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May 31, 2018

Los Angeles County Fire Department
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Friends:

I am very happy to welcome you to the Los Angeles County Fire Department's 2018 Valor Awards Ceremony.

Since 1923, the LA County Fire Department has provided crucial life and fire protection services to the residents of Los Angeles County. The Fire Department's rich history of service and impeccable leadership deserves our commendation and appreciation, as does the exceptional courage and heroism it demonstrates through its actions each and every day.

It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate all of this year's honorees, and I extend my best wishes to the Fire Department for a most memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Kuehl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sheila Kuehl
Chair of the Board
Supervisor, Third District

INTEGRITY

TEAMWORK

CARING

COURAGE

COMMUNITY

COMMITMENT



MISSION

The mission of the Los Angeles County Fire Department is to protect lives, the environment, and property by providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

VISION

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will be an exemplary organization acclaimed for our national reputation, our regional strength, and our hometown attentiveness as we provide fire protection and life safety services.



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May 31, 2018

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Los Angeles County Fire Department's 2018 Valor Awards ceremony.

This evening, we will present the *Exemplary Service*, *Certificate of Merit*, *Unit Citation*, *Certificate of Valor*, and prestigious *Medal of Valor* awards to our Fire Department members and Good Samaritans for going above and beyond the call of duty.

It is a privilege and honor to be in the company of such extraordinary men and women who exemplify bravery, courage, and exceptional commitment to the community. Their actions demonstrate the true spirit and intention of exemplary service, and we commend them for extending themselves beyond what was asked or required of them.

As you hear the amazing and captivating stories of our honorees this evening, I hope they instill in all of us a sense of pride to pay it forward by discovering our own way of being of service to others.

On behalf of my Executive Team, Los Angeles County Firefighters IAFF Local 1014, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Foundation, thank you for joining us for this memorable event.

Congratulations to all of our honorees for their exceptional heroism.

Very truly yours,

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF



SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
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BALDWIN PARK
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SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
SOUTH EL MONTE
SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
WALNUT
WEST HOLLYWOOD
WESTLAKE VILLAGE
WHITTIER

Order of Events

WELCOME

Marc Brown

ABC7 News Anchor

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

**Los Angeles County Fire Department
Honor Guard**

**Los Angeles County Fire Department
Pipes and Drums**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Fire Fighter Humberto Agurcia

INVOCATION

Fire Fighter Specialist Scott Tolcher

OPENING REMARKS

Honorable Kathryn Barger

*Supervisor, Fifth District
County of Los Angeles*

Daryl L. Osby

Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Daryl L. Osby

Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department

CLOSING

Fire Captain Keith Mora

MEDAL OF VALOR



As the highest honor presented, the Medal of Valor may be bestowed to sworn personnel in the Fire Department who exhibited courage above and beyond the call of duty, risking their lives to save another under conditions that put them at extreme personal risk. The individual must have exhibited his or her best professional judgement without jeopardizing the mission for the incident.

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR

The Certificate of Valor may be presented to an individual from either inside or outside of the Fire Department who exhibited courage above and beyond the call of duty in saving a life or attempting to save a life, and/or whose actions puts them at extreme personal risk.

UNIT CITATION

A Unit Citation may be presented to any unit within the Fire Department whose members exhibited courage above and beyond the call of duty in saving a life or attempting to save a life, and/or whose actions put them at extreme personal risk. A Unit Citation will not be granted for an act where an individual or individual(s) are being considered separately for a Medal of Valor Award unless the unit's act is independently worthy of recognition.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The Certificate of Merit may be presented to any individual who exhibited courage in saving a life or attempting to save a life, and/or whose actions put them at significant risk.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

The Letter of Commendation may be presented to any individual for acts that were of unusual character requiring the initiative or ability worthy of recognition.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

An Exemplary Service Award may be presented to Department personnel who, through their actions and work, have demonstrated exceptional emergency medical services (EMS) delivery or one of the Fire Department's six core values.

