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March 3, 2016

**To:** Honorable LOCSO Board of Directors  
**From:** Tom McEwen, Battalion Chief  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 9A – March 3, 2016 Board Meeting  
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for January 2016

**EMERGENCY ACTIVITY**

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 123 calls in January with ten Simultaneous Calls (Back to Back). Three of the Simultaneous Calls required Advanced Life Support (1st: 0, 2nd: 2, Both: 1). Of these 123 incidents, 86 were Medical calls with 46 requiring Advanced Life Support provided by Paramedics; A CAL FIRE Firefighter rode in to the hospital with SLO Ambulance four times during the month of January. Two calls required Staging; One incident was reported as Traffic Collision; Seven incidents were reported as Fire, 18 as Public Service Assists, and 12 as Emergency.
2. Company 15 was called to cover the station or respond to emergencies in the month of January a total of 13 times.

**ADMINISTRATION**

3. The four prospective Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighter candidates continued completing steps needed to become employees of the LOCSO. In January, all of the candidates successfully completed a medical evaluation and were cleared by a doctor to be Fit Tested for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus as required by OSHA as well as to work for the LOCSO. Each candidate was issued a department uniform and personal protective equipment (turn-outs).
4. On January 21, 2016, Reserve Firefighter Tim Milkovich resigned in good standing with 1+ year of service to the Community of Los Osos, Tim received a full time Firefighter I position with the Ventura County Fire Department. We wish Tim a great and fulfilling future!

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS**

5. On January 15, 2016, Medic Engine 15 was returned to Station 15 – South Bay, after having been sent to the Emergency Vehicle Group in Anaheim for warranty repair in late October. While Medic Engine 15 was in the shop, SLO County Medic Engine 212 was assigned to Station 15 - South Bay to maintain two vehicles for emergency response.
6. On January 15, 2016, Station 15 – South Bay Staff submitted an application for the 2015 Federal Emergency Management Agency - Assistance to Firefighters Grant requesting about \$60,000 in funding to provide a dedicated Cascade air compressor/filling station. This would allow the firefighters to refill the air tanks (SCBA's) at Station 15, instead of traveling to CAL FIRE Headquarters (SLO). The application also requests an Arizona Vortex which is a tool to assist in cliff, flood and confined space rescues. (continued on next page)

Finally, the purchase of 50 dual smoke/carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed to low-income and senior residents of Los Osos. If successful, Fund 301 will be required to contribute about \$2,800 as its match to the request.

7. On January 18, 2016, Station 15 – South Bay partnered with an outside vendor to have 3 self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBA) hydro-tested. This process analyzes the quality of the cylinder to ensure that it will hold air at the correct pressure and without fail. This testing is required every 5 years under NFPA standards.

### TRAINING

8. From January 12 through January 26, 2016, the Estero Bay C.E.R.T. held five evening classes, totaling 20-course hours in all, with 50 students in attendance. This "hands-on" training taught individuals to be better prepared in the event of a major disaster. Participants learned about how and when to turn off utilities, as well as firefighting and medical skills, hazardous materials & terrorism awareness, light search and rescue techniques and self-reliance. This course was booked to capacity and was sponsored by the SLO County Fire Chief's Association and the SLO County Sheriff's Advisory Council, in cooperation with Station 15 – South Bay, Morro Bay Fire Department and Cayucos Fire Department. At the January 26 class, Station 15 – South Bay Reserve Firefighters Dillon Campbell and Tyler Loudermilk taught a hands-on course to the students on proper use of fire extinguishers using the P.A.S.S. method (Pull-Aim-Squeeze-Sweep).
9. On January 26, 2016, all four of the Reserve Firefighter candidates successfully attended *the Intro to Diablo Canyon and Hazard Awareness Course*. This eight hour, onsite course provides an overview of plant operations, essential systems, potential accident scenarios, and other important information when responding to the Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

### FIRE PREVENTION

10. Just before 2:00 a.m. on January 8, 2016, Station 15 – South Bay responded to a Structure Fire in the 1200 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arrival, the fire was fully involved and threatening the surrounding structures. All occupants were safely outside. Firefighters made entry and extinguished the fire from inside with very heavy fuel loading. With the assistance of CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire and Morro Bay Fire, firefighters contained the fire to the original structure.
11. On January 12, 2016, Station 15 – South Bay Staff held a presentation at Trinity United Methodist Pre-School for about 30 children, ranging from 2-5 years of age. Activities included demonstrations of "Stop, Drop, Cover Your Face and Roll", turnout display, as well as tours of the fire apparatus.
12. On January 21, 2016, Station 15 – South Bay taught First Aid techniques to about 12 local Girl Scouts, ranging from 9-10 years old.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CAL FIRE** / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department



By Tom McEwen, North Coast Battalion Chief  
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**CAL FIRE STATION 15 - SOUTH BAY**

**2016 ANNUAL ACTIVITY LOG**

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
*FIRES - ALL TYPES	7												7
FALSE ALARMS	3												3
*RESCUE - EMS	86												86
ADV. LIFE SUPPORT	46												46
TRAFFIC COLLISION	1												1
*SERVICE ASSISTS	18												18
*EMERGENCY	12												12
CODE 2 RESPONSE	9												9
-ZONE I	2												2
-MDO	0												0
-MUTUAL AID	0												0
SUBTOTAL: OUT OF DISTRICT	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK	7												7
SUBTOTAL: BACK-TO-BACK (ALS)	3												3
<b>2016 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>

<b>2016 CALLS YTD</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>
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<b>2015 TOTAL - MONTHLY</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1164</b>
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
2007 TOTAL - MONTHLY	100	87	90	88	100	60	77	80	94	76	70	95	1017