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October 2, 2014

**To: Honorable LOCSB Board of Directors**

**From: Phill Veneris, Battalion Chief**

**Subject: Agenda Item 9A – October 2, 2014 Board Meeting  
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for August 2014**

**EMERGENCY ACTIVITY**

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 92 calls in August with 7 Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). Two of these Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1<sup>st</sup>: 1, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2). Of these 92 incidents, 61 were Medical calls with 31 requiring Advanced Life Support provided by Paramedics; Two incidents were reported as Traffic Collision; Seven incidents were reported as Fire, 21 as Public Service Assists, and three as Emergency.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of August a total of 5 times.

**ADMINISTRATION**

3. On August 11, 2014, Station 15 – South Bay Staff met with a SLO County Water Inspector to have all the Station fixtures re-inspected for compliance with low-flow standards. The Station was found to be in full compliance of the SLO County's Water Conservation Standards and therefore eligible for rebates for maintaining the highest standards with low-flow fixtures.
4. During the month of August Station 15 – South Bay Staff began preparations for the Annual Fire Safety Fair, previously called Open House. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 11 am – 3 pm in the Vons Parking Lot and will feature tours of the SLO County Fire Safety House, Medic Engine 15, Medic Rescue 15, Medic Engine 215, and Boat 15. Attendees can also participate in our Raffle, benefitting the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, with prizes such as a complete Barbecue Essentials Basket, Kitchen Basket, Child's Fun-Day Basket and much more. Firefighters will demonstrate Rescue 42s (struts), Heavy Lifting Airbag Device, "Jaws of Life" and Extinguisher Flash Pan. Experts will also be teaching children of all ages the technique of 'Hands-Only CPR.' Other Emergency Service Agencies, such as SLO County Sheriff's, San Luis Ambulance, CHP, CA State Parks, will be presenting interesting displays and vehicles throughout the event. A tri-tip lunch will be available for purchase, provided by the Kiwanis Club of Los Osos.

## **TRAINING**

5. On August 9, 2014, Station 15 – South Bay hosted a Physical Ability Test for 21 prospective Reserve Firefighter Applicants. The top 8 prospective applicants were invited to Oral Interview on August 10, 2014 and 4 were chosen to continue in the hiring process. Paperwork was submitted to CAL FIRE Law Enforcement to begin background checks. Pending a clean check, the applicants will then submit to a medical exam by a physician. Applicants that successfully complete this process will then be provided between 48 and 275 hours of training, depending on pre-existing training prior to being eligible to work shifts or respond to call backs at Station 15-South Bay. Staff anticipates that the first of these applicants will be eligible to respond upon completion of the Station 15 – South Bay Rookie Taskbook (about 48 hours of training). The remaining applicant may be available in January, 2015 if an academy is offered this fall at the South Bay Training Center. If an academy is not available, than the final applicant should be available in late Spring, 2015. Reserve Company 15 currently has 18 of 25 positions filled with 1 on an approved Leave of Absence.
6. On August 13, 2014, Station 15 – South Bay underwent a 4-hour training on the new Zoll X-Series Automatic External Defibrillator that was approved for purchase at the June 5, 2013 Board Meeting (agenda item 11F). The system is now in use by Paramedics.
7. On August 20 and 21, Chief Veneris participated as a guest speaker at the first annual “Thriving In The First 96 Hours” seminar, hosted by the United States Coast Guard – Sector San Francisco. This seminar provided San Francisco Bay area responders an opportunity to discuss and plan for large disasters that could occur in the region. Chief Veneris focused on large scale disaster management and lessons learned from his experience as the Incident Commanders of a CAL FIRE Incident Management Team.
8. Over the Labor Day weekend, Station 15 – South Bay hosted two North Coast Battalion 11 Training drills at Spooners Cove in Montano De Oro. Attendees included Station 10 – Cambria, Station 11 – Cayucos, Station 12 – San Luis, Station 40 – Parkhill. California Dept of Parks and Recreation Rangers also attended. The drill concentrated on Boat 15 operations, ocean and surf rescue and incident personnel and civilian safety during water rescues.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS**

9. On August 1, 2014 the LOCSD Chief Officer vehicle received 4 new tires. Some routine maintenance was also completed including replacement of wheel bearings and some steering components. This work was completed as part of the Schedule D at no charge to the district.
10. In July, Leon Goldin, a Los Osos Focus Group member and SLO County Fire Safe Council Board of Director moved out of the area and resigned from both organizations. LOCSD ESAC Member and Los Osos Focus Group member, Tom Wright was nominated and selected to replace Mr. Goldin on the SLO County Fire Safe Council.

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11. During the summer of 2014, the SLO County Los Osos Waste Water project concluded the vast majority of the trenching required, therefore ending the need for additional water supply for firefighting in Los Osos. Per the 2004 Agreement between the LOCSD and SLO County Fire Department, the SLO County FD water tender, Water Tender 15 was no longer required at Station 15 – South Bay for emergency response. SLO County FD moved the water tender to Station 12 – San Luis. In its place, CAL FIRE has stationed E3483. Engine 3483 is a state wildland fire engine. Station 15 – South Bay CAL FIRE staff will respond E3483 when responding to wildland fires in and around the community of Los Osos instead of one of the LOCSD emergency vehicles. Engine 3483 is not part of the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and is stationed at Station 15 – South Bay at no charge to the LOCSD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Lewin, Unit Chief

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**CAL FIRE STATION 15 - SOUTH BAY**

**2014 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG**

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	6	4	7	9	10	4	2	7					
FALSE ALARMS	2	1	4	4	1	3	2	8					
*RESCUE - EMS	72	64	72	61	70	78	78	61					
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	42	34	42	32	27	45	35	31					
TRAFFIC COLLISION	5	1	7	4	4	7	3	2					
*SERVICE ASSISTS	23	14	18	24	24	23	19	21					
*EMERGENCY	3	3	5	5	5	6	10	3					
CODE 2 RESPONSE	10	11	8	12	22	7	9	13					
-ZONE I	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	1					
-MDO	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0					
-MUTUAL AID	0	0	3	2	3	0	0	1					
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	4	3	7	3	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	7	4	5	3	7	3	4	5					
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	5	4	6	3	6	0	2	2					
<b>2014 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2014 CALLS YTD</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>811</b>
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<b>2013 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1250</b>
<b>2012 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1259</b>
<b>2011 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1188</b>
<b>2010 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1177</b>
<b>2009 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1206</b>
<b>2008 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1154</b>
<b>2007 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1017</b>
<b>2006 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1076</b>
<b>2005 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>998</b>