



# Glendale Fire and Rescue News

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### **Our Mission:**

*To prevent or reduce the loss of life and the destruction of property and the environment from fire, medical, hazardous materials and other emergency occurrences.*

## CHIEF'S NOTES

The year was 1972 and the pilot movie for the series Emergency, "The Wedsworth-Townsend Act," first aired on television. There was a particular scene in the movie I found to have special meaning and it certainly relates to an event being held today. The scene unfolds as crews return from a fire and a young firefighter (rescue man) is approached by his Chief about his interest in participating in Paramedic training. The young firefighter's response is really of disinterest. He states that he may be too stupid to take advantage of such an opportunity and that he trained to be a rescue man, liked being a rescue man, and why should he die from improvements? Well, we all know what happened next; the rest is history. The young rescue man became a Paramedic, and frankly, he and his partner influenced many to accept the calling of the fire service to serve their communities by helping others. Meeting Randy Mantooth in person yesterday at the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute (PTI) graduation, I was very impressed with how he got it...the true spirit and meaning of what it feels like to accept the calling of the fire service. You look at each opportunity to help and serve and ask yourself, Was there any more I could have done? Is there anything else we could do to ease the pain, lessen suffering, provide additional comfort or help in any way? Did we make the patient feel like there was nothing else we would rather be doing than being there helping them? Ask yourself these questions when you are unsure of why you took an oath to serve the public...at the time of their personal crisis, no matter how big or small, they have asked you to help and we are honored to do so. At the graduation of PTI's 200th class yesterday, two of Glendale's Firefighters, Chris Mays and Tyler Richardson, joined the ranks of Paramedics trained by PTI. Congratulations to all of the current and former graduates!



**Glendale Fire Chief  
Chris Gray**



On March 1, Glendale's new fifth Rescue Ambulance, RA22, was placed into service, exactly seven years to the day from our re-launch of Glendale Fire's paramedic service. It filled me with a great sense of pride to see this happen, and we certainly appreciate all that was done

to help make this a reality. The addition of RA22 will benefit the entire community and we are already seeing positive effects. That morning, even the drive down to 22's was memorable, as I was able to make a left-hand turn from Brand to Palmer. Now this may seem like something of no consequence to most people, but I can assure you that the opening in that island was hard fought and ultimately supported by our City Council and City Manager, for the sake of public safety response times. Pictured below is the inaugural crew at 22's: Engine 22's Capt. Clark, Engr. Shanley, FF Sanchez and FF/PM Armstrong, along with RA22 FF/PM's Ted Huber and Tyler Richardson. Interestingly enough, March 1 was also Sal's birthday, #59. FF Sal Sanchez carries the honorable distinction of being our #1 Senior Firefighter on the job and I greatly respect his service and dedication. It seemed appropriate to have Ted and Tyler kicking things off for us on the RA. I really appreciate Ted's dedication to duty, and in particular his work with assisting Firefighters and Benefits. Tyler Richardson was serving his first shift as a FF/PM. Ironically, Tyler's family – and W.C.B. Richardson in particular – was one of Glendale and Tropic's early pioneers not far from Fire Station 22. Some of you may know of the Richardson House (Cypress and Mariposa) <http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/planning/preservation/richardson.pdf> Thank you, Ted and Tyler.



The best class ever of 1987 will be celebrating their 20th anniversary with the GFD on April 20: Eng. Brad Hansen, FF Bert Rivera, FF/PM Craig Skidmore, Capt. Steve Parrish, Eng. Darik Bolin, Capt. Dan Nichols, Capt. Vince Rifino, Capt. Carlos Guerrero, Eng. Ray Ortiz, FF Jim Cooper, Capt. Greg Fish, BC Bob Doyle, FF/PM Lance Menier, Eng. Patrick Griffith, Eng. Richard Foster, Capt. Mark Carillo, Capt. Tom Marchant, and Capt. Doug Doody.



Congratulations and best wishes to Battalion Chief Bill Bailey, who is retiring effective May 1. Bill shared his love of the job and "can do" approach with the GFD for 27 years. He was effective in every rank and served the department and community with both skill and determination. Bill always looked for the best in both people and circumstance. He was a great pleasure to work with and his contributions will be missed.

Area C completed RIC (Rapid Intervention Crew) training this week, culminating a multi-year effort to begin to standardize how we handle a wide variety of firefighter safety and emergency rescue issues among the 11 fire departments participating in Unified Response. Feedback has been very positive and we look forward to additional regional training and drilling sessions in the future.

Congratulations to Bonnie Paredes-Flores on her promotion to Administrative Assistant, and to Jovan Diaz and Foster McLean on their promotion to Sr. Fire Environmental Safety Specialist.

We received notification this month from OES Fire and Rescue Chief Kim Zagaris that Glendale has successfully been typed as a FIRESCOPE ICS-US&R -120-1 Type-1 Rescue Department. Please accept my personal thanks and appreciation to all of our personnel, and in particular our members from Station 29, who have worked steadfastly to bring this enhanced service level to the Glendale community. Chief Zagaris personally noted our readiness for the evaluation and the high quality of our personnel, apparatus/equipment, and training records. Special thanks to our evaluation team from OES, Region I Assistant Chief Ishmael Messer and Special Operations Assistant Chief Len Chesmore. This evaluation is also timely. Over the past year, our citizens identified Disaster Preparedness as one of their highest priorities for improvement in Glendale. Efforts such as our enhanced Urban Search & Rescue response level will certainly work toward meeting this expectation.



**Chris Gray, Fire Chief**  
"We Help People"



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## OPERATIONS

The changing of the seasons reminds us of those events that reoccur on a regular basis, such as the new growth that springtime brings. Here in the Glendale Fire Department, we are in the midst of a changing of seasons as well. Our recent reorganization is helping us to grow in our ability to provide the very best in fire, emergency medical, and life safety response and prevention for the community we are privileged to serve.

This past week, the Operations Chiefs met to review and evaluate our current programs and projects, and to project what our priorities will be for the remainder of this year. A major theme that kept coming through during our discussions was the need to make sure that all of our response personnel are well prepared to meet the challenges they face daily. Toward that end, we will be working to bring greater clarity, purpose, and available time to our training/preparedness activities. I have asked our Training & Safety Officer, Chief Wright, to work closely with the three platoon Battalion Chiefs to ensure that foundational emergency response operational skills are reviewed and practiced regularly.

During the next several months, we will be holding promotional examinations for Fire Engineer (before summer), Fire Captain (after summer), and Battalion Chief (following the Captain's exam). In addition to the promotional examinations, we will be holding another recruit fire academy beginning in the fall. The remainder of this year will be filled with many new opportunities for growth for those who serve in the Glendale Fire Department. I am sure that we will faithfully build upon the outstanding foundation built by those who have served before us.

We are blessed to receive the wonderful support of our community, City Council, executive management, and one another. I encourage all of us to remember the many blessings we have been given (yesterday E26 and RA21 responded to Glendale family who lost their nine year old son to leukemia) and make the most of those blessings as we help others who are unable to help themselves.

Respectfully,

*Steve Howard, Operations Deputy Chief*



Photo by Gene Blevins

### A, B and C Platoons

In Southern California, fire season is all year long, and this year is no different. This month, Glendale Fire sent two engines and a Battalion Chief as members of two different strike teams from Area C to assist Orange County on the "241" fire. Upon arrival at staging, units were immediately deployed to structure protection in the area of Anaheim Hills and the City of Orange.

Glendale units also assisted LAFD with a two-acre brush fire in Griffith Park this month (photo below).



Within Glendale, firefighters have recently responded to a fire in a high-rise apartment unit. The first arriving unit reported smoke on the seventh floor. Quick work by firefighters limited the damage to an area surrounding a bathroom vent fan. Damage to the unit was estimated at \$5,000, and no persons were injured.

Firefighters responded to a suspicious fire involving multiple cars on fire on the lot of a car dealer on Brand Blvd. Units assigned to the incident limited the fire to the area of origin; the cause of



## OPERATIONS (cont.)

the fire is under investigation.

And at a construction site, firefighters and paramedics treated and transported a worker who sustained severe injuries from a fall of approximately 40 feet at a construction site at Central and Windsor.

– *B.C. Anthony Arellanes*

### Helping Hands

On March 20 at 12:58, Engine 21, Rescue Ambulance 21, and LAFD Engine 56 responded to a traffic collision on the Colorado off-ramp from the northbound 5 freeway.

It was a single-car spinout with no injuries. LAFD was cancelled by Engine 21, which had been advised of the non-injury status by RA21 onscene. RA21 assisted the driver until the arrival of California Highway Patrol.

At 1900 hours that evening, I received a call from retired Fire Chief Mike Davis of Burbank Fire Department, who thanked us for helping the driver, who turned out to be his wife.

FF/PM's Steve Elliott and Terry Williamson were the medics on the call and are to be commended for their professionalism and kindness to the patient, all the while having no knowledge of who she was, but simply "doing what we always do."

Respectfully,

*Captain Scott Mohlenbrok*

### Fire at Dealership

On Monday, March 12 at 1:02 a.m., one fire company responded to a vehicle fire at 1600 S. Brand Blvd. The arriving fire company reported multiple vehicles well involved at the Allen Gwynn Chevrolet Dealership. The fire company immediately began an aggressive fire attack, limiting the damage to four vehicles. Two of the vehicles were a total loss; two others sustained radiant heat damage. All of the vehicles involved were 2007 Chevrolet Suburbans.

The Glendale Fire Arson Investigation Unit responded and the cause of the fire was determined to be arson. The property owner provided surveillance video footage; investigators are reviewing the evidence in an

attempt to apprehend the suspects. Estimated loss was \$100,000.

– *Captain Carlos Guerrero*

### Vegetation Fire, 1500 N. Verdugo Rd.

A small vegetation fire, approximately ten feet by twenty feet in low vegetation, was accidentally started when an ironworker used a torch to cut a wire cable. The cut cable fell to the ground, igniting the vegetation. Construction workers tried to extinguish the fire. It was determined that the fire was accidental and the construction crew was asked to have extinguishing devices on scene at all times. Damage was estimated at \$200.

### Vehicle Fire

A vehicle fire occurred behind Modern Auto Sales at 701 Sonora Avenue. The vehicle engine compartment was well involved at time of arrival. The fire was extinguished and a preliminary investigation began. Burn patterns pointed to the origin of the fire being at the front of the engine compartment. Damage to the vehicle's interior was limited to smoke damage. The vehicle was a total loss value. At time of report, no cause of fire had been identified. Further investigation will be conducted.

Vehicle ownership was determined based on license plate and VIN # identification. The owner was contacted and interviewed. He stated there was no problem with the car, which had been driven six hours prior to the incident. Two vehicles parked next to the left front corner of the fire vehicle received exposure damage. A surveillance tape was taken as evidence and will be reviewed. Estimated loss was \$85,000.



## FIRE STATION TOURS

One of the many public education activities provided by the Glendale Fire Department is giving tours of the fire stations, apparatus, and equipment for school children, scouts, and community groups. Tours are arranged through our Public Education Coordinator, Tanya Gregorian, and they are generally given by a firefighter assigned to the station being toured. The following is a description of a fairly typical tour.

The students, parents and teacher are greeted in the lobby of the station. They learn that the fire station is the firefighters' second home and they should treat it as if it was their home too. An explanation is provided about the tones they might hear if a fire company is dispatched from this station during their visit, and the station-alerting strobes that flash during a notification are pointed out. It is suggested that students remain very quiet if they hear tones because the firefighters need to listen carefully to see if they are being sent out to help someone.

The tour proceeds to the station office, where they learn that the Captains and Paramedics have their own offices because they do the most paperwork. The students see the computers and the work area for the firefighters and hear that homework doesn't necessarily stop when you graduate from school – firefighters do their share of reports too.

The group then goes to the day room, where they watch a video on fire safety and learn about using their senses in case of a fire. They are reminded to **listen** for a smoke detector, **touch** the door to check if it is hot,



**look** for smoke and also the exit, and **smell** for smoke. They are taught to stay low and crawl because that is where the best air is for them to breathe. A brief explanation of exit plans for the home and meet-



ing places is provided so they can inform their parents how to prepare in case of a fire. Smoke alarms and their upkeep are also addressed, and students are asked to raise their hand if they don't have a smoke alarm at home because we can provide one for their family if they need it. "Stop, Drop, and Roll" procedures are also covered in case their clothes ever catch on fire.



Everyone moves into the locker room where the firefighters store their gear and their outer apparel, called turnouts, between shifts. The students always get a kick out of seeing all the boots, jackets, and helmets.

In the kitchen, the visitors learn that the firefighters all take turns cooking. At some stations it's only for 4 people, but at Station 21 we cook for 12 people. Everyone chips in to pay for food, and many of our firefighters are amazing cooks. The students and adults exclaim over the size of the huge pots and pans in our kitchen. This is the best time to remind everyone about safety while



cooking, keeping pan handles pushed back and keeping your distance when walking near a hot stove or oven.



On the apparatus floor, the students, parents, and teacher get to see fire rigs and tools. They learn that firefighters have to get ready quickly when they get a call, so our shirts have buttons on the outside but really unsnap, and our boots have zippers to save time. Then comes the part many students consider the most fun: a firefighter demonstrates sliding down the pole to show how much faster it is than going down the stairs. Then they learn the difference between an Engine and a Truck (hose versus ladders) and the differences in what firefighters do depending on which apparatus they are assigned to. They also see the ambulance if it's not out on a call. The students often raise their hands to share stories of relatives who were transported by one of our ambulances or to describe a fire they heard about or experienced. Sometimes they ask questions, like whether we can arrest people (no) and if we ever save people's pets when their house is on fire (yes).



And finally, a firefighter gets dressed in full turnouts so the students, parents, and teacher can see how much gear we wear, how quickly we get dressed, and how we look and sound once



we are fully geared up. Some younger kids get scared so it is beneficial for them to see someone go through the steps of putting it all on, one item at a time. The firefighter in full turnouts gets down to the kids' level and lets them touch his helmet, jacket, or self-contained breathing apparatus so they can see he is still the same firefighter he was before and they should not be scared if they see a firefighter in their house coming to help them.

On their way out, the teacher is given red plastic helmets and pencils for the class, and we tell the students if they are good and listen to their teacher, they will receive these once they are back in class. If Fire Service Day (the second Saturday in May) is coming up, we also invite them to come back and enjoy the pancake breakfast and the many activities and demonstrations we'll be having that day.

– Firefighter David Monheim



## TRAINING & SAFETY SECTION

- Burbank Fire will be hosting the Waterous Fire Pump company mobile training unit. This class is a good basic class on pump theory and operations and it will be held at the Burbank Training Center on April 10 at 0900 hours.

Prospective Engineers are encouraged to attend this class. It will provide good foundational information on pump operations. If interested, please contact Burbank Fire Training at (818) 238-3361 to RSVP.

Be advised that personnel wishing to attend should make arrangements for time off to attend. This is not intended to be an on-duty class.

- Glendale University has posted its latest catalog online. There are many courses available with value for you individually as well as for purposes of promotion. Please log on from your station or office and have a look at what may work for you (this web site is on the City network, so it will not be accessible from outside the city). [http://home/employee\\_services/training.asp](http://home/employee_services/training.asp)

– B.C. Don Wright

The Glendale Fire Department Fire Training Center will be holding the following classes:

### **S-231 Engine Boss**

Environmental Management Center  
780 Flower St.  
Glendale CA 91201  
May 7-8, 0830 – 1600 hrs  
Instructor: Mike Weddington

### **S-330 Strike Team Leader**

Environmental Management Center  
780 Flower St.  
Glendale CA 91201  
May 21-23, 0830 – 1600 hrs  
Instructor: Mike Weddington

If you would like to sign up, you can do so in FileMaker in the “Training and Safety” section, or you can call or email me and I will make sure you get into the class. Any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

### **Glendale Fire Training Center Site Safety Plan**

If you are going to conduct a training event or a multi-company drill at the Training Center, please fill out a Site Safety Plan prior to your event. The form is located on FileMaker under “Administration.” Click on “Forms” and choose “GFD T/C Site Safety Plan (IAP).” Print out the form, fill it out, and bring it with you to the Training Center. If there is no one here at the time of your event or drill, leave the form in Chief Wright’s “In” box located in the hallway at the Training Center trailer. Should you have any questions about the Site Safety Plan form, please call BC Wright or Bonnie at the Training Center and we will help you.

– Bonnie Paredes-Flores

Here are the dates for the upcoming Driver Operator courses at Rio Hondo:

**Driver Operator 1A:** June 11 - 15

**Driver Operator 1B:** July 9 - 13

If you would like to reserve a spot, contact Myrna Reyes at Rio Hondo, [mreyes@riohondo.edu](mailto:mreyes@riohondo.edu) or (562) 941-4082, ext. 23.

– Firefighter Jeff Brooks

### **Area C RIC Training**

Area C-wide Rapid Intervention Company (RIC) training occurred March 20-26 at the U.S. Armory in Pasadena, where personnel from all 11 Area C fire departments were updated on the latest developments in firefighter safety and emergency rescue procedures.



## SUPPORT COLUMN

### It's All About Balance

Every now and again, we have to ask ourselves how we are doing. We need to assess our personal lives as well as our professional lives. Recently, I have found this to be more important than ever. The big question continues to be, Is there balance, and if there isn't, why not? Sometimes our hectic lives overwhelm us with our day-to-day activities. So how do we balance all of the demands placed on us?



We need to learn the steps to help preserve our health and wellness because this is what is important to our families and the community we serve. We have to remember that it's not about us, at home or at work. We all joined the fire service to help others in their time of need; this is the basis for our existence in the fire service. When we get out of balance, we may lose focus on why we competed so hard to get into this profession.

Life is full of so many challenges and growth opportunities that will get you out of balance. I try to do a couple things that I think help keep me in balance. First, I am always thankful for the blessings that I have received. It's easy to get caught up in the "it's not enough" or "it's never good enough" mindset. It only takes a few things to go wrong and you are there. But if we really look at our lives and focus on the successes that we all have, it starts to look a little better and becomes easier to be thankful for the gifts that we all have received and sometimes take for granted. Every major victory started from a small success, and we all have them; we must, however, take the time to recognize them. In other words, I try to celebrate those successes. It doesn't matter how big or small they may be; it matters that you recognize the significance of the success.

Sometimes we continue down a path even though we know the outcome will not lead to the desired success. Step back and be honest with yourself by realizing this and

know that the important thing is that you at least attempted to accomplish what you wanted – some won't even try. The attempt itself is a success.

At the end of the day, it is our personal responsibility to bring our lives into balance, because there are many depending on us in their time of need. I try to remember that I am who I am, and only I can change who I am. Once you recognize this, it becomes easier to understand that life is all about balance. Without the balance, it is easy to become overwhelmed with all of life's challenges, most of which are unexpected. With the balance, it is easier to manage them and live our lives with more meaning and sense of accomplishment.

– Deputy Chief Harold Scoggins

### From the EMS Coordinator

As you all know, the EMS staff meets twice a month to discuss our program and EMS issues. After these meetings, we try to disseminate information relating to EMS.

- March 29 is Paramedic Class 200 graduation from PTI. It will be at Universal Studios at 3 p.m. Don't forget two of Glendale's finest will be graduating, Tyler Richardson and Chris Mays.
- EMS training for Captains and Paramedics is coming in April.
- Remember to be complete and accurate on all your EMS documentation, we have been seeing an increase in errors.
- Remember to turn in your EMS forms in a timely manner. We have seen some forms come in as much as 60 to 90 days late. This causes a variety of problems.
- Remember to do 12-lead EKG on patients with chest pains.
- We had three "Return Of Spontaneous Circulation" patients in February – great job by everyone.
- GPD is going to be placing AED's and tasers in

service soon. We will be discussing these in our April EMS training.