- Integrity • Courage • Community
- Teamwork • Commitment • Caring

Master of Ceremonies

MARC BROWN

Marc Brown is the co-anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Marc was born in Los Angeles, where he attended Narbonne High School. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern California, where he majored in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science.

Marc has won four Emmys, a Golden Mike, an Associated Press award, and a Radio and Television News Directors Association award for excellence in TV News reporting. He sits on the University of Southern California's Board of Counselors for the Annenberg School of Communications.



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY



FIRE DEPT.
PARAMEDIC



Medal of Valor

DOMESTIC RESCUE

While finishing up an emergency services medical call, Fire Fighter (FF) Brent Glonchak heard a woman hysterically screaming nearby. The woman's ex-boyfriend had confronted her at a party and was cutting her with a box cutter, lacerating her arms and hands. She was panicking and yelling for help. FF Glonchak bravely jumped in, stopped the assailant, and held him down while FF Heidi Manzanares grabbed a compression bandage to tie up his arms until law enforcement arrived to take him into custody.

For taking decisive action and displaying selfless bravery, the Department is pleased to present the Medal of Valor to Fire Fighter Brent Glonchak, and a Certificate of Merit to Fire Fighter Heidi Manzanares.

MEDAL *of* **VALOR**

Fire Fighter Brent Glonchak

CERTIFICATE *of* **MERIT**

Fire Fighter Heidi Manzanares





Medal of Valor

ROUTE 91 HARVEST FESTIVAL INCIDENT

On October 1, 2017, a gunman with an arsenal of weapons and ammunition opened fire from a hotel room in the Mandalay Bay, overlooking the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. The festival had drawn a crowd of 25,000 people. The active shooter's rampage lasted minutes and took the lives of 58 people and injured 489 individuals.

Several Department employees in attendance at the festival found themselves in the middle of a dangerous situation and immediately jumped in to assist in any way possible. Some attempted to look for the gunman, while many others helped escort people to safety or rendered aid to save people's lives.

Thank you to all those who truly put their lives on the line that night to help others during a harrowing experience and life-threatening event.

Your extraordinary courage and quick-thinking are to be commended, and the Department is pleased to recognize all of you for going above and beyond the call of duty to save dozens of lives. You are truly heroes.

MEDAL *of* VALOR

Deputy Fire Chief Jon O'Brien

Fire Fighter Specialist Tony Carcioppolo

Battalion Chief Brian Bennett

Fire Fighter Specialist Octavio Corona

Fire Captain Michael Le

Fire Fighter Todd Hood

Fire Captain James LeClair

Fire Fighter Eric Marrufo

Fire Captain Mark McCurdy

Aria

Our prayers
for the
victim

THE
COSMOPOLITAN

FOR YEARS,
THIS CITY HAS BEEN
THERE FOR YOU DURING
THE GOOD TIMES.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING THERE
FOR US NOW.

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for the
brave
First Respon

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Our prayers
for the victims.

Our gratitude for the
brave First Responders.

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Unit Citation

ROUTE 91 HARVEST FESTIVAL INCIDENT

UNIT CITATION

Fire Captain Richard Baligad

Fire Fighter Sean Arbuckle

Fire Captain Lance Smitson

Fire Fighter Donald Darby

Fire Fighter Specialist Brian Barton

Fire Fighter Ronald Massie

Fire Fighter Specialist Mario Chavez

Fire Fighter Lane McGivern

Fire Fighter Specialist Michael Costello

Fire Fighter Rolando Meza

Fire Fighter Specialist Travis Dickey

Fire Fighter Armando Ramirez

Fire Fighter Specialist Jonathon Maass

Fire Fighter Daniel Thies

Fire Fighter Specialist Brian Roberts

Fire Fighter David Trujillo

Fire Fighter Specialist Brian Underwood

Landon Jensen, Fire Dispatcher II





Certificate of Valor

ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY INCIDENT

Northbound traffic on the Angeles Crest Highway came to a sudden halt on the evening of June 8, 2017, when a southbound motorcyclist lost control on a curve and struck a sedan. Bystanders quickly helped the driver to safety while her car burned. As fuel from the car leaked and the fire grew, Steve Hofbauer used his amateur radio to contact help. Hofbauer then ran to assist and search for more victims. He discovered the motorcyclist wedged under the car which had visible flames. With help from Kristie Harris Boisjolie, Ryan Bracken, Jananna Ellison, and Caesar Lazo, they lifted the car and Hofbauer freed the unresponsive motorcyclist. A nurse, Boisjolie assessed and treated the young man until medics from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Air Rescue 5 arrived and took over. Unfortunately, the young man sustained major trauma and later died from his injuries.

