



## **STAFF REPORT**

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### **BELMONT-SAN CARLOS FIRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE TO THE BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION**

Honorable President and Board Members:

#### **Summary**

The Fire Chief is scheduled each quarter to update the Board of Directors of the Belmont Fire Protection District and the City Council of the City of San Carlos of activities and accomplishments of the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department.

#### **Background/Discussion**

Per the JPA agreement, the Fire Chief is to update the Belmont Fire Protection District Board of Directors as to the activities and issues in the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department. Therefore, attached is a list of accomplishments and activities within the Department over the past quarter.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

No Fiscal Impact.

#### **Public Contact**

Posting of BFPD agenda.

#### **Recommendation**

Information only

#### **Alternatives**

Take No Action.

#### **Attachments**

Activities and Accomplishments of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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Douglas Fry  
Fire Chief

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Jack Crist  
District Manager

Quarterly update of activities and accomplishments of Belmont-San Carlos Fire Dept.

July 28, 2009

1. The ALS/JPA contract was authorized by the County of San Mateo and all of the Cities in June of 2009 just prior to the implementation of the new contract that began July 1, 2009 for five (5) years with a clause for a five (5) year renewal. We are still re-negotiating our agreement with Public Safety Communications - which began on April 6, 2009, we anticipate completion by September 2009.
2. Just completed our last CERT Class for the community – On June 5, 2009 we had a “call out” training drill for our CERT members utilizing SMC Alert. The current members are taking IS 100 and IS 700 on-line FEMA/NIMS training enhancement. The next scheduled CERT Classes are on August 11, 12 and 13, 2009 at NDNU in the Tobey Center, September 16, 19 and 26, 2009 at Fire Station 14 and September 30, October 3 and 10, 2009 at Fire Station 13. We are currently staffed with close to 300 CERT Team Members and about 200 more showing interest. Additionally L3 Communications in San Carlos has expressed an interest in training a number of their staff at that location. This program is growing at a tremendous speed.
3. We received approval from Fish and Game of the receipt of a Hazardous Materials response trailer for the department to assist with water way, stream and bay events that would assist with the collection and containment of fuels and oils in the water. This is a free trailer fully equipped that will be provided to the department – value of equipment is about \$25,000.00. This includes water booms, suits etc. – everything to help protect the environment. This equipment is from the Cosco oil spill in the bay last year. Delivery of this trailer will be in the next 30 days and training to follow.
4. The activity over the 4th of July weekend thus far (Sunday 15:00 hrs) can be categorized as mild. In fact the activity in the South Zone as well as the rest of the County has been relatively low. Below is a listing of the amount and type of calls over the time period.

Total Calls for Service - 29

Full Assignment - 1 - Smoke report on a building, OCR in San Carlos, was launch site for Arial fireworks  
Public Assists - 2  
Medical Aid - 21  
Trash Fire - 1 minor smoldering in bark, Ralston Ave Belmont  
Traffic Accident - 2  
Vehicle Lock-out - 1  
Explosion - 1 - Stand-by with BC5 and SO Bomb Squad on Bettina, the house was actually in San Mateo. Santa Clara pulled over a man with pipe bombs in his car and he led them to his house where some more were found. San Mateo County SO handled the call. E15 was relieved by E23.

Crews along with Battalion 4 and FM Palisi patrolled during and after the fireworks. There were a few firework confiscations. The PD's dropped off some more at the stations. The activity dropped off within a reasonable time after the Fireworks shows in Foster City and Redwood City. There were no calls for service after midnight.

5. Wildland Fire Activity Responses – When we last met, I informed you that we had in excess of 4400 man hours assisting the State of California in their 1900 + fires that had occurred since the lightening strikes in mid June of last year. Our last deployment had crews in Los Angeles assisting with the “Seson Fire”, the “Freeway Fire” and the “Tea Fire”. – We have received from the Office of Emergency Services full reimbursement of \$322,264.75 for all of our responses last year.