- EMS update 2007 is mandatory and you must complete the training by June







30. If you attend a class outside our continuing education program, please send the EMS office a copy of your certificate.

- Amiodarone is a new drug we will start carrying on May 1. We just received a memo from Dr. Koenig, County EMSA Medical Director, about this medication.
- The American Heart Association (AHA) 2005 guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation recommend, “If a resuscitation drug is administered by a peripheral venous route, administer the injection and follow up with a 20 ml. bolus of IV fluid.”

If you have any other questions related to EMS issues, please contact me. – *Captain Greg Godfrey*

**Rescue Ambulance 22 Placed in Service**

After many months of intense preparation, Glendale Fire Department proudly put its fifth Rescue Ambulance in service on March 1, exactly seven years after putting its paramedic ambulance program into service. The need for an additional ambulance was identified by the department’s GIS Strategic Plan in 2004, which recommended adding a fifth ambulance at Station 22 within three to five years and possibly another at Station 27 within ten years if current population growth trends continued.



In its first four weeks of service, RA22 has been dispatched by Verdugo 158 times, an average of 5.6 times per day, although a few of these ended up in cancellations.

**RESCUE AMBULANCE STATS**

The following table shows the relative numbers of RA dispatches to Glendale incidents in **February 2007**, including all categories of calls: Fire, Medical, Service, Other. Note that RA22 was not yet in service during February.

| <u>Unit</u> | <u># of Responses</u> | <u>% of RA Responses</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| RA21        | 362                   | 30.1%                    |
| RA25        | 359                   | 29.9%                    |
| RA26        | 343                   | 28.5%                    |
| RA29        | 138                   | 11.5%                    |

**For Comparison...**

Below are ambulance stats from **February 2003** – note how RA21’s total is 10% higher in 2007, RA25’s is 21% higher, and RA26 is running 25% more calls than four years ago. RA22 is a welcome addition!

| <u>Unit</u> | <u># of Responses</u> | <u>% of RA Responses</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| RA21        | 328                   | 31.4%                    |
| RA25        | 296                   | 28.4%                    |
| RA26        | 274                   | 26.2%                    |
| RA29        | 146                   | 14.0%                    |



The Glendale Elks Lodge will be hosting their annual Fire and Police Appreciation Day luncheon to honor our fire and police departments on May 16 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 120 E. Colorado Blvd. A buffet-style lunch will be served. GFD personnel are welcome to stop by between these hours for lunch.

## FIRE PREVENTION / ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### Fire Prevention in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

Glendale Fire Prevention Inspectors conducted an inspection of a fire sprinkler system at 1204 N. Louise St. (Alta Vista II) where six non-ambulatory elders will be housed in the near future. The property owners, Loren and Victor Rivera, were informed about the importance of fire sprinklers and the fact that multiple fire deaths occur in non-sprinklered occupancies such as these Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly throughout the nation. Based on information provided to the owners, they hired Target Fire Protection to install the sprinkler system. The Fire Prevention staff take pride in working with people like the Riveras, who understand how the lives of people are safer because of their decision to install a sprinkler system in the upcoming residential care facility.



### Proper Storage of Hazardous Materials

During a recent inspection at a local department store, our Fire Environmental Specialists observed various containers of hazardous materials stored improperly near the cooling tower on the roof. The business was ordered to immediately contact their environmental contractor to respond and properly contain the potential hazard, and to clean up the spilled material on the ground. Fortunately, the cleanup was completed

just prior to the rainstorm that followed. The FP&EMC Inspector helped the business locate a more appropriate location to store hazardous materials.



### Emergency Power Supply Not Ready

An inspection of another department store this week revealed that the battery box for the emergency power supply was in place but it was missing an important element: the batteries were gone. This revelation hopefully prevented a situation where emergency lighting was needed but no one knew the batteries were gone.



### Recent Promotions

Congratulations to Inspectors Foster McLean and Jovan Diaz on their recent promotion to the title of Sr. Fire Environmental Safety Specialist.

Foster has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Occupational Health Science from Cal State Northridge with emphasis in hazardous materials management. He previously worked for NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory in environmental compliance from 1995 to 2002, when he joined the Glendale Fire Department as a Fire/Environmental Safety Specialist. Last year, he was designated as the lead inspector for the Americana at Brand. Foster is also on the task force for the replacement of the KIVA system with a new citywide computer program called CSI, which will fully automate records dealing with permits, inspections, code enforcement, case management, and requests for service. Additionally, he has been working with a Filemaker Pro consultant to identify all of our needs related to the Fire Inspection Program.



Jovan has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of LaVerne and he completed the Environmental Technology Management program at Rio Hondo College. Previously, he worked for Chemical Waste Management (presently known as Veolia Environmental), where he managed and coordinated the packing and transportation of hazardous waste from companies such as Raytheon, Hughes, Baxter, and Amgen. At the same time, he managed Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events throughout Los Angeles County. In February 2000, he joined the Glendale Fire Department as our HHW Coordinator and managed the tri-city (Glendale, Burbank and La Cañada) state-funded HHW program. In July 2004, he was promoted to Fire Environmental Safety Specialist. He currently inspects most of the Glendale facilities that discharge industrial waste into the city's sewer lines, ranging from plating shops to restaurants. Last year, he was designated as the lead inspector for the construction of the Embassy Suites Hotel.



– Vasken Demirjian

### A Welcome Addition to Our Staff

We are pleased to introduce Cindy Moore as our newest staff member in the Fire Engineering Unit, joining Jeff Halpert, David An and Doug Nickles. Cindy started with us on March 16 as a Fire Protection Engineering Associate. We are excited to have her join our staff as she brings a full breadth of experience to the Fire Prevention Bureau.



Cindy worked 10 years for the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), most recently as a Fire Prevention Analyst with duties in plan review and field inspections. In addition, for the past two years at OCFA, she was a member of the Fire Alarm Advisory Committee for the California State Fire Marshal. Prior to the OCFA, she worked eight years for the City of Arcadia in the Fire and Building Departments.

In an ongoing effort to improve her skills, Cindy is currently working on completing a Bachelors Degree from Cal State Long Beach. She plans to graduate in November 2007.

Cindy enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, going out to dinner and the movies. With a new pool, much of her time is in the comfort of her own back yard (in Monrovia) with her dog that enjoys swimming.

