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December 7, 2017

To: Honorable LOCSD Board of Directors

From: Greg Alex, Battalion Chief

**Subject: Agenda Item 9A – December 7, 2017 Board Meeting
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for October 2017**

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 108 calls in October, including 79 Medical Aids; nine incidents were reported as Fire; 20 as Public Service Assists.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of October a total of 14 times.

ADMINISTRATION

3. On October 18, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay completed all the requirements of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant that was awarded in May, 2017. This grant for about \$34,000 purchased two complete sets of state-of-the-art Hurst equipment, also known as “Jaws of Life” that are now utilized on ME-15 and MR-15.
4. On October 31, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay Fire welcomed Fire Captain – Paramedic Danny Ciecek as a permanent member of Station 15. Danny spent the last 10 years in the San Benito-Monterey area, promoting to Captain in 2013. Danny and his wife live in SLO County with their three young children. Danny is replacing the vacancy made by Fire Captain – Paramedic Brendan Coalwell, who resigned from CAL FIRE to pursue new career opportunities. We welcome Danny to the team and we wish Brendan and his family good health and great fortune. (see updated Organizational Chart)
5. On October 26, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay advertised in local media regarding new applicants for our Reserve Company as well as a 15-hour Office Assistant.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

6. During the month of October, Station 15 – South Bay, in cooperation with KSBY Television and the San Luis Obispo County Firefighters Benevolent Association continued the Operation Santa Claus and the Season of Hope charity events, providing unwrapped presents to needy children under the care of San Luis Obispo County Child Protective Services and the Season of Hope provides food and toys to local Food Banks and Toy Agencies.
7. On October 5, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay Fire Captain – Paramedic Chris Peterson spoke to the citizens of Daisy Hill Mobile Home Park and Station 15 – South Bay Fire Captain – Paramedic spoke at United Methodist Church on the topic of fire extinguishers and home fire safety.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

8. On October 7, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay Staff held their Annual Fire Safety Fair. This year's event was held from 11 am – 3 pm in the Rite-Aid Parking Lot and featured tours of the SLO County Fire Safety House, Medic Engine 15 and Sheriff's Dept. D.A.R.E. Viper Vehicle. Firefighters demonstrated the "Jaws of Life" and Extinguisher Flash Pan. Experts taught 'Hands-Only CPR' to the public while emphasizing this valuable skill to parents and their children. Other Emergency Service Agencies and entities, such as SLO County Sheriff's Dept, SLO Sheriff's Search & Rescue and San Luis Ambulance presented interesting displays and vehicles throughout the event. In total, 128 children participated in the Stamp Station Game, which seeks to educate youth on life-saving tips. (see attached news article & thank you).
9. On October 10, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay provided an Engine Tour to 15-20 kids, ages 2-5 years, from Sunshine Preschool.
10. On October 20-21, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay crew provided "stand-by service" for the Area 55 event and Los Osos Middle School.
11. On October 29, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay participated in the Oktoberfest Event in Baywood from 9am-5:30p.m. and handed out trinkets and met with the community.
12. On October 31, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay handed out delicious candy from 5pm-9pm in celebration of the holiday at Sylvester's Burger 1st Annual Trunk or Treat event.
13. On December 9, 2017, the 12th Annual Needs 'N Wishes Holiday Fundraiser will be held at the South Bay Community Center from 10am-7pm with proceeds benefiting several local charities.. Operation Santa Claus toy barrels will be available throughout the event for donations.
14. From October 8-14, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay celebrated Fire Prevention Week. The campaign message this year is "**Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!**". Included in this campaign is the Burn Relay. This year, on Thursday October 12, Medic Engine 215 visited elementary schools from Nipomo to Los Osos teaching children about fire safety. At the end of the day, a check was presented to the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation of annual donations collected by Reserve Company 15.
15. On October 12, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay staff hosted a local Morro Bay High School who requested to interview a firefighter for a school project (see attached "Thank You" note).
16. In late October, 2017 CAL FIRE staff began discussions with Verizon Wireless regarding intermittent cell coverage in Los Osos. The current service has negatively impacted emergency personnel with receiving updated information in a timely manner, despite the latest research from the American Cancer Society that indicates that there are little to no health risks to the community.

FIRE PREVENTION

17. A recall has been issued by Kidde regarding fire extinguishers with plastic handles. The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard. Consumers should immediately contact Kidde for a free replacement at 855-271-0773 (toll-free) or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.
18. On October 27, 2017, Station 15 – South Bay Staff met with a transitional kindergarten class at Monarch Grove Elementary. The firefighters talked with the kids about fire safety and how firefighters do their job. The tour also included a demonstration of structure fire gear and a chance to climb around in the cab of the Fire Engine.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Jalbert, Unit Chief

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By Greg Alex, North Coast Battalion Chief

