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Scott M. Jalbert, Unit Chief

July 6, 2017

To: Honorable LOCSD Board of Directors

From: Greg Alex, Battalion Chief

**Subject: Agenda Item 9A – July 6, 2017 Board Meeting
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for May 2017**

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 96 calls in May with five Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). Four of the Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1st: 0, 2nd: 4, Both: 0). Of these 96 incidents, 68 were Medical calls with 43 requiring Advanced Life Support provided by Paramedics; A CAL FIRE Firefighter rode in to the hospital with SLO Ambulance zero times during the month of May. Four calls required Staging; Four incidents were reported as Traffic Collision; Six incidents were reported as Fire, 15 as Public Service Assists, and seven as Emergency.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of May a total of 13 times.

ADMINISTRATION

3. Station 15 – South Bay staff continued the budget preparation process through the month of May. Time was spent ensuring that the current budget was accurate and valid to provide a solid foundation for the next fiscal year budget.
4. In mid-May, Station 15 – South Bay Staff received the grant award funds from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase two sets of HURST extrication tools (see attached). The LOCSD Board accepted this grant at the June 1, 2017 Board Meeting.
5. Station 15 – South Bay Fire welcomed Battalion Chief Greg Alex on May 22, 2017. Chief Alex has been with CAL FIRE for 29 Fire Seasons. The last 6 years he has been working in Los Osos at the South Bay Training Center, working on community fuel reduction projects. Last year, he was promoted to the County Training Officer position. He is excited about serving the community of Los Osos. Chief Taylor was reassigned as the Battalion Chief to the Paso Robles area where he resides.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

6. On March 19, 2017, E215 was taken out of service due to an open internal switch valve in the transmission that caused the vehicle to only operate in reverse. Engine 262 from Avila was provided to us at no cost. The engine remained in the shop throughout the month of May.
7. In early May, Staff sent out a press release to local media outlets regarding Station 15 – South Bay Fire's Vial of Life Distribution Campaign. Vial of Life's are intended to help seniors and people with disabilities or a chronic illness to provide vital medical information to emergency responders when they can't speak for themselves. These lifesaving tools are available free of charge at the Fire Department or the District Office. Attached is a related news article from The Tribune.
8. On May 10, 2017 at approximately 11:00 p.m., Station 15 – South Bay was dispatched to a structure fire outside of the District on Sage Avenue. Upon arrival, the crew found a four-greenhouse building on fire with the two inside greenhouses fully engulfed. Crews attempted to keep the fire from extending to the two outside greenhouses but due to the rural location, the crew ran out of water for fire suppression efforts. Several CAL FIRE Engines responded, making a connection to a fire hydrant across South Bay Blvd. possible and containment was achieved within 90 minutes. Several media outlets covered this story including Cal Coast News, KCOY Central Coast 12, The Tribune, KSBY and Tolosa Press Bay News (see attached).
9. On May 29, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay personnel attended the annual Memorial Day Service at Los Osos Valley Mortuary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Jalbert, Unit Chief
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By Greg Alex, North Coast Battalion Chief
CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department

CAL FIRE STATION 15 - SOUTH BAY

2017 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	3	8	9	6	6								32
FALSE ALARMS	7	6	7	6	5								31
*RESCUE - EMS	88	65	88	75	68								384
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	55	32	60	43	43								233
TRAFFIC COLLISION	2	4	6	5	4								21
*SERVICE ASSISTS	25	14	27	32	15								113
*EMERGENCY	13	17	6	11	7								54
CODE 2 RESPONSE	6	6	7	7	5								31
-ZONE I	0	2	0	0	1								3
-MDO	1	0	0	0	0								1
-MUTUAL AID	2	0	1	1	2								6
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	3	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	2	7	0	5	1								15
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	0	0	9	2	4								15
2017 TOTAL - MONTHLY*	129	104	130	124	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	583

2017 CALLS YTD	129	233	363	487	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583
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2016 TOTAL - MONTHLY	123	92	105	95	102	89	96	108	105	93	102	141	1251
2015 TOTAL - MONTHLY	135	102	98	81	99	84	81	97	86	94	97	110	1164
2014 TOTAL - MONTHLY	104	85	102	99	109	111	109	92	94	121	95	131	1252
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

*Note: The total monthly statistic is a combination of main categories (shaded) only. All other categories are sub-categories and are not reflected in the total.

Free 'Vial of Life' packets available for seniors, disabled in Los Osos

"Vial of Life" packets are available free of charge to the Los Osos community. The packets are intended to help seniors and people with disabilities or a chronic illness to provide information to emergency responders when they can't speak for themselves.

Participants may complete a medical informa-

tion sheet, add important medical documents and post them on their refrigerator, updating them as needed. That will enable first responders to give the best medical treatment possible if necessary, according to the South Bay Fire Department.

The packets may be picked up weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cal

Fire/South Bay Fire station (Station 15), located at 2315 Bayview Heights Drive in Los Osos. There is a limit of one packet per person. Packets also are available at www.vialoflife.com.

Any Los Osos resident who is unable to pick up a packet because of illness or disability can make arrangements to have one by calling the station at 805-528-1053.

