



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety

August 18, 2012, Week in Review

High Rise Heliport Workgroup

On August 9th, the High Rise Heliport Workgroup met with Chief Pilot and Battalion Chief Ernst to discuss Air Operations involving High Rise Building. The group discussed options for delivering the resources to the roof of a high rise building without a full sized heliport. The meeting included a meeting and discussion atop City Hall East (CHE) at the heliport with Fire 6 in place and observed during take off.

Sub-authorities

The Bureau of Fire Prevention & Public Safety is finalizing the closing of four inspector authorities as a result of the CAO office discontinuing funding for two Inspector II and two Inspector I sub authorities. The closed positions work load will be distributed to remaining staff.

Site visit 6500 Selma, Hollywood

Chief Stormes, Frazier and Kerbrat made a site visit to 6500 Selma, a vacant 5 story apartment that has applied for approval for public assemblage occupancy on the roof. The use of public assemblages on the roof of buildings has become very popular and creates an exiting challenge as developers continue to request the use of fire escapes as exits. FPB staff is working to develop outreach to get technical assistance to address this exiting problem that is found in vacant buildings throughout downtown Los Angeles.



6500 Selma Ave
Hollywood, Ca



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Training & Support Bureau

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Leadership Academy Graduation

On Thursday, August 16th, the most recent class graduated from the LAFD Leadership Academy. It was a great mix of students from all over the Southern California Region. We hosted students from:

- Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA)
- General Services Department (GSD)
- LA County Fire Department
- Torrance Fire Department
- Beverly Hills Fire Department
- Oxnard Fire Department
- Ventura County Fire Department
- El Segundo Fire Department
- LA City Street Maintenance
- LA City Public Works
- LA City Animal Services
- LA City Clerks Office
- LA Human Resources
- Atascadero Fire Department





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Chief Officer Continuing Education Program (COCEP)

In-Service Training Section (ISTS) will be coordinating the upcoming COCEP training session regarding Brush Fire Operations. The training will be held at FHMTTC on August 27, 28, and 29, 2012. This training will be presented in conjunction with the current members of the Brush Committee. This is an all day training session and will begin at 0800 - 1700 with a working lunch provided at a nominal cost.

Officer Continuing Education Program (OCEP) - Annual Brush education delivery

The objective of the current OCEP is to provide all Captains with their required Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training (RT130) from the National Wildlife Coordinating Group (NWCG). This years topics include:

1. The New Generation Fire Shelter
2. Entrapment Avoidance
3. Making a Fire Behavior Forecast
4. Current Issues, Fuel Moisture, Budget and Resource Availability
5. Review of the 10 Standing Fire Orders and the 18 Watch out Situations
6. Communications*

* Our manipulative exercise for this delivery is directed at the use of the UHF (Blue) and VHF (White) mutual aid radios. In-Service Training Section has brought in Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from our Planning Section and from METRO (LAFD Dispatch Center) to provide this training. Each officer is provided with portable radios and a Frequency Guide Book during the session. Officers are reviewing and learning how to manipulate and select channels, zones and setting proper tones within these radios.

Furthermore, the Officers receive an ICS review focusing on the initial deployment phase of a Brush Fire beginning with size up, initial actions (Anchor, Flank and Pinch), to the development of Divisions.

Our standard OCEP delivery separates the City into 3 training group. The groups have approximately 50 Officers in each respectively. A subject delivery ordinarily lasts 9 week, 9 Fridays in a row. The current subject will conclude on September 7, 2012.



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Administrative Services Bureau

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The following information provides the current status for "sworn" exam classifications:

Firefighter: It is anticipated that the next recruit class will be held in October of 2013. The job bulletin is expected to open in the late Fall of 2012.

Apparatus Operator: The eligible list expired on April 6, 2012. A civil service examination will be requested once there are sufficient vacancies.

Engineer of Fire: The eligible list expired on February 18, 2012. Due to expected vacancies, a civil service examination will be requested.

Fireboat Mate/Pilot: Civil Service examination(s) on hold.

Fire Helicopter Pilot: Civil Service examination held. Eligible list to be established once vacancies are exempted from the hiring freeze. Certification process pending.

Fire Inspector I: Civil Service written examination held; interviews pending.

Fire Inspector II: Pay Grade Advancement, list expires December 15, 2013.

Fire Captain I: Civil Service examination requested. Job bulletin expected to open September 2012.

Fire Captain II: Pay Grade Advancement; list expires September 16, 2012.

Battalion Chief: Eligible list expires May 17, 2013.

Assistant Chief: Civil Service written examination held; interviews to be conducted during week of August 20.

The city is currently under a hard hiring freeze that extends to sworn positions. Requests to exempt vacancies from the hiring freeze are subject to the review of a committee made up of a representative from the Mayor's Office, the City Administrative Officer's Office, and the City Legislative Officer's Office. The committee members meet at least once per month to consider city department requests to exempt vacant positions from the hiring freeze. The Fire Department is submitting a plan to the committee to exempt projected FY 2012-13 field vacancies from this process in order to fill vacancies expeditiously.



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Community Outreach in Battalion 18

September is National Preparedness Month and Battalion Chief Alicia Welch has harnessed the energy of a very active CERT group and is using her FEMA experience to focus on their Neighborhood Team Program. What they have done is taken CERT training and brought it back to the neighborhoods to support and encourage each other in advance of disaster.

On four Sundays in September (2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd) the LAFD will partner with their local CERT Coordinator, Larry Bogatz, to provide training sessions to community members. The training will refresh the existing CERT members and the public in four areas:

1. Family Emergency Planning
2. Damage Assessment
3. Light Search and Rescue
4. Triage, Treatment, and Transporting of patients

Firefighters from Battalion 18 will assist to deliver the four 1 hour class room sessions followed by 1 hour demonstration portion. Our Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Squad will provide the light search and rescue lesson on 9/16 with Chief Welch presenting the family planning lecture on September 2, 2012.

As FEMA is often looking for ways to positively promote community preparedness during National Preparedness month, we have shared our plan and requested FEMA to highlight our efforts in Los Angeles.

Any question regarding this program should be directed to Battalion Chief Alicia Welch, Battalion 18 "C" Platoon at (213) 485-6288.



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Captain Matt Manoukian, USMC

Sadly, former Fire Chief Bamattre's nephew Captain Matt Manoukian, USMC was killed in Afghanistan recently. Matt Manoukian had just been admitted to law school and was the son of the Chief's sister (the judge that administered the Oath of Office when he was confirmed as Fire Chief).



Manoukian is survived by his father, Santa Clara County Judge Socrates "Pete" Manoukian, State Appeals Court Associate Justice Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian, and his two brothers, Michael and Martin.

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