



Riverside Pride Report 2nd Annual 9-11 Day of Service, 2016

Riverside City Council Member – Ward 1

Mike Gardner

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On September 11, 15th Anniversary, Riverside Remembers...



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and Honors Our First Responders

- Riverside Fire Department
- Riverside Police Department
- AMR (American Medical Response)
- Riverside County Department of Animal Services



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Riverside's First Responders



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9-11 / Day of Service

- Kleinfelder, led by Denise Freeman served lunch to the downtown fire station at their business each year and invited Council Members
- Council Member Perry suggested making it a City-Wide event and Council Member Gardner jumped in, followed by Mayor Bailey
- Since USAR Task Force 26 was first to land at Ground Zero to help, Riverside and its First Responders have a deep and special connection to the memory of 9-11
- At the Main Fire Station Museum there is a piece of a twisted I-beam from the Twin Towers, gifted to Riverside by the New York Port Authority. This beam is brought out to City Hall on 9-11 each year by our firefighters for all to view it and remember the sacrifice of so many...



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Council Members Mike Gardner and Jim Perry



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Opening Ceremony at City Hall, 8:30am

- UCR Pipe Band performed Ceremonial Music and Presentation of the Colors by Riverside Police, Riverside Fire and AMR Color Guard
- Patriotic Music
- Mayor Bailey delivered Keynote Address
- Invocation offered by Chaplain Steve Ballinger
- Battalion Chief Todd Gooch spoke of his experiences at Ground Zero
- Over 200 attendees including Riverside City Council Members Mike Gardner, Mike Soubirous, Chris Mac Arthur, Jim Perry, John Burnard and electeds from two neighboring cities



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Riverside Fire Battalion Chief Todd Gooch shares his memories



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Fundraiser Brunch / 88 Impact along with AT&T

- 150 attendees
- Proceeds benefit local Riverside Fire and Police Associations
- Music performed by Riverside King High School Saxophone Ensemble (Riverside Unified School District)
- Keynote Speaker Retired Deputy Fire Chief Dave Austin



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Urban Search and Rescue K9 Team – Cane, Kenzie, Moon and Hannah



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Blood Drives

126 units of blood collected by LifeStream
and more by the Red Cross



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Red Cross Smoke Alarm Effort Ward 7

- 350 Mobile Homes visited
- 368 Alarms installed
- 71 Volunteers assisted, were served breakfast and lunch



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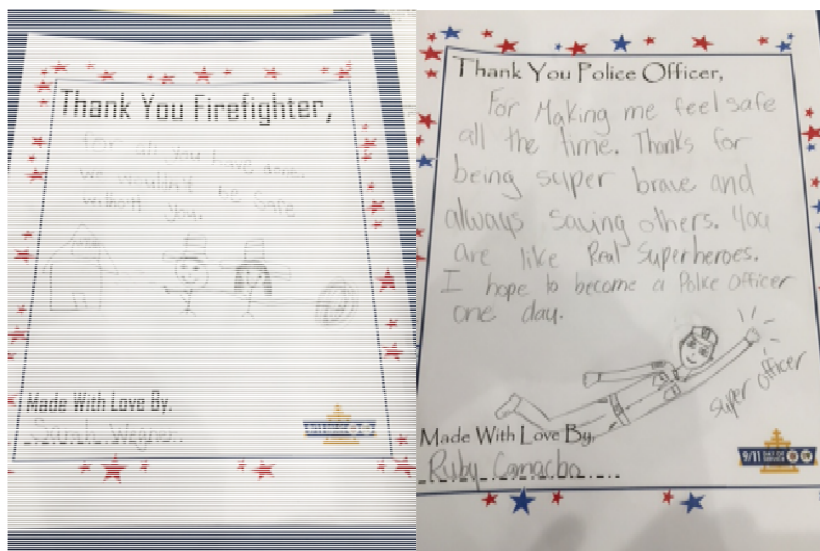
Event Participants/Exhibits

- Fire Department Safety Trailer
- Search Dogs
- Foster Army Animal Rescue
- Riverside Fire Department
- Riverside Police Department
- Habitat for Humanity
- AMR – American Medical Response
- 311 Call Center
- Riverside Arts Academy
- 88 Impact
- Kleinfelder
- Riverside Community Hospital
- Pink Ribbon Place
- CERT



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Letters of Thanks



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DELIVERY OF 369 MEALS TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Including:

- Firefighters
- Police Officers
- Deputy Sheriffs
- AMR Personnel
- Police and Fire Dispatch Staff
- Retired US Veterans



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BBQ and Exhibits at City Hall for Off Duty First Responders

- Council Member Gardner barbequed a pig and others donated side dishes and served 100 meals to invited, off-duty first responders at the City Hall Breezeway from Noon-2pm.
- 35 meals were served to vets at Camp Anza.
- Total meals served = 504



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Clean Ups through Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful

- In honor of the Ground Zero Team
- Individuals signed up through KRCB to clean up areas of the City



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Closing Ceremony at La Sierra University, Ward 7

- 600-700 attendees at the Tom & Vi Zapara School of Business in the Troesh Conference Center.
- Musical performances by La Sierra University Department of Music and Alvord Unified School District students
- 9/11 Reflection by Retired Division Chief Dave Lesh, 9-11 First Responder.
- **THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, PARTNERS AND SPONSORS!!! See you next year!!!**



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Retired Division Chief Dave Lesh



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