



CAL FIRE
San Luis Obispo
County Fire Department



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To: Honorable LOCSB Board of Directors
From: Phill Veneris, Battalion Chief
Subject: Agenda Item 9A – March 6, 2014 Board Meeting
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for January 2014

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 104 calls in January with seven Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). Five of the Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1st: 1, 2nd: 4). Of these 104 incidents, 72 were Medical calls with 42 requiring Advanced Life Support provided by Paramedics. Five incidents were reported as Traffic Collision; Six incidents were reported as Fire, 23 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 nine times.

ADMINISTRATION

3. Office Assistant Harmony Brown worked in cooperation with CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit Law Enforcement officers to create and distribute a Safe Fire Brochure. This brochure will educate our homeless population on how to create and maintain a safe warming fire in the Los Osos area as well as the rest of the county.
4. During the month of January, all Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighters successfully completed their Annual Emergency Medical Evaluations. In addition, they signed the 2014 Reserve Firefighter Employment Contracts.
5. On January 14, 2014, Reserve Firefighter Chris Rhodes submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately, and is pursuing a career as an EMT with San Luis Ambulance. Chris was a valuable member of the Department for 2 years and we wish him a bright future.
6. On January 20, 2014 Reserve Firefighter Andrew Robles submitted a letter of resignation in order to pursue full-time employment as a phlebotomist with the local Blood Bank. Robles was a dependable and valuable asset to Station 15 – South Bay throughout his 6+ years of employment.

ADMINISTRATION

7. Engine 215 was sent to a commercial truck repair shop to repair an issue with its brake system. The brake system on this 16 year old fire engine is no longer being manufactured, so several of the parts had to be fabricated at a machine shop out of state. During the extended out of service time, SLO County Fire Department Engine 212 was moved to Station 15 – South Bay Fire station to maintain response capabilities. Engine 215 was repaired at no cost to Station 15 – South Bay, as part of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement.
8. Throughout the month of January, prospective Reserve candidate, Patrick Leonard, continued to work on his Station 15 Task Book and Shadow Shifts. These are the final training steps to being hired as a Reserve Firefighter and must be completed prior to working at Station 15 – South Bay.

TRAINING

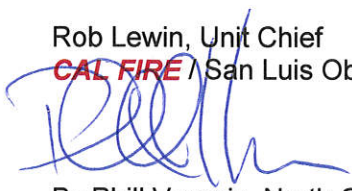
9. On January 21-23, 2014, Fire Captain – Paramedic Wilcox and Fire Apparatus Engineer - Paramedic Green along with about 25 other CAL FIRE employees attended a 24 hour Continued Professional Training course taught by CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Department Training Staff. Assisting the training staff was Station 15 Fire Apparatus Engineer – Paramedic Moriarty. This refresher course trained participants in rescue systems for ropes and ladders, gas pipe line emergencies, CPR Training and numerous other topics. This is the second of 4 mandatory 24 hour annual training sessions for all CAL FIRE personnel.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

10. On January 13, 2014, Station 15 – South Bay opened their Training Room to the Monarch Butterfly Volunteer Management Committee. During this meeting, the Committee continued their training in the monitoring and maintenance of the Monarch Butterfly overwintering site as well as monthly projects intended to upgrade the Monarch Grove.
11. On January 7, 2013, the California Conservation Corps notified Station 15 – South Bay that the LOCSD Utilities Department Wood Chipper battery was not working correctly and causing problems when starting the chipper. Station 15 – South Bay staff purchased a new battery using district funds and installed it. Staff then submitted a request for reimbursement from the SLO County Fire Safe Council which was accepted and approved.

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

2014 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	6												
FALSE ALARMS	2												
*RESCUE - EMS	72												
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	42												
TRAFFIC COLLISION	5												
*SERVICE ASSISTS	23												
*EMERGENCY	3												
CODE 2 RESPONSE	10												
-ZONE I	1												
-MDO	3												
-MUTUAL AID	0												
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	4												
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	7												
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	5												
2014 TOTAL - MONTHLY	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2014 CALLS YTD	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
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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
2005 TOTAL - MONTHLY	88	91	88	88	77	73	68	72	86	79	100	88	998



Fire Safety Tips

Be Safe With Your Fire

Campfires can be a great comfort in cool weather, but we all must practice safety when using fire.