For their valiant efforts in attempting to save two people’s lives at the risk of their own, the Department is pleased to present a Certificate of Valor to Steve Hofbauer, and Certificates of Merit to Kristie Harris Boisjolie, Ryan Bracken, Jananna Ellison, and Caesar Lazo.

CERTIFICATE of VALOR

Steve Hofbauer

CERTIFICATE of MERIT

Kristie Harris Boisjolie

Ryan Bracken

Jananna Ellison

Caesar Lazo



CSA
You are my
sunshine
who makes
me smile



Certificate of Valor

BURKE INCIDENT

A fire at an apartment complex in Pico Rivera quickly spread throughout the building on the afternoon of February 22, 2018. Building tenant Jessie Aguilar was home at the time and grabbed a fire extinguisher to battle the flames. He raced up to the second floor, pulled a fire alarm, and then ran to the third floor. But after seeing the ceiling crash down near him, he instead immediately alerted other residents to evacuate. His quick-thinking helped spare people from the fast-moving third-alarm fire which eventually damaged nearly 50 apartment units, displacing hundreds of residents, including Aguilar and his family.

For his swift response and compassion for helping others, the Department is pleased to present a Certificate of Valor to Jessie Aguilar.

CERTIFICATE *of* VALOR

Jessie Aguilar



L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPT.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPT.



Unit Citation

MANSFIELD INCIDENT

On November 30, 2016, crews arrived on the 5800-block of Mansfield Avenue in Windsor Hills and found a man on top of the roof of a two-story residential building. The man was acting erratically and threatening to jump. Department personnel went to the roof and managed to pull the man back to safety after he lunged and tried to attach himself to nearby power lines. Crews held onto him as he dangled over the side of the building. He was brought down to the ground and taken to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

For delivering life-saving care during a dangerous incident, the Department is pleased to recognize these brave individuals with a Unit Citation.

UNIT CITATION

Fire Captain Derrick Chapman

Fire Captain Michael Le

Fire Captain Raul Ramirez

Fire Fighter Specialist Tony Haberman

Fire Fighter Specialist Quintin Humphrey

Fire Fighter Hector Larios





Unit Citation

ESCONDIDO INCIDENT

On April 2, 2017, members of Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (USAR TF) 103 responded to an animal rescue in Malibu Canyon. A dog had fallen down a hole that was 30 feet deep. Realizing it was a confined space rescue, USAR TF 103 personnel quickly formulated a plan, working in unified command with the Malibu Search and Rescue Team, to lower a firefighter into the shaft to rescue the dog. Within minutes, the dog was rescued and reunited with its owner. The entire rescue operation took 30 minutes from start to finish.

For their swift response and compassion, the Department is pleased to present personnel of USAR TF 103 with a Unit Citation.

UNIT CITATION

Fire Captain Richard Atwood

Fire Captain Michael Chavarrie

Fire Captain Darrick Woolever (Retired)

Fire Fighter Specialist Daniel Bamsey (Retired)

Fire Fighter Specialist Steven Maloof

Fire Fighter Jay Strine

Fire Fighter Matthew Walmsley





Unit Citation

PLACERITA INCIDENT

On February 11, 2017, Placerita Creek was approximately three-feet deep and moving very rapidly, washing away two vehicles downstream with three people trapped inside, including a 7-year-old girl. Quint 126 personnel extended their aerial ladder over the creek and managed to rescue two people clinging to the top of the roof of one car, while Engine 73 and Patrol 73 secured the other vehicle and rescued the third victim trapped inside.

