

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

IN COOPERATION WITH

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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- DESERT HOT SPRINGS
- EASTVALE
- INDIAN WELLS
- INDIO
- JURUPA VALLEY
- LAKE ELSINORE
- LA QUINTA
- MENIFEE
- MORENO VALLEY
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DISTRICT 5

April 9, 2014

Honorable Mayor Adolph  
Members of the City Council  
City of La Quinta 78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

Ref: Quarterly Report

Please find the attached Fire Department Quarterly Report for the City of La Quinta. This report covers the 1st quarter of 2014.

Riverside County Fire Department units responded to 909 total of calls for service within the City of La Quinta. These responses are broken down into the following classifications:

Medical Emergencies:	677
False Alarms:	83
Structure Fires:	3
Commercial Fires:	1
Vehicle Fires:	3
Other Fires:	6
Traffic Collisions:	53
Other Incidents:	77
Hazmats:	6

Respectfully submitted,

John Hawkins  
County Fire Chief

By:

Jodie Gray  
Battalion Chief



# LA QUINTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

January – March 2014



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ADMINISTRATION  
44-555 ADAMS STREET  
LA QUINTA, CA 92253  
(760) 345-6932

1. Battalion Chief – Jodie Gray

STATION 93 (NORTH LA QUINTA)  
44-555 ADAMS STREET  
LA QUINTA, CA 92253  
(760) 564-4351

Engine Company 93

1. Fire Captain – Eric Cisney
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Matthew McDonald
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Dustin Reed
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Mark Birchard
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Brian Steiger
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic –
7. Firefighter II – Noe Lerma
8. Firefighter II – Sean Tauscher

STATION 32 (LA QUINTA)  
78-111 AVENUE 52  
LA QUINTA, CA 92253  
(760) 564-4351

Engine Company 32

1. Fire Captain – Anthony Khatami
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Bobby Davis
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic – Kristopher Davis
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – John Barton
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Albert Causey
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic –
7. Firefighter II – Seth Shively
8. Firefighter II –

STATION 70 (PGA WEST)  
54001 MADISON STREET  
LA QUINTA, CA 92253  
(760) 564-2122

Engine Company 70

1. Fire Captain – Gil Barrier
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Kirk Huettner
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic –
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Brandon Avner
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – John Godwin
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Morgan Peterson
7. Firefighter II – Vernon Cowins
8. Firefighter II – Steven Stock

TRUCK 86  
46-990 JACKSON ST.  
INDIO, CA 92201  
(760) 347-0726

Truck Company 86

1. Fire Captain – Justin Scribner
2. Fire Captain – Dave Hudson
3. Fire Captain – Darrel Anderson
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Mark Greenway
5. Fire Apparatus Engineer – John Linzalone
6. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Russell Miller
7. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Brent Norwine
8. Firefighter II – Chris Meneses
9. Firefighter II – Travis Ames
10. Firefighter II – Matt Adams
11. Firefighter II – Darren Clowers
12. Firefighter II – Nick Yuhas
13. Firefighter II – Oscar Lara

# YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT

JANUARY – MARCH 2014

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	YTD
STRUCTURE FIRES	1	0	2	3
COMMERCIAL FIRES	0	0	1	1
OTHER FIRES	3	1	2	6
RINGING ALARMS	29	29	25	83
MEDICAL AIDS	236	204	237	677
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	20	15	18	53
VEHICLE FIRES	0	2	1	3
OTHER INCIDENTS	26	20	31	77
HAZMATS	4	0	2	6
TOTAL	319	271	319	909

## **TRUCK REPORT**

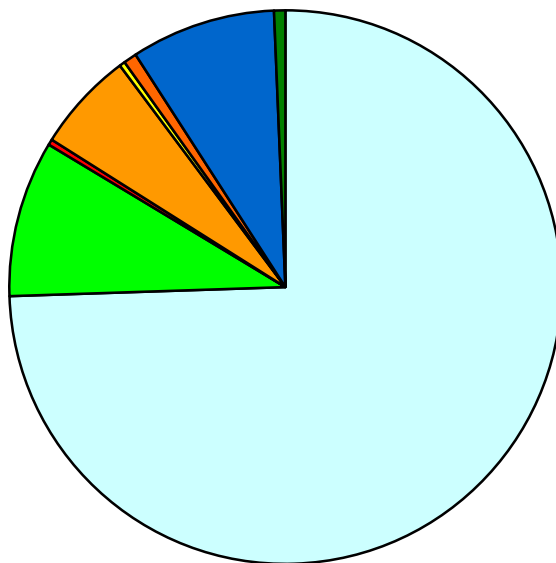
Truck 86 responded into the City of La Quinta a total of 31 times for a multiple types of calls. All of the truck company firefighters were recertified for their confined space rescue training. All 12 truck firefighters went through a ten hour day of scenario based training. Last month the County building in Indio was set for demolition. Fire personnel were allowed to train in firefighter survival tactics and forcible entry training. The truck company firefighters were the lead instructor base for teaching all fire crew's that attended the training. Recent purchases to the unit have been an upgrade to 2 brand new four gas air monitors. These monitors allow the truck firefighters to test the air for hazardous atmosphere conditions. It also detects carbon monoxide which is a lethal odorless gas. The other recent purchase upgrade to Truck 86 was a hydraulic cutter capable of cutting metal with over 200,000 lbs. of cutting force. This tool is being utilized for the extrication of victims that are trapped in their vehicle from a traffic collision. (See Photo)





## Response Activity

**Incidents Reported for Date between 01/01/2014 and 03/31/2014 LA QUINTA City**



- Medical Emergencies    ■ False Alarms
- Structure Fire        ■ Traffic Collisions
- Vehicle Fire         ■ Other Fires
- Other Incident       ■ Hazmat

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	Totals
Medical Emergencies	236	204	237	677
False Alarms	29	29	25	83
Structure Fire	1	0	2	3
Traffic Collisions	20	15	18	53
Vehicle Fire	0	2	1	3
Other Fires	3	1	3	7
Other Incident	26	20	31	77
Hazmat	4	0	2	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>909</b>

<b>Medical</b>	<b>677</b>
<b>False Alarms</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Residential Fire</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Traffic Collision</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Other Fires</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Other Incidents</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Hazmats</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Incident Totals</u></b>	<b><u>909</u></b>

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

**January 1, 2014 11:31**

### **Structure Fire; Yucca (Bermuda Dunes)**

La Quinta engines responded to Yucca Lane in the unincorporated community of Bermuda Dunes. E81, from the North Bermuda Dunes Fire Station, arrived on scene first to find an out building fully involved with ¼ acre of vegetation burning. The fire had already ignited the garage of the home at the address given. