$229K), Fire Sprinkler Project Retrofit (\$350K)
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment (\$875K)
 - Urban Area Security Initiative (\$2.4 mil) and Urban Search & Rescue (\$1mil)
- Employee Team Building
 - Holiday Party, Family Day, Beach Party



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Recent Accomplishments

- Provided extensive mutual aid this historic 2015 fire season.
 - Over 60 members were sent to assist with major fires burning throughout the State.



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Special Recognition

- Battalion Chief Thomas Jay (TJay) is recognized for his service and dedication As Honor Guard Commander and Unit Bugler.

TJay has been a firefighter with the City of Riverside Fire Department for 27 years, the last year as a Battalion Chief.

As Honor Guard Commander, TJay has been called on to organize, facilitate, and participate in funeral and memorial services for area dignitaries and individual fire departments as they honor fallen firefighters.



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- RFD's Honor Guard participates in many funeral services, vigils, parades, color presentations and memorials.
- TJay plays a key role at three yearly memorial events held to honor fallen firefighters:
 - International Association of Fire Fighters' Memorial, Colorado Springs;
 - California Professional Firefighters' Memorial, Sacramento;
 - National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial, Emmitsburg.



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- Giving Back to the Community:
 - TJay is often called on to play "Taps" at firefighter and law enforcement funerals and memorial services across the nation.
 - A United States Air Force veteran, TJay gives back to the military community by volunteering his bugling services through a specialty group called "Bugles Across America," at Riverside National Cemetery and other sites.
 - TJay also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Burn Institute – Inland Empire.



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