For uniting as a team and successfully saving three precious lives, the Department is pleased to recognize everyone involved in this rescue effort with a Unit Citation.

UNIT CITATION

Fire Captain Edward Smith

Fire Fighter Specialist Kevin Gregor

Fire Captain Steve Toledo

Fire Fighter Michael Berdrow

Fire Captain Blair Wein

Fire Fighter Richard Hall

Fire Fighter Specialist Ryan Gennaro

Fire Fighter Brian Morgan

Fire Fighter Specialist Martin Gonzalez

Fire Fighter William Thomas





Unit Citation

DALEWOOD INCIDENT

On February 19, 2017, Engine 29 arrived to find an active commercial structure fire with heavy smoke and fire at a Baldwin Park hotel. A mother and her baby, along with other hotel visitors, were trapped inside the building. The incident commander called for a second alarm to assist with search and rescue and fire operations. The building did not have sprinklers and both staircases were filled with heavy smoke. Balconies from the hotel rooms were the only way out. Firefighters used every ground ladder available on-scene to successfully rescue 13 people from their hotel rooms.

For demonstrating teamwork during a demanding and complex incident, the Department is pleased to present a Unit Citation to the firefighters of Engine 29, Engine 168, Quint 29, and Squad 29 as well as an Exemplary Service Award for Teamwork to the firefighters of Quint 166, Engine 87, Engine 167, and Engine 26.

UNIT CITATION

Fire Captain Gabriel Barajas

Fire Captain Matthew Boyan

Fire Captain Victor Franco

Fire Captain Ryan McKeehan

Fire Captain Steven Scheidemantle

Fire Fighter Specialist David Dantic

Fire Fighter Specialist Brandon Saft

Fire Fighter Eric Eastlund

Fire Fighter Ryan Johnson

Fire Fighter Erin Mathews

Fire Fighter Derek Mushinskie

Fire Fighter Grant Vathanadireg

EXEMPLARY SERVICE – TEAMWORK

Battalion Chief Arturo Jimenez

Fire Captain Randall Atanay

Fire Captain Gerardo Delgado

Fire Captain Gregory Rachal

Fire Fighter Specialist Max Bell III

Fire Fighter Specialist Kevin Brown

Fire Fighter Specialist John Jimenez

Fire Fighter Specialist Gregory Rodriguez

Fire Fighter Specialist Michael Whitcher

Fire Fighter Ondrae Garcia

Fire Fighter Michael Gonzalez

Fire Fighter Christopher Piehl

Fire Fighter David Russell

Fire Fighter Jordan Vigil

Fire Fighter Richard Zuniga Jr.



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FIRE DEPT

JEF BROWN
FIRE FIGHTER
PARAMEDIC



Certificate of Merit

IMPERIAL INCIDENT

Faced with steady rain and poor visibility, Copter 17 personnel responded to a swift-water rescue near the 710 Freeway in South Gate. It was November 20, 2016, and the Los Angeles River was rapidly rising while a 25-year-old man was desperately hanging onto to the wall of a freeway underpass. After fleeing the scene of a hit-and-run accident, the man became stranded in the middle of the river after trying to cross it. Copter 17 hovered above the 710 Freeway overpass, so Fire Fighter (FF) Jeff Duran could be lowered to reach the man who jumped onto FF Duran, dangerously dragging him underwater a couple times before they both were pulled up to safety. After being assessed, the man was released to the custody of the California Highway Patrol.

For demonstrating calm decisiveness and bravery in the face of danger, the Department is pleased to present a Certificate of Merit to Fire Fighter Jeff Duran.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Fire Fighter Jeff Duran



PAUL GOTTING
PILOT LACOFD

DANIEL

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Exemplary Service

DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL INCIDENT

On the night of January 31, 2017, Copter 19 personnel responded to a report of a missing hiker in a remote section of the Angeles National Forest near Devil's Punchbowl. Pilot Paul Gottwig, Fire Fighter (FF) Brad Idol, and FF Gerardo Silva began their search of the dark, snow-covered area using night vision goggles. They caught a glimpse of light shining through the trees and maneuvered the helicopter into a stable hover above the timber. FF Idol lowered FF Silva with the hoist but found the trees to be a challenge, so they opted to lower FF Silva to a nearby ice-covered slope where he slid down to the hiker. FF Silva placed the hiker into a rescue strap and they were pulled up the dangerous icy slope and safely back into the helicopter. The hiker was then flown to a local area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

