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A Fond Farewell After 41 Years...Ron Gutterud Retires



Engineer Ron Gutterud worked his last shift on Dec 26 at the Arlington Fire Station. Ron served the City of Riverside for the past four decades. Ron was one of the original members of the RFD haz mat team that began in the late 80's.

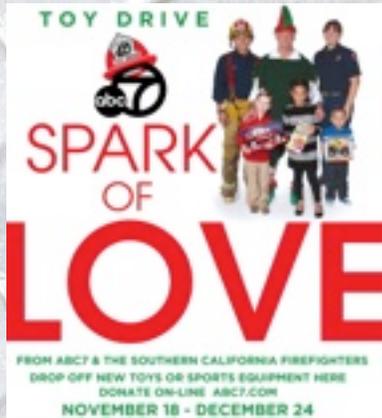


Ron survived many attacks and scary moments as he served as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War prior to joining the RFD in 1971. Ron dodged another big bullet on March 20, 2005, when he suffered a heart attack on a fire response. FFPM Don Henry recognized the symptoms and took prompt action to treat and transport Ron. Ron returned to work in less than a year and drove eight more years at Station 2 C shift. (On his last shift, Don presented Ron with a copy of his EKG strip from that scary day.) Ron's experience and service time may never be matched. He will be missed by his co-workers (even getting a rare hug from BC Bill Stamper). Ron's retirement plans include travelling with his wife, helping with his grandchildren, and cheering for his beloved GreenBay Packers



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Thank you from Mrs. Paula Mendoza to Chris Adams and RFD: Mrs. Paula Mendoza called me tonight and wanted to thank everyone from the City of Riverside Fire Dept. and the Spark of Love Committee for helping them out during this troubling times. She was very appreciative of the \$250 in gift cards that you guys came up with and also wanted to wish us all a Merry Christmas. It is these situations that make all our hard work during the Spark of Love Toy Drive worth it. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and sacrifices you make so this program can be a huge success. I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you to Chief Hearn, Gale Schulte and Tim Odebralski. They were able to get gift cards and will be delivering them today. The Husband works for Second Harvest Food Bank and is use to giving and not receiving. So thank you so much for helping out and dropping the cards off.



2013 Totals:

11,778 Toys
\$2500 in monetary donations

Growing Families



Steve Edwards: Congratulations to Steve Edwards and his wife, Kalina, on the arrival of their new baby girl, Ava Rose on Dec 8. Baby Ava weighed 6 lbs, 4 oz.

Steve Hallgren: Congratulations to Engineer Steve Hallgren and his wife Kat (a champ with 30 hours of labor) on the birth of their daughter, Taylin Sara, on Dec 23. Taylin weighed in at 8 lbs 1 oz and was 21" long.



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Birthdays



January Birthdays

Greg Arias	1/10
Paul Avila	1/1
Jason Blomgren	1/22
Chris Boykin	1/19
Brian Fuentes	1/13
Pat Gabler	1/1
Rob Gabler	1/16
Matt Galik	1/7
Ryan Hicks	1/2
Lovieanne Jung	1/11
Jeremiah Meadows	1/12
Dave Nash	1/6
Norma Pagan	1/9
Zach Pettikas	1/3
John Peurifoy	1/7
Jacob Proctor	1/25
Tyler Reynolds	1/12
Vince Rodgers	1/10
Jim Ryan	1/19
Chad Selk	1/29
Cathy Mitchell	1/16

Congratulations

6 Month Test: Chris Brandstetter (Dec 5);
Matt Powell (Dec 16)

Assignments: Battalion Chief Scott Blair to
Administrative Services Division Chief;
Captain Tim Odebralski to Training Captain
Position (Dec 20)

Promotions: FF Dave Revollo to Engineer
(E1A)

Retirements: Fire Chief Steve Earley on
Dec 27 (32 years of service); Ron Gutterud
on Dec 27 (41 years of service)

High Desert Explorer Academy



Right: Richard Luna, Ezra Alvarez and
Cody Wyrick-Smith graduated from the
IEFEA High Desert Academy in Ft. Irwin
CA December 2013



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Jeff Loveland Wins CSFA Hall of Fame Award

Jeff Loveland received the CSFA Hall of Fame Award for life time achievement at the 2013 CSFA Conference in Sacramento in September. The following biography information was provided in the program:

Jeff has worked in the fire service 35 years (32 with Riverside City FD and 3 years with California Division of Forestry (CDF)). He has been a fire fighter, engineer and now is a captain. While a firefighter, he came up with a design for a strap to make it quicker and easier to remove hose from hose beds. He has been involved with RCFD Radio Communications since 1985. He took the RCFD from 2 channels and a few older radios to the current system. He continues to be involved with department communications and is currently working on enhancing department radio coverage through the use of simulcasting. Jeff has been involved in updating the RCFD badges and patches for the past 15 years. Currently he designed the new 125th anniversary badge and is responsible for its distribution. He has been a Communications Specialist for the US&R CA-TF6 (California Task Force 6) and a CA State Fire Marshal Certified Company Officer since 1992. In 1995, he became a Communications Unit Leader. He has been on a FEMA US& R IST Team since 1998.

He has been to the following incidents as a Communications Specialist:

- 1993 Northridge Earthquake (CA-TF6)
- 1995 Hurricane Opal (CA-TF6)
- 1998 Hurricane Georges (IST)
- 2001 Seattle Earthquake (CA-TF6)
- 2002 Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City, UT (IST)
- 2003 Hurricane Isabel (IST)
- 2004 G-8 Summit and Hurricanes Charlie, Francis, and Ivan (IST)
- 2005 Hurricanes Katrina, Ophelia, and Rita (IST)
- 2006 Hurricane Ernesto (IST)
- 2007 Kansas Tornadoes (IST)
- 2008 Hurricanes Gustav and Ike (IST)
- 2011 Hurricane Irene (IST)
- 2012 Super Storm Sandy (IST)

Right: Jeff and his wife of 32 years, Lynette, and Wayne Boyd of US Safety Engineering.



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CERT Year End Celebration
December 11, 2013





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More Spark of Love...



Magnolia Baptist Church

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Set Free Program





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Above: Special visit by Arlington Fire Station Santa Ride-A-Long on Dec 23

Right: La Sierra Station distributes two bikes from the Spark of Love Program



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