As a new employee of the City of Glendale, Cindy looks forward to meeting and working with everyone. Please stop by the FE Unit and say hello next time you're on the City Hall campus. Welcome, Cindy!

– Doug Nickles

### Buildings for Training

The Fire Engineering Unit receives regular requests from Operations for buildings that can be used for training purposes. Although there are many requirements involved, including obtaining legal permission from the owner, inspection and approval of the building for various levels of training, etc., when a building becomes available for our use, FE Unit then turns it over to Training for follow-up. Battalion Chief Don Wright is work-

ing hard to follow up on these leads and communicate availability of these buildings to Operations personnel.

### Americana Update

Construction is underway. FE Unit has approved the construction of Building B (three-story retail), Building F / G foundation (100-unit condo over retail / parking), and Building A foundation (18-multiplex theater). Review of the entire onsite water system has just been completed as well. Meetings are ongoing with interactive plan check of Buildings C, D, E, and site issues, including the trolley system and building addressing. All companies are encouraged to visit the site regularly, as site conditions change rapidly. Please remember to check in at the trailer of either Caruso (owner) or Bernards (project management). Americana is being inspected by Foster McLean, with plan check by Jeff Halpert.

### Embassy Suites Update

Construction is now underway for the new 12-story Embassy Suites at 800 N. Central. FE Unit approved the tower plans on November 2, 2006. The proposed sprinkler system is now in plan review. All companies are encouraged to visit the site regularly, as this site is very tight and can be challenging in terms of access. Please remember to check in at the trailer of Kajima; contact person is Larry Larenaga and we can provide the phone number if you need it. This project is being inspected by Jovan Diaz, with plan check by Jeff Halpert.

### Glendale Adventist Medical Center

The new Acute Care Tower is nearly complete! The tower will be turned over to the hospital in March or April for equipment, furniture, and commissioning, and will then be placed in service in May or June. Inspector Joe Morelli is coordinating with Operations for tours of the new facility, which includes a new ER, 12-bed ICU, two floors of medical/surgical, two floors of imaging with state-of-the-art equipment, and seven operating room suites.

### MSB Building Seismic Retrofit Underway

MSB building is occupied during construction, so the sprinklers, fire alarm, and both stairwells are maintained at all times the building is occupied. The fire inspector

for the project is Greg Ahern, with plan review by Jeff Halpert.



*MSB Building - 633 E. Broadway. The entire perimeter is fenced, so access is different, but there are always two means of egress / access since the building is occupied during the work.*



*This is the ramp that connects the south stairwell / balcony to Parcher Plaza.*



*View of the work taking place under each of the four pillars.*



*The center courtyard is closed to the public.*

**We Help People - Owner Impressed With GFD**

Below, Jeff Halpert of FPB-FE Unit meets with apartment building owner of 1141 N. Columbus. The owner was the original architect, Mr. Ed Simonian. He works with his son, Art, who is also an architect and was recently appointed to the Design Review Board. The Simonians wanted help figuring out how to sprinkler retrofit the building for conversion to condominiums. The Simonians were very appreciative that the GFD took the time to meet with them on site and that we cared about the building as much as they do.



**New High Rise Near Freeway**

Coming soon! A new high rise (pictured below) is in plan review for the site at 207 Goode, which is between Brand and Central, just south of the 134 freeway.

– Jeff Halpert



*Fire Engineering Unit staff members David An and Jeff Halpert recently had to issue a Stop-Work order to the owner of the above establishment. Work done without a permit included removal of an 80 foot long bearing wall at the front and gutting out the interior, among other issues. The front used to include a porch which has now been added to the interior for extra floor area. FE Unit staff is treating the proposed use as a banquet hall with an A-2.1 occupancy classification (a change from the previous restaurant use which was an A-3 occupancy classification). Sprinklers are being required, and the building plans have been returned for corrections.*

## HUMAN RESOURCES & COMMUNITY SERVICES



### Congratulations, You're Hired!

We are pleased to announce that we have recently hired three Fire Cadets. Cadet Hathaway has been doing an outstanding job “spinning all the plates,” and I’m sure he is looking forward to the helping hands. Fire Cadet orientation is scheduled for March 29. Please welcome our new members to the department, and assist them in assimilating into our system.

The Fire Cadets are Charles Brown, Kyle McGilvray, and Nicole Nishida. Our goal is to hire an additional seven cadets. We plan to conduct another Fire Cadet exam in the near future, so start recruiting!

If you need a Fire Cadet for a department project, do not hesitate to ask. We will make every attempt to assign one and provide the assistance you need. To make your request, follow these steps:

- Go to Filemaker Pro, click on the Gateway Home Page
- Click on Training and Safety
- Click on Cadet Scheduling
- Click on Request a Cadet

Make your selections from the pull-down menus. If one is available, we will make every attempt to assign one to you.

It is very important for us to receive feedback on Cadet performance. Please fill out the Fire Cadet Performance evaluation form whenever you have a Fire Cadet assigned to you. These evaluations are a great asset when evaluating a Cadet who applies for employment as a recruit firefighter. Any questions or concerns, contact Captain Guerrero at 818-548-4813.

– Captain Carlos Guerrero



*Fire Cadet Daniel Hathaway introduces GFD's newest Cadets to some of the tools of the trade.*



*Representatives from Firemen's Fund Insurance and Arthur J. Gallagher presented a check for \$22,000 to the Glendale Fire Department on March 29, to be used for purchase of thermal imaging cameras. Deputy Chief Steve Howard expressed the department's gratitude for this very generous donation that will have a significant impact on public safety in our city.*

## VERDUGO FIRE COMMUNICATIONS

### Recognition and Praise for FCO Imelda Domingo

Fire Communications Operator Imelda Domingo will be recognized at a banquet on April 12 for being nominated for Dispatcher of the Year by the California Chapter of APCO, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials. This chapter is more commonly referred to as CPRA, the California Public-Safety Radio Association. Imelda's excellent performance in call-taking will be recognized at the 19th Annual CPRA Telecommunicator Banquet in Montebello. Congratulations, Imelda. We're all very proud of you!



### Welcome to Our Newest Dispatcher

For approximately 23 years, Janine Hudnall (pictured above with Deputy Chief Harold Scoggins) lived in Florida, until she moved to California in 2003. She was employed as a Fire Dispatcher for three years at Orange County Fire Rescue, located near Orlando. It was a large communications center and they handled over 100,000 calls per year.

Janine began her California fire dispatching career with the Santa Monica Fire Department, where she was employed for three years until they consolidated with Los Angeles City Fire. It was a single-city dispatch center, averaging 11,000-12,000 calls per year, with only one dispatcher on duty at a time.