For their skillful and coordinated rescue under challenging conditions, the Department is pleased to present Pilot Paul Gottwig, Fire Fighter Gerardo Silva, and Fire Fighter Brad Idol with an Exemplary Service Award for Teamwork.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE – TEAMWORK

Paul Gottwig, Pilot

Fire Fighter Bradley Idol

Fire Fighter Gerardo Silva (Retired)



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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In Memory of Our Fallen Brothers
F.D.N.Y.



Proud protectors of Property



Exemplary Service

PAYROLL SERVICES SECTION

The Payroll Services Section is responsible for processing the payroll for Department personnel. They ensure accuracy in reporting and make sure employees are compensated properly and timely for the work performed.

Payroll personnel work with both eHR and IPFIRS systems to process our Department's pay, which is uniquely different from other County departments. They work long hours, weekends, and holidays to meet payroll deadlines in addition to providing trainings at fire stations for timecard adjustments and submissions.

For their unwavering commitment to service and outstanding customer service, the Department is pleased to present Payroll Services Section personnel with an Exemplary Service Award for Teamwork.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE – TEAMWORK

*Marissa Martin, Senior Department
Personnel Technician*

Jocelyn Rebudal, Payroll Clerk II

Julie Ngor, Supervising Payroll Clerk IV

Ladda Sanapanya, Payroll Clerk II

*Margarita Gallardo, Supervising Payroll
Clerk I*

Adrian Simmons, Payroll Clerk II

Sang Park, Supervising Payroll Clerk I

Anne Tran, Payroll Clerk II

Sabrina Chamberlain, Payroll Clerk II

Pauline Tran, Payroll Clerk II

Mai Du, Payroll Clerk II

Linda Tsui, Payroll Clerk II

Maria Gascon, Payroll Clerk II

Brenda Viezcas, Payroll Clerk II

Mary Kathy Gomez, Payroll Clerk II

*Shaquinta Drummer, Intermediate Typist
Clerk*

Maria Leong, Payroll Clerk II

*Keianna Turner, Student Professional
Worker I*

Hovik Matevosian, Payroll Clerk II





Exemplary Service

PYXIS

On June 17, 2017, the Department implemented the automatic drug-dispensing system (ADS) known as Pyxis. Using biometric fingerprint technology, Pyxis allows paramedics to re-supply by withdrawing controlled drugs from the closest geographical machine. Twenty-four separate Pyxis machines are in operation, communicating to the Department’s centralized pharmacy. Not only is this the nation’s largest fire department-based ADS, it is also the first time a fire department has employed a full-time pharmacist. Through intra-departmental collaboration, the Department successfully launched the system.

For collectively working together as a team in the successful implementation of Pyxis, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for Teamwork to the personnel involved in the launch of Pyxis.

EXEMPLARY SERVICE – TEAMWORK

Clayton Kazan, M.D., Medical Director

Michael Niewzal, Building Crafts Superintendent II

Linh Vuong, Pharm.D.

Alan Murphy, Facilities Project Manager I

Mike Tsao, Chief, Materials Management

Sam Ly, Information Technology Supervisor

Battalion Chief Nicholas Berkuta

Rufino Fernandez, Senior Information Systems Analyst

Fire Captain Kevin DeJong

Tracy Coogan, Senior Departmental Personnel Technician

Fire Captain Erich Goetz

Fire Captain Terry Millsaps

Christopher Siverson, Departmental Personnel Assistant

Fire Captain Chad Sourbeer

Fire Captain Blair Wein

COMMITMENT

Fire Captain Derrick Chapman

As a member of the Department's Equipment Development Committee, Fire Captain (Captain) Derrick Chapman has played a significant role in enhancing firefighters' safety and health as well as impacting the Department's role in risk management. He advocated for the purchase of new and improved turnouts and self-contained breathing apparatus which aid in the survival and performance of firefighters, while also protecting them from harmful carcinogens. Dedicated to customer service and the delivery of emergency operations, Captain Chapman also serves as a key administrator for the Fire Captain's Academy, ensuring new captains are fully prepared and successful in their careers.

