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Robert Lewin, Fire Chief

March 5, 2015

To: Honorable LOCSO Board of Directors

From: Phill Veneris, Battalion Chief

**Subject: Agenda Item 9A – March 5, 2015 Board Meeting
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for January 2015**

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 135 calls in January with 10 Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). Six of the Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1st: 0, 2nd: 2, 1st & 2nd: 4). Of these 135 incidents, 100 were Medical calls with 48 requiring Advanced Life Support provided by Paramedics; A CAL FIRE Firefighter rode in to the hospital with SLO Ambulance three times during the month of January. Three incidents were reported as Traffic Collision; Five incidents were reported as Fire, 27 as Public Service Assists, and three as Emergency.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of January a total of 19 times.

ADMINISTRATION

3. During the month of January, all Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighters successfully completed their Annual Respiratory Protection Plan Medical Evaluations. Upon completion of this annual review, Reserve Firefighters will receive their annual Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Fit Test. This test ensures that SCBAs are worn safely when working in dangerous atmospheres.
4. By January 5, 2015 all Reserve Firefighters had signed the 2015 Reserve Firefighter Employment Contracts. The Contracts were then signed by Chief Veneris and General Manager Kivley and placed in the Personnel Files.
5. With the hiring of new Reserve Firefighters and new personnel at Station 15 - South Bay, the organizational chart has been updated. Please see attached organizational chart.
6. The six prospective Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighter candidates continued completing steps needed to become employees of the LOCSO. In January, all of the candidates successfully completed a medical evaluation and were cleared by a doctor to be Fit Tested for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus as required by OSHA as well as to work for the LOCSO. Each candidate was issued a department uniform and personal protective equipment (turn-outs).

ADMINISTRATION

7. During the month of January, four (of the six) Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighter candidates successfully attended the Initial Diablo Canyon Course. This eight hour, onsite course provides an overview of plant operations, essential systems, potential accident scenarios, and other important information when responding to the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The final two applicants are scheduled to attend this course in February.
8. During the month of January, Congresswoman Capps, Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein officially endorsed Station 15 – South Bay’s 2014 Federal Emergency Management Agency - Assistance to Firefighters Grant application. This application is requesting about \$55,000 in funding to provide 35 full sets of Fire Personal Protection Equipment, along with an electric security gate to be purchased and installed at the Station 15 – South Bay parking lot. If successful, Fund 301 will be required to contribute five percent of this amount, or about \$2700 as its match to the request. (See attached support letters from Government officials).
9. On January 12 & 13, Reserve Firefighters Nathan Smith and Trevor Oakley resigned from Station 15 – South Bay with 2 months of service after both received full-time Firefighter positions with Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Nathan and Trevor were well-respected among their peers for their training and expertise and Station 15 Staff wish them both great success.

TRAINING

10. On January 13, Fire Captain-Paramedic Coalwell attended the XSL Incident Management Team meeting. The XSL IMT is a Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team and has now started its third year of operation in San Luis Obispo County. During this meeting, emergency responders from various disciplines, including fire, law, hazardous materials and public health trained on team building and communications.
11. From January 20-22, Fire Apparatus Engineer-Paramedic Neuschwander along with about 25 other CAL FIRE employees attended a 24 hour Continued Professional Training course taught by CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department Training Staff. This course provided an opportunity for annual certification maintenance including CPR, a Rescue Systems 1 (moving large objects) and Air Ambulance/Rescue Helicopter class as well as 8 hours of Hostile Shooter training in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies from SLO County. This is the second of four mandatory 24 hour annual training sessions for all CAL FIRE personnel.
12. In the last week of January, Battalion Chief Veneris taught a 32-hour course on FEMA Emergency Management Institute All-Hazards Safety Officer Course at the South Bay Training Center. This course was attended by Fire Captain-Paramedic Coalwell and Fire Apparatus Engineer-Paramedic Garcia along with 12 other emergency responders from CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department, SLO Sheriff’s Office as well as from fire departments from northern California.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

