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February 5, 2026

**To:** Honorable LOCSO Board of Directors

**From:** Josh Lorenzo, Battalion Chief

**Subject:** **Agenda Item 2A – February 5, 2026 Board Meeting**  
District /CAL FIRE Chief Report for January 2026

**EMERGENCY ACTIVITY**

1. Station 15 - South Bay responded to 96 calls from January 1 – January 26, 2026, with 30 back-to-back calls. This included 70 Medical Aids – with 1 traffic collision and 1 surf rescue, 13 Public Assists, 8 Hazardous, and 5 Fire, with 4 as False Alarms.

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. On January 11, 2026, Station 15 hosted the Physical Ability Test (PAT) for 26 prospective Reserve Firefighter applicants. 20 of the applicants successfully passed and were invited to oral interviews on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and 11 applicants were selected to continue in the hiring process. Training will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup>, where the prospective Reserve Firefighters will continue completing steps needed to become employees of the LOCSO.
2. Fire Captain - Paramedic, John Pearl, has transferred to a new assignment, after serving the community of Los Osos for over 10 years. We wish him continued success! Additionally, Station 15 – South Bay welcomed Fire Captain - Paramedic, Justin Hanada, who was previously assigned to Station 70.
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Paramedic, Jared Hart, has accepted a Fire Captain - Paramedic promotion at Station 72, after serving the community of Los Osos at Station 15 for 2.5 years. We wish him a bright and successful future!

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PROJECTS**

4. On January 7, 2026, Fire Captain Pompa and Fire Apparatus Engineer-Paramedic Ehrenborg met with the family of a now one-year-old who was born prematurely on Christmas in 2024, to celebrate his first birthday. Station 15 responded to the call and helped provide life-saving care, before the baby was transported to Sierra Vista Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

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