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Robert Lewin, Fire Chief

July 9, 2015

To: Honorable LOCSD Board of Directors

From: Phill Veneris, Battalion Chief

**Subject: Agenda Item 9A – July 9, 2015 Board Meeting
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for May 2015**

EMERGENCY ACTIVITY

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 99 calls in May with 2 Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). One of the Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1st: 0, 2nd: 0, 1st & 2nd: 1). Of these 99 incidents, 71 were Medical calls with 36 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. Two calls required Staging; Three incidents were reported as Traffic Collision; Six incidents were reported as Fire, 18 as Public Service Assists, and four as Emergency.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of May a total of 8 times.

ADMINISTRATION

3. During the month of May, the one remaining prospective South Bay Reserve Firefighter candidate, Virgil Messer, graduated from the Allan Hancock Firefighter I Academy and took necessary steps to complete the Station 15 Rookie Taskbook. In order to streamline this process and unify instruction, candidates attend a two day Station 15 – South Bay Rookie Academy. At the Rookie Academy, candidates learn station specific guidelines and procedures for both routine station maintenance as well as emergency response. He is scheduled to complete this training in early June.
4. On May 4, an Idler's Home Appliances Service Technician evaluated the 8-year old front-load laundry machine at Station 15 – South Bay. The service technician provided two options; the first being repair at an estimated cost of \$528 and the second option was full replacement. Station 15 Staff was able to repair minor damage and replace several components at a total cost of less than \$100.
5. Reserve Firefighter Jonathan (J.P.) Robles resigned on May 31, 2015 with 8 years of service to the citizens of Los Osos and Station 15 – South Bay. JP was a committed employee who enjoyed training new hires, from the initial testing phase (before hire) all the way through to their Shadow Shifts. We wish JP and his family the best of luck in the future.

TRAINING

6. Throughout the month of May, Station 15 – South Bay staff converted part of the existing trench rescue prop to a forcible entry and firefighter/civilian rescue prop. This new training station is based on California State Fire Marshal curriculum. This affords Station 15 – South Bay Firefighters the ability to practice entering closed garage doors and through locked entryways, as well as removing injured firefighters and civilians from one floor to another in a simulated structural collapse.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

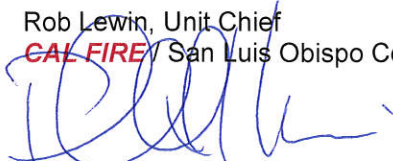
7. On May 14, 2015 at 1600 hours, Utility Compliance Technician III Margaret Falkner and Battalion Chief Veneris closed the LOCSO Rooftop PV Solar System Installation Request for Proposal period. Upon the closure of the period, there were three submitted bids, which included A.M. Sun Solar, Electricraft and Wick's Roofing. A copy of each bid was sent to District Engineer Rob Miller on May 18, 2015.
8. From May 1 through May 22, 2015, high-quality 4x8 banners were displayed on LOVR by the Post Office and on South Bay Blvd. near Los Osos Middle School in an effort to advertise the free upcoming Neighborhood Chipping Event, as well as the hazard abatement inspections. These banners were designed so that they may be used during future chipping events and were paid for by the LOCSO Solid Waste Fund, as part of the LOCSO's financial match to the SLO County Fire Safe Council grant.
9. From May 4 through May 6, Station 15 – South Bay Staff distributed door hangers advertising the free chipping event to about 400 homes that were identified as being near or within high fire hazard zones and State Responsibility Area (SRA) where the proximity to both dead and live fuels is such that a vegetation fire could be carried through or around these residential area.
10. On May 14, 2015, the San Luis Obispo County Firefighters Benevolent Associations hosted a Volunteer PCF/Reserve Appreciation Dinner that included a barbecue and a San Luis County Fire Department Challenge Coin for each attendee. Three Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighters attended the event, at no charge to the District.
11. On May 25, 2015, Station 15 – South Bay personnel attended the annual Memorial Day Service at Los Osos Valley Mortuary.
12. On May 27, 2015, Battalion Chief Veneris and Company 15 with Engine-215 participated in a control burn at Camp San Luis Obispo. This control burn consisted of 230 acres of grasslands on the firing range. Company 15 Reserve Firefighters had an opportunity to practice offensive and defensive firing methods, structure defense tactics and wildland fire suppression skills. Also attending were three CAL FIRE wildland engines, one CAL FIRE bulldozer, the California Men's Colony Fire Engine and CAL FIRE Supervisors.
13. From May 26 through May 29, 2015, Station 15 – South Bay held a community wide, week long chipping event, in cooperation with the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region, SLO County Fire Safe Council, the Los Osos Focus Group and the LOCSO. The goal of this event was to provide a crew and chipper, free of charge, to residents who have cut and stacked vegetation near roadways. A press release was issued by Station 15 – South Bay on May 5 advising Los Osos area residents of the event. With 61 total residents signed up, the California Conservation Corps provided service to 47 residents during the 4 days and crews from CAL FIRE/Stations 12 and 15 extended the event on June 1 to accommodate the 14 remaining residents.