Additionally, he is one of four Department members that collaborates with the United Nations during disasters as a member of the On-Site Operations Coordination Center. Captain Chapman is also a lead instructor for River Flood 1, River Flood 2, and Rescue Systems 2.

For all these accomplishments and his contributions to the improved safety and performance of our firefighters, the Department is pleased to present Fire Captain Derrick Chapman with an Exemplary Service Award for Commitment.



COMMITMENT

Fire Fighter Matt Walmsley

As a member of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR TF) Task Force 103, Fire Fighter (FF) Matt Walmsley is one of five firefighters who is consistently chosen to assist with national and international USAR Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) training events. These events require planning, leadership, mentorship, and training firefighters from agencies around the world. His dedication and commitment to MOBEX are paramount to the success of these agencies and their ability to carry out the drills. A skilled firefighter, FF Walmsley is also a lead instructor for Rescue Systems 2 and 3, and the Department's GPS course.

For his outstanding service and dedication to mentoring others, the Department is pleased to present Fire Fighter Matt Walmsley with an Exemplary Service Award for Commitment.

COMMITMENT

Wai Yin Wong, Procurement Assistant I

Quietly working behind the scenes, Procurement Assistant I Wai Yin Wong helps expedite the delivery of equipment that is urgently needed out in the field. She has created, completed, and updated master agreements for items such as fire hoses, turnout gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, and medical warehouse stock to be quickly replenished. Wong is also responsible for managing large accounts, including the Department's gasoline and diesel fuel account.

For her strong work ethic and professionalism, the Department is pleased to present Wai Yin Wong with an Exemplary Service Award for Commitment.

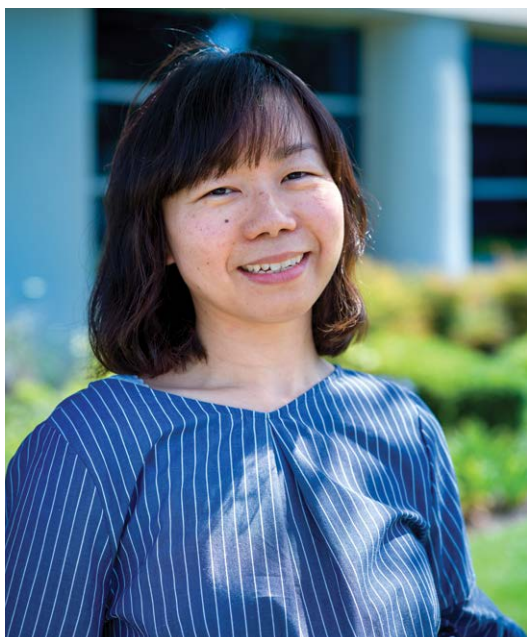


Photo by Douglas Morrison.

COMMITMENT

Battalion Chief Roland Sprewell

Fire Captain David Laub

Fire Captain Chad Sourbeer

Fire Fighter Specialist Thomas Merryman

Fire Fighter Specialist Richard Sherlock

Members of the Homeland Security Section noticed a critical gap in providing emergency medical services (EMS) at large-scale events, so they formed the Department's first-ever Bicycle Assessment Team to meet the need. The team improves the Department's ability to deliver service to the public at dynamic and complex events. The team has already been deployed to Los Angeles Chargers football games, the West Hollywood Parade, and the Los Angeles Marathon.

For taking the initiative to improve the Department's service delivery at mass gatherings, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for Commitment to the founding members of the Bicycle Assessment Team.

Photo provided by Fire Captain David Laub.



Photo courtesy of Los Angeles County Fire Department Division II.