13. On January 5, Medic Engine 15 was sent to the Emergency Vehicle Group in Anaheim for routine annual maintenance. This work was completed as part the EVG warranty as well as the Schedule D of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement with CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department at no charge to the district. While Medic Engine 15 was in the shop, SLO County Medic Engine 212 was assigned to Station 15 - South Bay to maintain two vehicles for emergency response.
14. On January 20, the 2015 Estero Bay Community Emergency Response Team hosted its Graduation Ceremony at Station 53 – Morro Bay Fire Department. The Estero Bay CERT Team currently includes 151 graduates and 35 active Responders (Cayucos–2, South Bay–15, Morro Bay–18). Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighter Takahashi and Firefighter II-Paramedic Lienemann taught and tested participants on how to use a fire extinguisher using the PASS system. This system teaches users to **P**ull the pin, **A**im the nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the flame or fire, **S**queeze the handle and **S**weep the extinguisher product back and forth and push the fire away.
15. On January 20, Station 15 - South Bay on-duty crew hosted a dinner at the Firehouse with the winner of the Needs'n'Wishes Fundraiser. A dinner for 4 was donated by the South Bay Fire Department for the fundraising effort. In addition to dinner, the winners were given a station tour and a small look into the life of the South Bay Firefighters.
16. On January 22, Station 15 – South Bay Staff presented a 4ft-by-8ft sign board that can be seen northbound on South Bay Blvd, just north of Santa Ysabel Avenue. This sign board was the hard work of Hannah Haas, an 8th grader at Los Osos Middle School and states “*There is no match for a fire. Fire doesn’t take vacations. Be safe.*” Haas was the winner of an art contest funded by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, Pacific Gas & Electric and overseen by Station 15 – South Bay. (See attached press release).

FIRE PREVENTION

17. On January 26, Station 15 – South Bay Staff held a presentation at the NOBS Home School (2050 Palisades Ave.) for about 13 children, ranging from Preschool to 2nd grade. Activities included demonstrations of “Stop, Drop, Cover Your Face and Roll”, turnout display, as well as tours of the fire apparatus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Lewin, Unit Chief

CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department



By Phill Veneris, North Coast Battalion Chief

CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department

CAL FIRE STATION 15 - SOUTH BAY

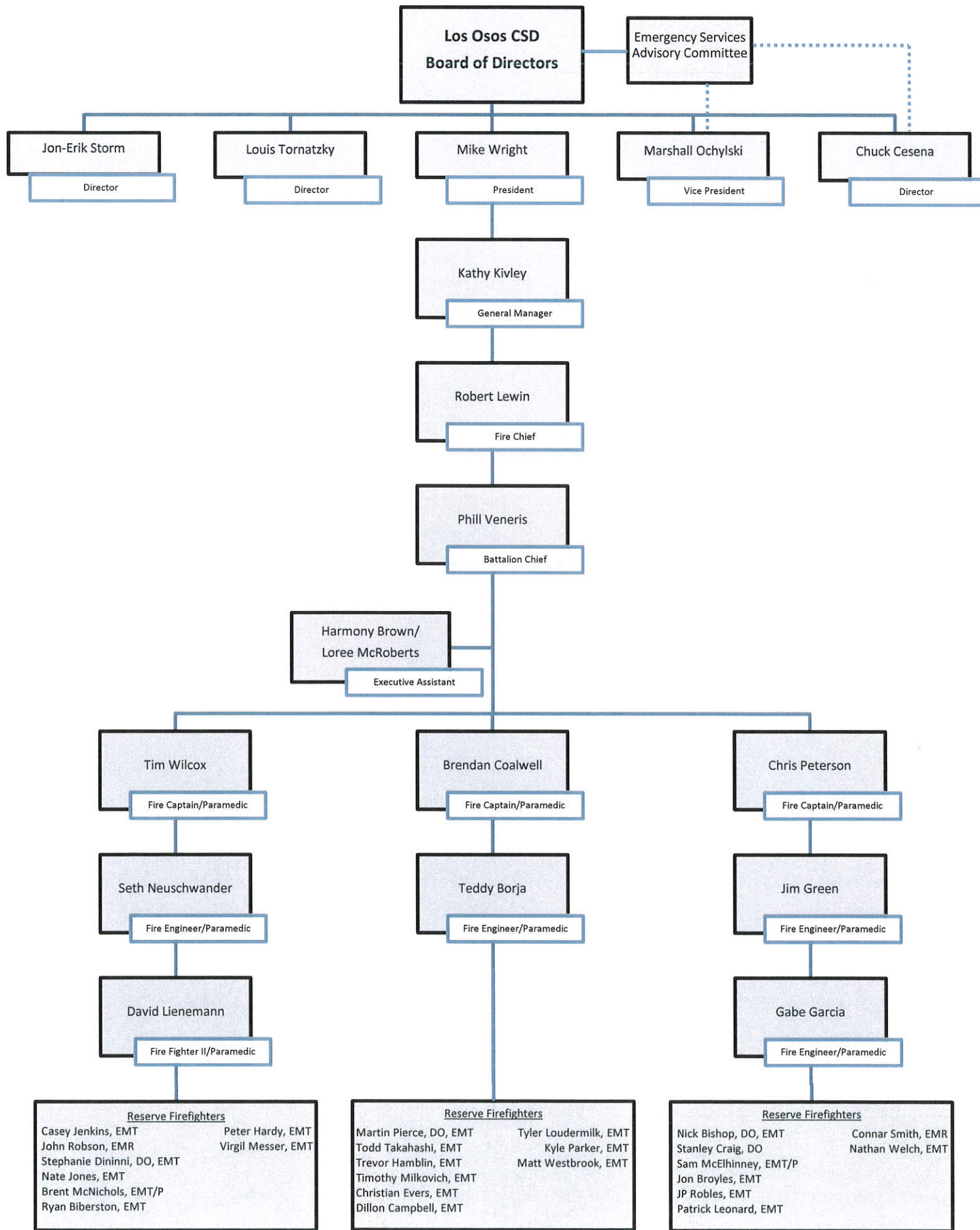
2015 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	5												5
FALSE ALARMS	0												0
*RESCUE - EMS	100												100
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	48												48
TRAFFIC COLLISION	3												3
*SERVICE ASSISTS	27												27
*EMERGENCY	3												3
CODE 2 RESPONSE	10												10
-ZONE I	5												5
-MDO	0												0
-MUTUAL AID	5												15
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	4												4
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	6												6
2015 TOTAL - MONTHLY	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135

2015 CALLS YTD	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
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2014 TOTAL - MONTHLY	135	85	102	99	109	111	109	92	94	121	95	131	1252
2013 TOTAL - MONTHLY	108	87	108	98	100	122	102	112	115	102	83	113	1250
2012 TOTAL - MONTHLY	95	98	105	100	94	83	105	119	94	118	121	127	1259
2011 TOTAL - MONTHLY	111	72	81	106	97	115	99	91	112	131	89	84	1188
2010 TOTAL - MONTHLY	121	79	93	88	98	86	115	100	103	104	94	96	1177
2009 TOTAL - MONTHLY	84	79	74	126	89	80	86	77	87	148	99	177	1206
2008 TOTAL - MONTHLY	126	123	101	89	110	98	71	105	71	73	77	110	1154
2007 TOTAL - MONTHLY	100	87	90	88	100	60	77	80	94	76	70	95	1017
2006 TOTAL - MONTHLY	112	83	81	88	97	84	94	86	72	93	87	99	1076

**LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT
CAL FIRE/STATION 15 – SOUTH BAY**



Reserve Firefighters
 Casey Jenkins, EMT Peter Hardy, EMT
 John Robson, EMR Virgil Messer, EMT
 Stephanie Dininni, DO, EMT
 Nate Jones, EMT
 Brent McNichols, EMT/P
 Ryan Biberston, EMT