This brochure will help you make a

SAFE FIRE.



Fire Safety Do's

Do

- ✓ *Keep a shovel and a bucket of water nearby.*
- ✓ *Clear all flammable vegetation at least 10 feet around the fire ring.*
- ✓ *Keep personal items including tents, clothing, and paper products at least 10 feet away from the fire.*



CAL FIRE/ San Luis Obispo County Fire wants you to be fire safe.

Fire Safety Don'ts

- DON'T build your fire near flammable vegetation such as logs or brush.
- DON'T build your campfire on needles or leaves.
- DON'T leave your burning campfire unattended.
- DON'T use open flames or candles in tents.
- DON'T ever use a stove in your tent. (Carbon Monoxide can build and kill you).

Think Fire Safety

If you don't prevent the fire – Who will?

- Make it safely
- Always watch it
- Never leave it
- Put it out
- Make sure it's out and cold

Select a level location away from flammable vegetation such as logs, brush, needles or leaves.

Use a shovel to clear an area at least 10 feet in diameter. Clear away grass, leaves, and needles down to mineral soil. (It's farther down than you think).

Scoop a depression in the center of the cleared area in which to build your fire.

Put a ring of rocks around it.

Cut your wood in short lengths, pile within the cleared area and light the fire.

The fire should be no larger than necessary.

The fire must never be left unattended.

The fire must be extinguished completely before everyone leaves camp.

You Are Responsible

The escape of any campfire from the control of the person who is igniting and maintaining it is proof of campfire negligence. You can be cited or arrested.

Don't let it escape!

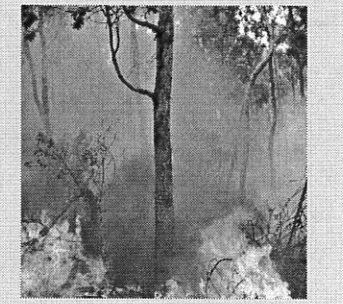
Put it out

Fill a bucket with water and pour it on the fire while stirring.

Wet all ash, turn wood over and continue adding water until extinguished.

Put dirt on top of the fire and mix it in.

Feel with your hand all around the fire to be sure it's out.



A Brush Fire Can Out-Run You

Corrections

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Local Update

Fire destroys mobile home in Los Osos

A fire destroyed an unoccupied mobile home and damaged a nearby vehicle in Los Osos on Sunday.

Cal Fire responded to a report of a single-wide mobile home on 1690 Valley View Drive "fully-engulfed in flames" shortly before 1 p.m.

When crews arrived, the mobile home was deemed a "complete loss," but they continued to work to contain the fire, which had also spread to a nearby car and some vegetation, Cal Fire officials said.

The fire was contained by 3:45 p.m.

Damages totaled \$45,000, including \$20,000 for the structure, \$15,000 for its contents and \$10,000 for the vehicle.

Cal Fire officials did not have information on the whereabouts of the mobile home's owner.

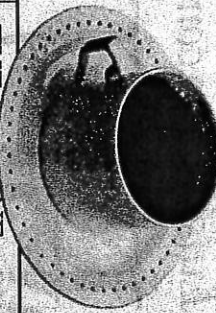
The cause of the fire is under investigation.

— Kaytlyn Leslie

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To South Bay Fire Station,


Baywood Elementary School PTA is wishing you a happy
New Year 2014!

We also want to send you this message of appreciation for your
continued support of our school and community. Your contribution
to our Fall Carnival and Silent Auction helped make the event a
huge success and raised much needed funds for our 2013-14 programs.

Your business is listed on the Baywood Elementary PTA website,
<http://wordpress.slcsd.org/baywoodpta/>, to acknowledge
businesses that support our schools.

We send our best wishes to you in the new year and hope
to see you soon.

Sincerely,


Baywood PTA