FIRE PREVENTION

14. In the month of May, Station 15 – South Bay Staff began preparations for the 2015 Hazard Abatement Program. Contact was made with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, CAL FIRE/SLO County Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and other stakeholders to ensure that the latest information was obtained regarding inspections. A press release was issued by Station 15 – South Bay on May 5 advising Los Osos area residents of upcoming inspection dates as well as steps they could take to comply with Los Osos Fire Code Title 4. Dates for the first community wide inspections are June 1 – 4, with the second inspection tentatively scheduled for June 25 – 26.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Lewin, Unit Chief
CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department



By Phill Veneris, North Coast Battalion Chief
CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department

CAL FIRE STATION 15 - SOUTH BAY

2015 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	5	5	9	5	6								30
FALSE ALARMS	0	3	6	7	8								24
*RESCUE - EMS	100	67	66	62	71								366
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	48	25	34	27	36								170
TRAFFIC COLLISION	3	6	2	0	3								14
*SERVICE ASSISTS	27	21	20	8	18								94
*EMERGENCY	3	9	3	6	4								25
CODE 2 RESPONSE	10	8	10	3	7								38
-ZONE I	5	1	1	2	2								11
-MDO	0	0	0	0	0								0
-MUTUAL AID	5	1	1	0	0								25
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	10	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	4	3	2	1	1								11
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	6	1	2	0	1								10
2015 TOTAL - MONTHLY	135	102	98	81	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	515

2015 CALLS YTD	135	237	335	416	515	515	515	515	515	515	515	515	515
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2014 TOTAL - MONTHLY	135	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
2007 TOTAL - MONTHLY	100	87	90	88	100	60	77	80	94	76	70	95	1017
2006 TOTAL - MONTHLY	112	83	81	88	97	84	94	86	72	93	87	99	1076

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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RELEASE DATE: May 5, 2015

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD CHIPPING EVENT FOR LOS OSOS RESIDENTS

The Los Osos Community Services District, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station 15 - South Bay in cooperation with the California Conservation Corps and with funding provided by the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Dept of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region, through the California Fire Safe Council are preparing to launch a door to door "Chipping Event" throughout the Los Osos community. This project will reduce vegetation where the proximity to both dead and live fuels is such that a vegetation fire could burn through or around the residential areas.

This is a great opportunity for homeowners, because there is no cost to the resident and it is intended to assist residents in a proactive approach to fire safety through reduction of overgrown vegetation on their property. The event is scheduled to take place **Tuesday, May 26—Friday, May 29**. Chipped material piles will be left on site. Residents may elect to haul them away or distribute the mulch on their property. Residents that elect to participate are asked to contact CAL FIRE/Station 15 – South Bay at (805) 528-1053. Sign-ups will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited.

Additionally, CAL FIRE/SLO County Fire Station 15 - South Bay wants to advise Los Osos residents and property owners that annual Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections throughout the Los Osos Community Services District begin **June 1, 2015**. Inspections are conducted as per LOCSO Fire Code, Health and Safety Code and Public Resources Code which outlines that all properties within the Los Osos Community Services District containing hazardous vegetation and other flammable materials, that constitute a public nuisance, shall be abated. Hazardous weeds are defined by the California Health and Safety Code, Section 14875, as dry grass, brush, poison oak, rubbish, or other flammable material that creates a fire hazard.

If you have any questions regarding the Neighborhood Chipping Event or Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections, please feel free to contact CAL FIRE/Station 15 - South Bay at (805) 528-1053.

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Free Neighborhood Chipping Event For Los Osos Residents

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LOS OSOS, Calif. -

Los Osos residents will get the opportunity to get rid of trees and brush they cut down in order to create a defensible space, with a free chipping service beginning May 26.

Several agencies in SLO County will launch the free door-to-door chipping event from Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to contact Cal Fire at 805-528-1053. Sign-ups will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited.

The annual Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections throughout the Los Osos community will begin on June 1st.

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Community

Free Wood Chipping Event

The Los Osos Community Services District, Cal Fire/SLO County Fire Sta. 15 in Los Osos and the California Conservation Corps are teaming up to offer free, door-to-door wood chipping to Los Osos residents Tuesday-Friday, May 26-29.

The project is intended to reduce vegetation where the proximity to both dead and live fuels is such that a vegetation fire could burn through or around residential areas.

This free event is a great opportunity for homeowners in a proactive approach to fire safety through reduction of overgrown vegetation on their properties. Chipped material piles will be left on site. Residents may elect to haul them away or spread the mulch on their property. Call the fire department at 528-1053. Sign-ups will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited.

The event comes during the annual "Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections" (weed abatement) throughout Los Osos. Hazardous weeds are defined by the California Health and Safety Code as dry grass, brush, poison oak, rubbish, or other flammable material that creates a fire hazard.

If you have questions regarding the neighborhood chipping event or weed abatement inspections, call Sta. 15 528-1053.

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Neighborhood chipping event kicks off in Los Osos

By David Aguilar [CONNECT](#)

Los Osos - A free neighborhood chipping event kicks off on Tuesday in Los Osos.

The community chipping event aims to take a proactive approach to fire safety by giving residents an opportunity to create defensible space around their property.

It's being put on by several agencies, including the Los Osos Community Services District and Cal Fire/San Luis Obispo County Fire Station 15 - South Bay. The program runs through Friday, May 29.

Those interested in signing up are asked to call Station 15 at 805-528-1053.

The chipping event leads up to Fire Hazard Abatement Inspections, which begin on June 1.

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