Reserve Firefighters
 Martin Pierce, DO, EMT Tyler Loudermilk, EMT
 Todd Takahashi, EMT Kyle Parker, EMT
 Trevor Hamblin, EMT Matt Westbrook, EMT
 Timothy Milkovich, EMT
 Christian Evers, EMT
 Dillon Campbell, EMT

Reserve Firefighters
 Nick Bishop, DO, EMT Connar Smith, EMR
 Stanley Craig, DO Nathan Welch, EMT
 Sam McElhinney, EMT/P
 Jon Broyles, EMT
 JP Robles, EMT
 Patrick Leonard, EMT

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January 20, 2015

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Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Re: FEMA 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application, EMW-2014-FO-01130

Dear Mr. Kamoie:

I am writing in support of the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) 2014 Assistance to Firefighters grant application submitted by the South Bay Fire Department, requesting funding for two separate projects.

The South Bay Fire Department, in cooperation with the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSO) and CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, is the primary response agency to 15,000 residents within the town of Los Osos, a rural community in central California. The South Bay Fire Department employs 8 CAL FIRE Firefighters and 25 LOCSO Reserve Firefighters.

The LOCSO Reserve Firefighters are currently issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that do not meet the Advanced Personal Protection System (APPS), Wildland Firefighter Personal Protection Equipment (WLFF PPE) standard. The APPS WLFF Clothing System provides a level of protection that ensures high levels of safety during emergency response. Furthermore, when tested as a complete PPE system, data indicates that the new APPS WLFF PPE system allows wearers to increase their work durations by up to a factor of four. This is a force multiplier, which can lead to more effective wildfire operations and increase the property value saved.

In addition, the South Bay Fire Department requests funding to ensure the increased security to its fire department personnel and critical infrastructure, such as emergency response equipment, the LOCSO Emergency Operation Center, the LOCSO's computer network internet connections and backup computer as well as the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Command Frequency "Bay Command/ Tone 1". The South Bay Fire Department is the primary emergency responder to Los Osos residents, with the secondary emergency response agency being six miles away. With this potential for delayed mutual response, it is imperative that the South Bay Fire Department personnel and resources remain intact and secured.

The South Bay Fire Department has my full support in this grant application, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress



United States Senate

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February 6, 2015

Mr. Brian M. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
800 K Street NW, 9th Floor North Tower
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Dear Mr. Kamoie:

I am writing in strong support of the South Bay Fire Department's (SBFD) application for funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The SBFD, in cooperation with the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSO), is requesting \$46,130 for 35 sets of personal protective equipment (PPE) and \$9,645 for a security fence under grant EMW-2014-FO-01130.

Currently, reserve firefighters at the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSO) use personal protective equipment (PPE) that does not meet the Advanced Personal Protection System (APPS), Wildland Firefighter Personal Protection Equipment (WLFF PPE) standard. The SBFD aims to purchase 35 new sets of APPS WLFF PPE, which exceed current National Fire Protection Association and CAL FIRE requirements in radiant protection performance and total heat loss ratings. This allows firefighters to significantly increase their work durations and output, leading to more effective wildfire operations.

Additionally, the South Bay Fire Department is requesting funds to build a security fence and gate that would better protect the critical infrastructure housed in the fire station located in Los Osos. Currently, the layout of the fire station allows vehicle and pedestrian access to all sides of the building. If awarded this grant, the SBFD aims to construct a security fence and gate that will better secure the facility and infrastructure that is critical to the Los Osos Community Services District and CAL FIRE.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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February 6, 2015

W. Craig Fugate, Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Administrator Fugate:

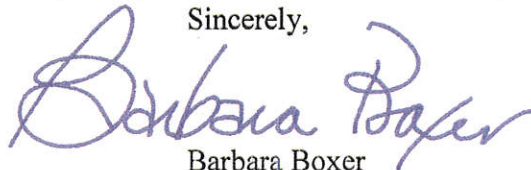
I am writing in support of the grant application submitted by the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSD) to the Assistance to Firefighters grant program.

