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## **Patriot Hook Exercise (by LaWayne Hearn)**

Task Force 6 participated in the "Patriot Hook" exercise this year with the military. We flew a small component of our US&R cache from March AFB to San Clemente Island. The purpose of this drill was to practice loading hazardous materials on a military plane.

This exercise took place Feb 19-20. Twenty people from our task force were involved in this exercise. This was a great exercise to prepare us for an event that will require flying our cache.



*Photos Above (L to R): (top row) Dennis Hunt, Steve Scott, and Rob Gabler sit back and enjoy the ride; inside view of the cockpit; view from the fueling plane on return flight; LaWayne Hearn gets ready for his night on the island; (bottom row) Bob Markin poses in the cargo area; sunset on San Clemente Island; Pat Mullen checks out the inside of the plane*



***Email from Captain Jay to all personnel on Feb 27:***

Hello All. Just spoke with Rob Rapport. He is doing well. He wanted me to pass along his new e-mail address for those who would still like to be in contact with him. It is as follows: [robert.rappaport@redondo.org](mailto:robert.rappaport@redondo.org)

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***Email sent to all RFD Personnel on Feb 11 by Eng Tyler Stanford:***

RFD Family: I got to make my bed in a Fire Station yesterday for the first time in 19 months. I have looked forward to that moment, everyday of that 19 months. It only took 4 knee surgeries (one a total knee replacement), 5 hospital stays, one case of C-Dif, numerous x-rays, multiple MRI's, 6 weeks on IV antibiotics, a PIC line, countless hours of rehab, one CPAT and a lot of help from Fire Chief Earley. For me this is the greatest job in the world and that is what provided me the motivation to 'push' through everything. At times we can focus on the 'little' things and become a little negative towards the 'job'. I have a new perspective on life and the 'job'; as I was lying in my bed, at 130 pounds, as my wife was connecting an IV bag of antibiotics to my PIC line, a 'validation error' would have been a good thing, filling out a 210-6 would have been a good thing, getting up for a 'belly acher' would have been a good thing. Don't ever forget just how great this job is and realize it could be gone before you are ready.

It was great to see and interact with everyone yesterday, that is one of the many elements of this job that I really missed. I will be honest, I did use the phrase "I'm going to need a backer" a lot on my first shift. The Fire Engine does not have the same turning radius as my Toyota.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out over the past 19 months, and as I knock some of the 'rust' off over the next few weeks.

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***Email from Aimee Thayer, Public Safety Dispatcher, on Feb 23:***

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed money and made possible for us to send Murrieta Dispatch two large bouquets from edible arrangements following the sudden passing of their dispatcher, Leanna McConnaughey. They should be receiving them sometime today. A signed card will be taken to them on Friday when we go there to cover their shifts so that they may attend the funeral.

A special Thank You to all of the dispatchers, Acting Chief John DeLaRosa, Riverside Police Officers Association, Riverside City Firefighters Association, and Riverside Police Administrators Association for chipping in money to help us send them the arrangements.

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# Congratulations

**BC Promotion:** Captain Mitch Wesche will be promoted to Battalion Chief effective March 5; he will be assigned to Battalion 2A. In addition, BC Stamper will be transferred to Battalion 2B and BC Koury to Battalion 1A. Chief Earley commended the other two Battalion Chief candidates, Captain Bob Valdez and Captain Jeff DeLaurie for their outstanding performance in the promotion process. He also wished to acknowledge Captain Thomas Jay for doing an outstanding job during his time as Acting Battalion Chief. "Each of these candidates provided exceptional qualities during their tenure."

**Reassignments:** Eng Tyler Stanford returned to Operations on Feb 5 at Station 6; he will continue to function as the EMD Coordinator and Communications Liaison.

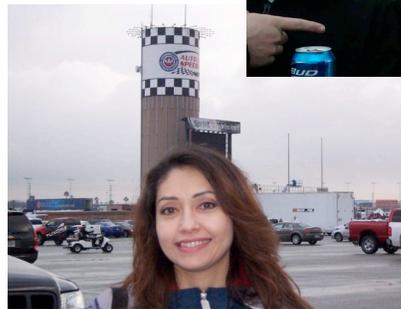
## March Birthdays



Shawn Bauer	3/23
Marciano Duran	3/29
Brad Fike	3/17
LaWayne Hearn	3/4
Robert Herrick	3/20
Wayne Hess	3/9
Steve Hill	3/27
Trey Janeway	3/21
David Juarez	3/28
Bart Kennedy	3/26
Tom Kleveno	3/25
Ray Mendoza	3/3
Pat Mullen	3/5
Rod Nash	3/23
Dru Odil	3/4
Joe Reed	3/13
Scott Richmond	3/16
Joe A. Rosales	3/3
Jeff Rowe	3/12
Mike Weatherbie	3/22
Mitch Wesche	3/25



## Auto Club 500



Jeremy Roberts and Ryan Kaessner with a mystery fan; Anna Hauldren enjoyed the NASCAR race.

## Growing Families



Isaiah Paul Seawright was born on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:18am. 7lbs. 11oz. and 20" long. Mom and baby are doing fine.

# Badge Pinning Ceremony



Please join us in recognizing our promotions and the achievements of other department personnel in the past year. Our ceremony will include: promotional badge pinning, shield presentation, 2009 Employee of the Year presentation, Employee Service Award presentations and Explorer recognition.