Janine started with Verdugo Fire Communications Center on March 1. She is deeply involved in the training process and is looking forward to the many challenges ahead of her.

– Don Wise, Administrative Shift Supervisor

## B.C. BAILEY RETIRES

It was with best wishes, sadness, and maybe a touch of envy that fire companies and civilian personnel stopped by Station 21 briefly on March 9 to say farewell to our long-time colleague and fire brother Bill Bailey as he worked his final day with the Glendale Fire Department. He is retiring after 27 years of dedicated service and we wish him well as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. Bill has made many significant contributions to public safety in the city of Glendale during his tenure here and it has been a pleasure working with him. We wish you all the best, Bill!



## CORRESPONDENCE

[Addressed to Fire Communications Shift Supervisor Lynda Sims]

Dear Ms. Sims:

On behalf of the over 500 members of the California Public-Safety Radio Association and its parent organization, the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), I wish to thank you for nominating a member of your Public-Safety Communication Center for our Annual Telecommunicator Awards. Many times agencies overlook the hard work and dedication these emergency communications professionals display on a daily basis. Answering 911 calls, dispatching Sheriff, Police, Fire, and EMS personnel and equipment to daily emergency incidents often becomes just another day at the office. Just taking the time to nominate your personnel for public recognition reflects your dedication to the betterment of the profession and your dedication to your employees and your agencies.

With nominations solicited from over 200 local Sheriff, Police, Fire, and EMS agencies, the selection process for choosing this year's award recipients was a difficult one. We would like to thank you for nominating Imelda Domingo for recognition of her excellent work performance.

Unfortunately, with the many other excellent nominations, the individual nominated by your agency was not among those selected as one of our top winners this year. She should take great pride in knowing that your agency felt her performance was such that she was nominated for receiving an award. Please pass on our congratulations to your employee on a job well done.

Imelda will be recognized as a nominee at this year's 19th Annual CPRA Telecommunicator Award Banquet to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at the Quiet Cannon Montebello Golf Course. She will be presented with a certificate by CPRA.

Sincerely,

*Terri Nelson*  
*Telecommunicator Banquet Chair*

Our heartfelt thanks to Captain Doug  
Who put our tour together;  
And Cody who approved my "treat,"  
To start things in fair weather.

The day that I turned eighty-one  
Might be the best that I have known  
The sun was bright, the golf was fun



And then we went to Glendale town.

With cookies baked – no thoughts to hide  
We joined the men of "Twenty-Six."  
A tour was planned and then a ride  
But first, they said, a meal they'd fix.

The rumor's true – they sure can cook;  
Their camaraderie's also great.  
We're glad we went to take a look.  
(Although they didn't help my weight!)

We played at cards to pick the crew  
Who'd do the dishes and the room  
After all the meal was through.  
I was the first to meet my doom!

But it was then my friend Pat came  
To rescue me from my defeat.  
He took a chance and closed the game –  
The TV he believed he'd beat.

He beat the odds and won the right  
To name the ones who'd do the work.  
The rest of us (to my delight)  
Went off to ride – and Pat to smirk!

With Rick to trust naught would go wrong  
The steering was so much like flight  
The interlude was like a song.  
Just center post upon the light!

But all good things come to an end  
As did our time with Twenty-Six.  
Our grateful thoughts to you we send –  
Of memories we now have our picks.

Best wishes,  
*Ken & Pat Orcutt*



## CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Dear All:

On behalf of the Executive Board of Directors for Firefighters Quest, please accept my thanks for your generous donations during 2006 via the Glendale Firefighters Club.

On Saturday, March 10, Firefighters Quest held our 8th Annual Quest Recognition Celebration Dinner at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City. Approximately 280 people attended and enjoyed a night of food and fun, followed by the funny comedy of Don Friesen. The event recognized those who supported Quest during 2006 including our "Volunteer of the Year," Rick McCarter. The GFD had several members attend as well as the GFC. Both organizations were recognized as members of the "2006 Battalion Chiefs Club" and received a plaque in appreciation of the generosity.

Thanks for your continued support and know that we are helping heal many who have received injuries due to burns, that otherwise would have no assistance at all. As always, we are always open to bringing on new volunteers to participate and be involved. If this interests you in any way, please contact me.

*Tom Propst*

Dear Chief Gray,

I will remember the events of Sunday, March 11, 2007 not so much for what occurred, but what was prevented.

The Windy Ridge Fire started early that morning and went on to burn approximately 2,000 acres of land in the County of Orange, City of Orange and City of Anaheim. Orange, Anaheim and the Orange County Fire Authority formed a joint incident command and more than 950 firefighting personnel, 125 engine companies, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters and other resources from agencies



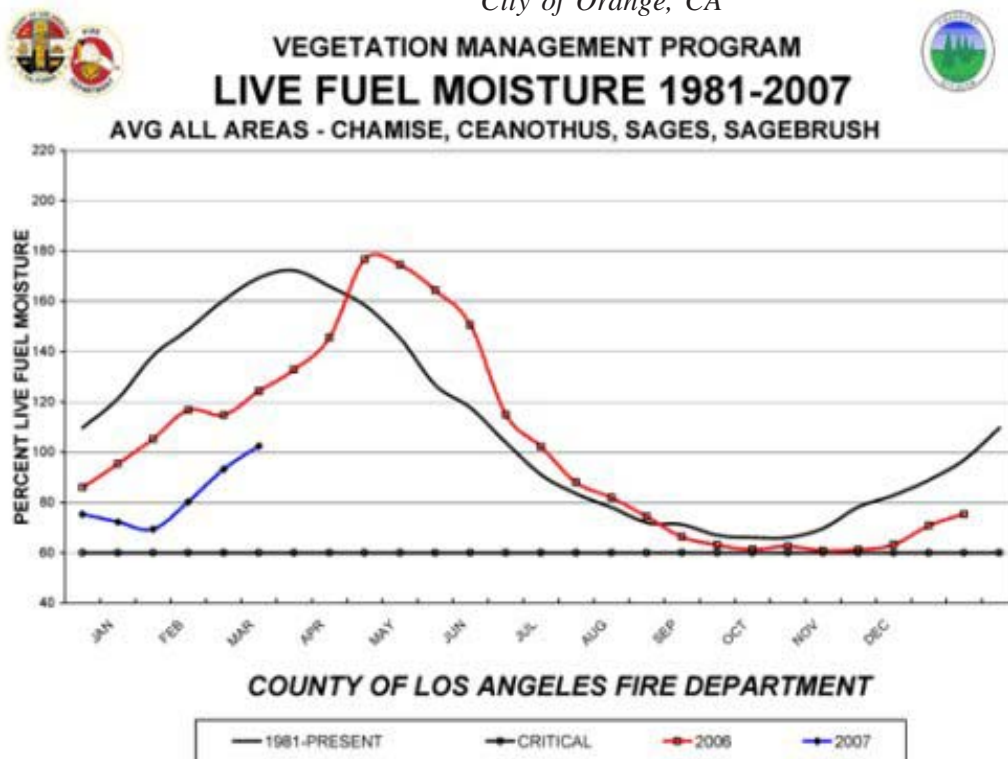
and cities throughout the state joined our team throughout the day. Thanks to this outstanding response, no lives were lost and no homes were completely destroyed. These efforts saved a large section of eastern Orange from damage or devastation.