— NICK WILSON

Big Fire Destroys Los Osos Business

By Neil Farrell

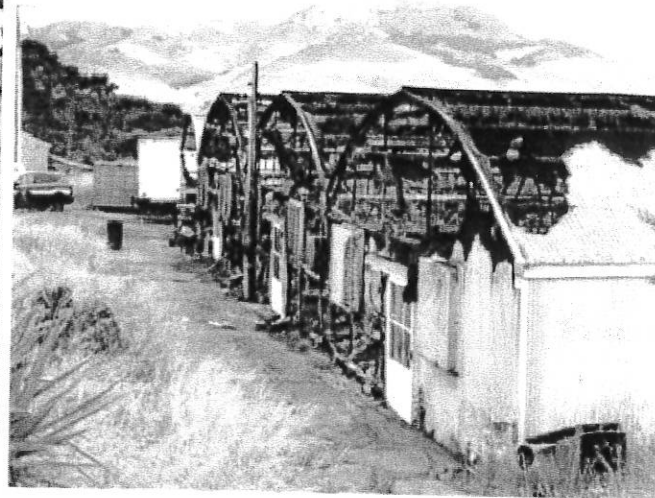
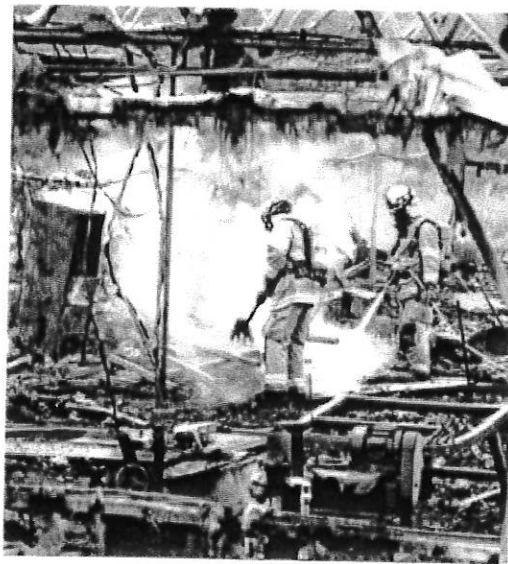
Firefighters were mopping up Thursday, the remains of a spectacular blaze that destroyed a row of greenhouses in Los Osos.

The fire was reported about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 in the north dead end of Sage Avenue, which is in the urban area of Los Osos on the east side of South Bay Boulevard. The site is in a small industrial area dominated by greenhouse/Quonset hut-style structures, sided in corrugated, fiberglass sheets, on both sides of the 1-lane road. Beyond the site is dune scrub lands that span all the way to Los Osos Creek and the Estuary, with Hollister Peak in the distance.

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Josh Taylor, the commander at South Bay Station, said there are no water mains in the area, so there are no fire hydrants. Each property has a storage tank with perhaps 20,000 gallons for firefighting needs. All the homes in the area are on wells.

Chief Taylor said when their first engine arrived, they ran a hose line down the north edge of the buildings and started putting water on it out of the engine's 500-gallon onboard tank.

They ordered up a water tender out of the Cal Fire Station at the SLO Airport, and Morro Bay Fire brought its ladder truck. Chief Taylor said they ordered up every water tender truck in the county to the scene. MBFD firefighters ran a hose line down the south side of



the buildings, Chief Taylor said. They started pouring water to cool the fire immediately, but knew right away it wouldn't be enough.

Because the engines needed large diameter hoses to supply enough water for the pumps on their engines, they couldn't use a water storage tank on a neighboring property about 100 yards away.

That tank couldn't provide the water pressure they needed to feed the engines and the 75-foot ladder truck, which used its water cannon to rain down water from high above the fire.

What they had to do, he explained, was run approximately three-quarters

of a mile of hose back up Sage to Nipomo Avenue and across South Bay Boulevard, hooking up to a fire hydrant on the edge of where the water service ends. They had to close South Bay for several hours, he said.

"We dragged hose as far as we could by hand," Chief Taylor said. They stationed a fire engine half-way down the hose line to use as a booster pump in order to move the water all the way back to the fire.

One of the businessmen who had his business there was Bill Alderado of A Grand Entrance, a manufacturer of custom doorways and other woodworks. Alderado said he's been in

business since 2005 and had a shop on Los Olivos Avenue before moving to the Sage Avenue site several years ago. He said he'd worked until about 4 p.m. Wednesday and knocked off for the day. He got a call about 10:30 p.m. telling him there was a fire.

His shop, which included some custom doors he was working on, was destroyed along with tools in the fire. Unfortunately, he

said he doesn't have insurance. One of the three greenhouses was being used to grow orchids and belonged to another tenant, he said.

Chief Taylor pointed out that the buildings have gas service and gas lines were run through the rafters and down to space heaters that kept control of the temperature. Fire investigators from Cal Fire and Morro Bay Fire were inspecting the gas lines closely as they sifted through the rubble.

Investigators were still trying to determine the origin and in turn the cause of the fire. The greenhouses also had electrical service to them.

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 7:25 PM

To: Harmony Brown <hbrown@losososcsd.org>

Subject: Thank You!

Having spent the last couple of months with a very sick 94 year old mother, I can say these guys are the best! They show up when called with professionalism, courtesy, humor and patience. I always knew how grateful I was for Cal Fire, but seeing Station 15 in action cemented my deep gratitude for the good work that they do. Thank you guys.

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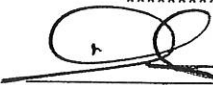
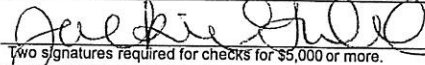
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