COMMUNITY

Alicia Mejia, Community Services Liaison (Retired)

One of the first Community Services Liaisons (CSL) hired, Alicia Mejia recently retired after 31 years of public service, including 15 years with the Department. As a CSL, Mejia has dutifully served as a Department representative to the cities and unincorporated areas of Divisions II and VI, attending local meetings and maintaining relationships with local officials and stakeholders. She is also a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor and has trained over 1,300 individuals during her tenure.

For her dedicated service to the Department and the residents and business owners we serve, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for Community to Community Services Liaison Alicia Mejia.

Photo by Douglas Morrison.



CARING

Fire Fighter Christopher Sutherland

On Friday, October 20, 2017, Fire Fighter (FF) Christopher Sutherland responded to a emergency medical services call. When he arrived, he recognized the patient and completed an assessment. FF Sutherland found out the patient faced several challenges and was unable to get medication. FF Sutherland took it upon himself to go to a local pharmacy, pay for the much needed medication, and deliver it to the patient.

For going above and beyond his duties and providing compassion and care, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for Caring to Fire Fighter Christopher Sutherland.

Photo by Douglas Morrison.



EMS

Fire Fighter Andrew Marquez

While exercising at LA Fitness in Chino on January 9, 2018, Fire Fighter (FF) Andrew Marquez noticed fellow gym member in need of medical assistance. FF Marquez immediately administered CPR and used the automated external defibrillator on the patient who later regained consciousness. Chino Valley Fire District paramedics arrived in time to transport the patient to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

For his quick response in saving someone's life, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for EMS to Fire Fighter Andrew Marquez.



EMS

*Clayton Kazan,
M.D., Medical Director*

*Shane Cook,
Senior Nursing Instructor*

*Nicole Steeneken,
Senior EMS Program Head*

*Yun Son Kim,
Senior Nursing Instructor*

Thanks to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau and its Cardiac Arrest Quality Improvement team, the Department has continued to provide exemplary EMS care for patients. The team is responsible for developing a pilot project using the Zoll cardiac monitor and activating a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) metronome and voice prompt to regulate, time, and measure the depth of compressions, ensuring compressions are performed at the correct rate and depth with as few pauses as possible. Tracking and trending the data helps with Department-wide compliance for compression depth and fraction and CPR rate, improving overall service delivery and uniformity.

For their dedication and commitment to providing high-quality CPR and improving the quality of service and care for patients, the Department is pleased to present an Exemplary Service Award for EMS to members of the Cardiac Arrest Quality Improvement team.



Photo by Douglas Morrison.

Executive Leadership



Daryl L. Osby

Fire Chief
Los Angeles County Fire Department

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby serves as the ninth Fire Chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. With an education in business and executive management and a progressive outlook towards the future, Fire Chief Daryl Osby strives to ensure the Department maintains its acclaimed reputation through continual sharing of best practices with fellow fire agencies as well as creating an inclusive work environment representative of the communities it serves. As head of one of the largest emergency service agencies in the world, Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby oversees the delivery of fire suppression and life safety services to more than 4.1 million residents and commercial businesses in 59 cities, along 72 miles of coastline, and all unincorporated areas within the County's 2,300-square-miles.

The Department operates out of 174 fire stations and 24 lifeguard stations, and commissions 4,800 emergency responders and business professionals utilizing an annual budget of just over \$1 billion. In addition, the Department provides health hazardous materials and forestry services throughout the County.



David R. Richardson Jr.
Chief Deputy | Emergency Operations



Dawanna Lawrence
Chief Deputy | Business Operations

Christopher Anderson

Deputy Fire Chief | Administrative Services Bureau

Thomas C. Ewald

Deputy Fire Chief | Special Services Bureau

Anthony C. Marrone

Deputy Fire Chief | East Regional Operations Bureau

William McCloud

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Angel Montoya

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Jon O'Brien

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Bill Jones

Acting Deputy Fire Chief | Prevention Services Bureau



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BATTALION CHIEF JASON ROBERTSON

FIRE CAPTAIN KEITH MORA

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