LOCSD coordinates fire and emergency response for the 15,000 residents of Los Osos in San Luis Obispo County, contracting with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to operate South Bay Fire Department Station 15. The station relies on 25 certified volunteer reserve firefighters, all of whom currently use personal protective equipment that does not meet the Advanced Personal Protective System, Wildland Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (WLFF PPE) standard developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

If awarded this \$55,775 grant, the LOCSD will purchase and outfit the Station 15 reserve firefighters with new equipment that meets the WLFF PPE standard. Additionally, the LOCSD will construct a fence around Station 15 to increase the security of the facility, which also houses the LOCSD Emergency Operations Center and other critical infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact my Field Representative Joshua Quigley at (510) 286-8518.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE



**CONTACT: Phill Veneris, Battalion Chief RELEASE DATE: February 12, 2015
(805) 528-1053**

LOS OSOS MIDDLE SCHOOL ART STUDENT PROMOTES FIRE SAFETY IN LOS OSOS

The San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council (SLO FSC), in cooperation with *CAL FIRE* Station 15 - South Bay Fire, Los Osos Community Services District and Los Osos Middle School (LOMS) are proud to announce a new fire safety sign board that can be seen traveling northbound on South Bay Boulevard just north of Santa Ysabel Avenue. This sign board was the hard work of Hannah Haas, an 8th grader at Los Osos Middle School, and states **“There is no match for a fire. Fire doesn’t take vacations. Be safe”**. Hannah was declared the winner of an art contest conducted by LOMS Art Teacher, Raquel Meinke, funded by the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, Pacific Gas and Electric and overseen by *CAL FIRE* Station 15 – South Bay, including a panel of judges which included *CAL FIRE* Station 15 – South Bay Firefighters and Staff. As the winner, the FSC presented Hannah with a Best Buy Gift Card.

The completion of the 4ft-by-8ft sign board took thirteen year-old Hannah, her friends, classmates and Art Teacher a total of about nine hours. Hannah loves to sketch and paint in her spare time and also plays basketball for LOMS. She lives in Los Osos with her sister, Emma Jane and parents, Mark and Robin .

The San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council and *CAL FIRE* Station 15 – South Bay says thank you to the Los Osos Middle School students of Ms. Meinke’s Art Class for their participation in this fun and effective way to spread the word about fire safety. The Los Osos Board of Directors will recognize Ms. Meinke and Miss Haas at the March 5, 2015 Board Meeting (South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palisades, Los Osos). According to the most recent data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Trauma Intervention (updated February 2014):

- 450,000 burn injuries require medical attention annually.
- 40,000 hospitalizations related to burn injury.
- 3,400 fire/burn/smoke inhalation deaths per year

On average, only 60% of Americans have an escape plan, and of those, only 25% have practiced it (NFPA, 1999), but having effective smoke alarms cut your chances of dying in a fire in half (NFPA, 1999). Remember to keep burns under cool water for at least 3-5 minutes and dial 911 for serious injuries; never use butter, lotion or ice on a burn (www.aarbf.org).

If you have any questions, please contact *CAL FIRE* Station 15 - South Bay Fire Department at (805) 528-1053 or Dan Turner at the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council (805) 458-3513 or www.fscslo.org.

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1/27/2015

Dear Friends,

These cookies are a thank you for helping us last week. We really didn't know what to do. You came to help.

Thank you,

[Redacted Name]

[Redacted Name]

(For our friends @ the Fire Dept.)
Chocolate chip cookies contain egg, flour & dairy.

To the team of Helping
Hands. I thank you.
My Mother would be very
proud knowing each and
every one you roll out to
Help will be given care
like no other.

I thank your men and women
for the touch of care my
Mother received.

You are a proud and
wonderful part of this
County.

Bless you.

Carolyn D. Linder

Trene's Daughter