With that Sunday's events still fresh in my mind, I wanted to relay the deep sense of gratitude felt when we received your assistance. There is truly no better sight in a time of need than to watch a steady stream of emergency vehicles, equipment and professionals arrive to help protect your community.

Thank you for your support and please relay our heartfelt appreciation to your personnel assigned to the Windy Ridge Fire.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn V. Cavecche, Mayor  
City of Orange, CA*



<http://fire.lacounty.gov/Forestry/FireWeatherDangerLiveFuelMoistureAllAreas.asp>

### Generous Donation

A recent donation by the Glendale Firefighters Club to the Blind Veterans Association was featured on page 27 of the Winter 2007 issue of *The BVA Bulletin*. The article is pictured below, including a photo showing WWII veteran Paul Guzman, Vice President of the Southern California Regional Group, accepting the donation from Station 26 personnel. The Club makes many similar donations each year from funds contributed by GFD members, but it's not every day that one of our donations is featured in a charitable group's publication. This group was especially grateful for the Club's generosity.

#### California Firefighters Display Generosity

A crew of Glendale, California, firefighters from Station 26 recently opened their hearts and their collective wallets by making a \$600 donation to BVA. On hand to accept the generous gift was World War II blinded veteran Paul Guzman, Vice President of the Southern California Regional Group.

"I am honored that I could be a witness to this generosity and act of good will toward us as veterans,"

said Paul following the presentation. "Station 26 has a reputation of contributing to the community as a whole, and this gesture is an extra special one because it reaches out to the veterans throughout our organization."

The check was written from the Glendale Firefighters Club's charity account. Station 26 is one of nine in Glendale, a city located just north of Los Angeles. The station houses an engine company, a truck company, and a rescue ambulance.



Captain Matt Luchetta and firefighters of Station 26 in Glendale, California, present donation to BVA, accepted by Southern California Regional Group Vice President Paul Guzman. Left to right, Fire Engineer Jon Payne, Firefighter Brent Mason, Paramedic Todd Tucker, Fire Engineer Chris Roden, Firefighter Tommy Nicola, Paul Guzman, Captain Luchetta, Firefighter Brad Boyle, Paramedic Phil Ambrose, Firefighter Brian Gorrindo, Cadet Daniel Hathaway, and Fire Captain Tom Propst.

### Wellness Program Update

FYI, there will be no make-ups for the Wellness Program. We are limited on the amount of time we can use the room at the GPD station. There will more than likely be some adjustments made to accommodate personnel depending on everything that goes on each day, but it would be in your best interest not to miss your assigned day. There is also the possibility of doing the

fitness testing at Santa Ana College, but that would have to be on your own time. Also, if you missed the orientation and didn't get a chance to fill out the necessary paperwork, you can do so at your fitness appointment. Thanks again for your participation.

– Captain Mark Carrillo

### USAR “Typing” Inspection

Earlier this month, OES Chiefs Len Chesmore and Ish Messer conducted a “typing” inspection of our Urban Search & Rescue apparatus, equipment, and training. Our US&R team was extremely well prepared and has now been State OES designated at the US&R Type-1 (Heavy) Operational Level.

This achievement is the culmination of over two years of purposeful work to provide the Glendale community – along with our operational Area, Region, and State – with the highest level of US&R operational emergency services.



## GFD IN ACTION

Photos by Jerry Jacobs



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fire Service Day: Saturday, May 12.**
- **Charity Golf Tournament for the Character & Ethics Project 2007: Monday, April 9 at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge. Contact (818) 409-0739 or check out <http://www.ethicsproject.org>.**
- **May 17 will be the annual Police Department Memorial Service at 9 am on the steps of police headquarters. This year's keynote speaker will be Andy Lazzaretto, City Manager of Rosemead and father of Chuck Lazzaretto, the last GPD officer to have made the ultimate sacrifice.**
- **"First String" Fishing Trip will be July 29-31 this year. Brad will be skipper for the trip. Please contact Jeff Rehm at Station 22 for information.**
- **Relay for Life: Kickoff event at the Alex Theatre will be May 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. This year's relay will again be at the Glendale Sports Complex. The dates are Sept. 29-30. Mark your calendar!**
- **The 2007 retirement dinner will be Nov. 3 at The Castaways in Burbank.**

### GLENDALE INCIDENTS

#### Fiscal Year To Date

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Jul06-Feb07</u> | <u>Jul05-Feb06</u> | <u>Change</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Fire            | 1,151              | 1,157              | -0.5%         |
| Medical         | 8,333              | 8,206              | +1.5%         |
| Service         | 477                | 540                |               |
| Other           | 13                 | 5                  |               |
| O.V.S.*         | 294                | 125                |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>10,268</b>      | <b>10,033</b>      | <b>+2.3%</b>  |

\*O.V.S. - Outside the Verdugo System

### Mutual / Automatic Aid Responses

#### February 2007

| <u>GFD Responding</u>    |           | <u>Agencies Responding</u> |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <u>Outside Glendale:</u> |           | <u>into Glendale:</u>      |           |
| Into Burbank             | 37        | Burbank                    | 24        |
| Into LA City             | 32        | LA County                  | 3         |
| Into LA County           | 2         | Pasadena                   | 7         |
| Into Pasadena            | 4         | Other Agencies             | 6         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>75</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>40</b> |