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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	7	6	12	7	9			73
FALSE ALARMS	7	6	7	6	5	6	8	12	5	NC			62
*RESCUE - EMS	88	65	88	75	68	86	80	72	79	79			780
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	55	32	60	43	43	42	39	NC	NC	NC			314
TRAFFIC COLLISION	2	4	6	5	4	3	3	5	13	NC			45
*SERVICE ASSISTS	25	14	27	32	15	21	30	16	23	20			223
*EMERGENCY	13	17	6	11	7	9	5	NC	NC	NC			68
CODE 2 RESPONSE	6	6	7	7	5	9	10	11	NC	NC			61
-ZONE I	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	NC	NC			9
-MDO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	NC	NC			3
-MUTUAL AID	2	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	NC	NC			10
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	3	2	1	1	3	2	7	3	NC	NC	0	0	22
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	2	7	0	5	1	8	9	NC	NC	NC			32
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	0	0	9	2	4	8	1	NC	NC	NC			24
2017 TOTAL - MONTHLY*	129	104	130	124	96	123	121	100	132	108	0	0	1167

2017 CALLS YTD	129	233	363	487	583	706	827	927	1059	1167	1167	1167	1167
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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: Starting in August, the sum of the statistics may not equal the Total-Monthly, as CAL FIRE ECC categories are organized differently.

***NC: Not calculated

Harmony Brown

From: Tom Wright [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Harmony Brown; greg.alex@fire.ca.gov
Subject: 2017 Fire Safety Fair

Harmony,

Thank you for including the Los Osos Focus group (Fire Safe Council) in this years event. We had many positive contacts with the public about the FSC and the LO focus group.

What a turnout, approximately 250 community members performed CPR, fire extinguisher use, Stop, Drop, Cover and roll, just to mention a few of the activities that you coordinated.

The Los Osos Focus group appreciates your time and the energy you spend on this important community event.

The success of this event is do in a large part to your organizational skill and your hands on approach to leadership. Lunch was excellent as well.

Thanks for all of the work you do throughout the year in supporting the focus group activities.

Sincerely,

Thomas Wright

Los Osos Focus Group

Fire Safe Council of San Luis Obispo County

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Fire Safety Fair, Oct. 7

Cal Fire South Bay will host its Annual Fire Safety Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 in the Rite Aid-Grocery Outlet parking lot on Los Osos Valley Road. Free and open to the public.

There will be lots of fun activities for the kids, demonstrations of life saving techniques and equipment, they'll rip

up a wrecked car with hydraulic rescue gear, the County Fire Chief's Fire Safe House and more.

Sponsored by Cal Fire/County Fire and Los Osos CSD, with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, County Sheriff's Department, San Luis Ambulance and the Fire Safe Council.

October 17, 2017

Dear All Fire Personnel,
Thank you everyone for your time and help
Thursday. I know you all are very busy with
a lot of things and need to be ready for
anything. So thank you for allowing me to take
some of your times.

I am already trying to talk to my counselor
about how I can get to where you all
are at. I'm very excited to be part of the
fire team some day.

Thank you all again,
Sincerely,

Ethan Hansen
Ethan B. Hanson

Mono Bay High School



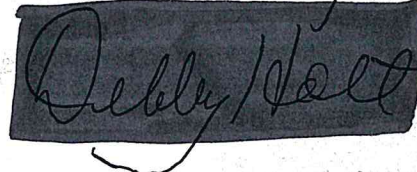
October 11, 2017

To the Paramedics and Squad of Station 15:

I want to say a sincere thank-you to the paramedics and other station crew who responded to my 911 call last Saturday morning (10/7). My husband had become lightheaded and dizzy to the point where he couldn't stand. Over his protestations that he just needed to be helped into a chair and he'd get over it, I decided I really wanted some help and guidance handling the situation. This was the first time I had ever had a reason to call 911 and I was SO grateful for your response. Two paramedics were here within minutes and it was a huge relief to have you take over the care and decision making. Your professionalism was comforting in itself, and it took you little time to run tests and confirm what we'd suspected, which was that my husband was likely having a reaction to two new medications he'd started the day before. You felt that a hospital visit was warranted (a decision I was glad to have someone with medical experience make for me), and within a few more minutes, with the help of the ambulance crew and additional men from your station, my husband was loaded into the ambulance and headed to the ER at French.

My husband had been seen at French's ER just two days earlier, after an episode of seriously high blood pressure. His primary care physician prescribed an additional hypertension medication to be taken with his ongoing regimen of hypertension and **Parkinson's disease** controlling prescriptions. His MD had also prescribed a muscle relaxant for back spasms he'd been having, and the Saturday episode was apparently a result of too much all at once. In retrospect, we should have probably started one medication at a time. He's doing pretty well now. We cut out the muscle relaxant and started him back slowly on the new hypertension medication, and we're monitoring his BP a few times a day (which we'd obviously gotten out of the habit of doing or he wouldn't have had the hypertensive episode in the first place).

In all the confusion Saturday morning (mine, not yours) I got none of your names and can't even say for sure how many of you were here to assist, but you know who you are. I am so grateful for your professionalism and help, and for the relief it gave me to be able to put my husband's care and the decisions to be made into your very capable hands.

Sincerely,


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