This event will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010, at 6:00 pm at City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> floor in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room and Grier Pavilion. Light refreshments will be served from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Those being recognized include:

## PROMOTIONS:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Promoted to:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Mitchell Wesche	Battalion Chief	March 5, 2010
Tyler Reynolds	Captain	March 5, 2010
Gary Giovannetti	Engineer	September 4, 2009
Michael Allen	Engineer	March 5, 2010

## SHIELD PRESENTATIONS:

Jeremy Roberts	Paul Young
Tony Giovannetti	Scott Semer
Ryan Kaessner	Matt Stibal
Crispin Nunez	Paul Seawright

## 2009 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR:

Sworn – Battalion Chief Jeff Dredla  
Non-Sworn – Emergency Operations Coordinator Phil McCormick

## EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

### 30 YEARS

Battalion Chief William Stamper  
Division Chief John Martinez  
Captain William Aviles  
Firefighter Edward Lastra

### 25 YEARS

Captain Dirk Jensen  
Captain Shawn Plaxco  
Engineer David Montoya

## Badge Pinning Ceremony (cont)



### 20 YEARS

Captain Steven Jeremiah  
Captain Lisa Holloway  
Captain Al Hernandez  
Engineer Lee Davis  
Senior Office Specialist Linda Daugherty  
Captain Frederick Bayer  
Captain Shawn Bauer  
Fire Inspector II John Arendas  
Engineer Ralph Wilson  
Battalion Chief Mitchell Wesche  
Captain William Schellhous  
Engineer Jeff Rowe  
Engineer Tracy McKibbin  
Engineer Eugene Lopez  
Engineer Thomas Kleveno  
Captain Timothy Kessel

### 10 YEARS

FF/PM Stephen Wu  
Engineer Sean Wilde  
Admin Analyst Gale Schulte  
Senior Office Specialist Norma Pagan  
Engineer Tim Odebralski  
FF/PM Ronald Nunan  
Captain Stephen McKinster  
FF/PM Paul Trey Janeway  
Acct Clerk II Anna Hauldren  
FF Renee Griffin  
FF David Gilstrap  
Engineer Timothy Beeler  
Captain Robert Abbruzzesse

### 15 YEARS

Fire Inspector II Margaret Albanese  
Captain Jennifer McDowell  
Admin Services Mgr Shari Call  
Captain Richard Bennett

### 5 YEARS

FF/PM John Sierra  
FF/PM Daniel Richmond  
FF David Nash  
FF/PM Bryan Klinke  
FF/PM Joshua Fudge  
FF/PM Hector Calvillo

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## In Memory...

Abraham Kuruvilla suddenly passed away on Feb 26. The cause is unknown. Abraham was recognized by the City Riverside for his technical achievements and worked in the IT department for several years.

## Photo Album



**Bart's Beach(left):** Downtown Fire Station B shift crew played a practical joke on their co-worker, Eng Bart Kennedy. They removed all the furniture from his dorm and re-created a beach scene.

**Tour de Palm Springs (right):** FF/PM Chuck Clements and FF Dave Nash completed the 104 mile Tour de Palm Springs on Feb 13-14. Good job!



Left: Greg White, Josh Fudge, Kristen Johnson, and Craig Kodat at an event for Council Person Rusty Bailey

Right: Eng Tim Odebralski and FF Tony Burciago participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire on Ice Charity Hockey game at Citizens Bank Arena



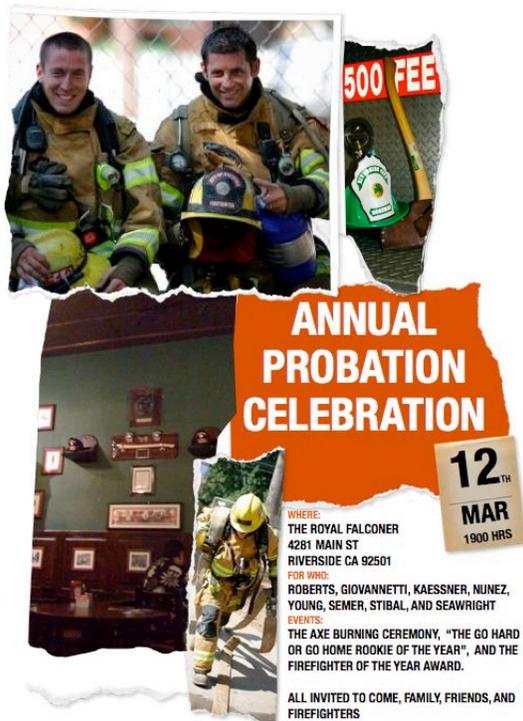
## Photo Album (cont)



**Station 5 Tour:** Clinton Breads gave a tour of Engine 5 to students at Rose Kennedy Elementary School. Station 5 C talked to about 50 kids about fire safety and the job of a firefighter.



**Cougar Tail:** FF Renee Griffin was nicknamed "Cougar" in a recent haz mat class where a monitoring tool called the "tigers paw" was used & Renee called it the "cougar paw". As a joke, Renee's team placed this tail on her suit.



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## With Sympathy...

The nephew of Shari Call, Davey Michels, was tragically killed last week while trying to cross the train tracks near Riverside Ave and Merrill. The family needs assistance in covering the cost of Davey's burial. Donations may be made to: Davey A. Michels Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank.

Thank you for your support, and please keep Shari and her family in your thoughts.

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