## GLENDALE INCIDENTS

February 2007



| Incident Type                  | Category | # Incidents |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Apartment House Fire           | Fire     | 7           |
| Appliance Fire - Major         | Fire     | 3           |
| Carbon Monoxide Alarm          | Fire     | 1           |
| Fire Alarm                     | Fire     | 58          |
| Fire Alarm - Full Assignment   | Fire     | 1           |
| Fire Alarm Reset               | Fire     | 4           |
| Fire Now Out                   | Fire     | 2           |
| House Fire                     | Fire     | 2           |
| Illegal Burning                | Fire     | 10          |
| Misc Outside Fire on the Fwy   | Fire     | 1           |
| Refuse Fire                    | Fire     | 3           |
| Smoke in a Structure           | Fire     | 2           |
| Smoke in the Area              | Fire     | 5           |
| Structure Fire                 | Fire     | 1           |
| Transformer/Street Light Fire  | Fire     | 2           |
| Unknown Type Fire              | Fire     | 1           |
| Vegetation Fire                | Fire     | 1           |
| Vehicle Fire                   | Fire     | 8           |
| Vehicle Fire in a Structure    | Fire     | 1           |
| Vehicle Fire on the Freeway    | Fire     | 3           |
| Abdominal Pain                 | Medical  | 27          |
| Allergic Reaction              | Medical  | 4           |
| Altered Level of Consciousness | Medical  | 33          |
| Animal/Human/Stings            | Medical  | 2           |
| Assault Victim                 | Medical  | 16          |
| Assist the Invalid             | Medical  | 7           |
| Back Pain                      | Medical  | 18          |
| Burn Injury                    | Medical  | 1           |
| Chest Pains - Heart Attack     | Medical  | 86          |
| CVA-Neurologic                 | Medical  | 22          |
| Diabetic Problem               | Medical  | 20          |
| Emer Medical Svc on the Fwy    | Medical  | 1           |
| EMS Call - No Details          | Medical  | 11          |
| Fall - Major                   | Medical  | 3           |
| Fall - Minor                   | Medical  | 85          |
| G.I. Bleed                     | Medical  | 11          |
| Gunshot Wound                  | Medical  | 1           |
| Head Pain                      | Medical  | 4           |
| Heart Problem                  | Medical  | 27          |
| Ingestion-Poisoning-Inhalation | Medical  | 9           |
| Investigate the Welfare        | Medical  | 1           |
| Medical Alarm                  | Medical  | 3           |
| Minor Trauma                   | Medical  | 24          |
| Misc Medical                   | Medical  | 76          |

| Incident Type                     | Category | # Incidents |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Non-Injury Traffic Collision      | Medical  | 1           |
| Nosebleed Non-Traumatic           | Medical  | 9           |
| Obstetrics/Gynecological          | Medical  | 2           |
| Overdose                          | Medical  | 6           |
| Person Choking                    | Medical  | 5           |
| Person Dizzy                      | Medical  | 31          |
| Person Down                       | Medical  | 50          |
| Person in Seizure                 | Medical  | 42          |
| Person Not Breathing              | Medical  | 16          |
| Person Sick                       | Medical  | 37          |
| Person Stabbed                    | Medical  | 1           |
| Person Unconscious/Unresponsive   | Medical  | 55          |
| Psychiatric                       | Medical  | 23          |
| Shortness of Breath               | Medical  | 149         |
| Swift Water Rescue                | Medical  | 1           |
| Syncope/Fainted Now Conscious     | Medical  | 17          |
| TC-Rescue on the Freeway          | Medical  | 3           |
| Traffic Collision                 | Medical  | 54          |
| Traffic Collision - Rescue        | Medical  | 1           |
| Traffic Collision on the Fwy      | Medical  | 17          |
| Traffic Collision w/ Pedestrian   | Medical  | 14          |
| Unknown Medical                   | Medical  | 17          |
| Vehicle Into a Structure          | Medical  | 3           |
| Abandoned Refrigerator            | Service  | 1           |
| Biohazard Investigation           | Service  | 1           |
| Broken Gas Main                   | Service  | 1           |
| Broken Water Main                 | Service  | 1           |
| Chemical Outside                  | Service  | 6           |
| Elevator Rescue                   | Service  | 11          |
| Flowing/Gushing/Sheared Hydrant   | Service  | 1           |
| Fuel Spill                        | Service  | 6           |
| Hazardous Materials Response      | Service  | 1           |
| Investigate a Hazardous Condition | Service  | 3           |
| Major Flooded Condition           | Service  | 2           |
| Malfunction                       | Service  | 1           |
| Minor Flooding                    | Service  | 1           |
| Misc Odor Investigation           | Service  | 1           |
| Misc Response for 1 Engine        | Service  | 1           |
| Odor of Natural Gas Inside        | Service  | 4           |
| Odor of Natural Gas Outside       | Service  | 3           |
| PD Assist/Stand-By                | Service  | 1           |
| Person Locked In/Locked Out       | Service  | 2           |
| Public Assist                     | Service  | 5           |
| Wires Down                        | Service  | 1           |

## GFD BIRTHDAYS: April

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Patrick Hemmens  | 15 Robert Bishop  |
| 2 Mike Ellis       | 17 Mike Bell      |
| Robert Garibay     | Jason Bess        |
| 9 Richard Foster   | 22 Ed Foster      |
| 11 John McGaffin   | 23 Tom Propst     |
| 13 Scott Deruso    | 26 Cordell Harges |
| Steven Keys        | 29 Stephen Dobbs  |
| 14 Ara Hoonanian   | KellenMcLaughlin  |
| Christie Mochinaga | Steve Parrish     |

## SMALL ENGINE REPAIR UPDATE

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### Rotary Saw Spark Plug Change

We will now be using the **Bosch WSR6F** Spark Plugs for the Partner K12 Rotary Saws. These are the same spark plugs that are currently used on our Stihl MS 460 chainsaws. Send all spark plugs previously used for the Rotary Saw (Champion RCJ7Y) to FS 21 c/o "SER – Captain Marchant."

– Captain Tom Marchant

## CALENDAR

### April

- 1 Company Officers Meetings
- 2-4 Company Evaluations
- 4 CPR Training (Community Room)
- 5 Strategic Planning Element Meeting
- 7,8,15,22,29 Multi-Company Drills
- 10 Verdugo Task Force Meeting
- 12 GFFA and DMAC Meetings
- 17-19 Captain EMS Meetings
- 18 Disaster Coordinators Meeting
- 18 CPR Training (Community Room)
- 19 Strategic Planning Element Meeting
- 23,24,27 Strike Team Leader Meetings
- 25 GFD & GPD Command Staff Training
- 26,27,30 Paramedic EMS Training

*Household Hazardous Materials Collections are every Wednesday and Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.*

## GFD Family News

*Congratulations to Patrick and DeAnne Hemmens on the March 18 birth of their third child, daughter Danica. She was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. at birth. The whole family is doing well.*



*Captain Verne Schmitt, who retired from the GFD on April 30, 1974, has passed away. His funeral will be held on March 30 at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.*

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Articles, photos, announcements, etc. for the April issue of "Glendale Fire and Rescue News" will be due Tuesday, April 24 at 5 p.m. Please mark your calendar.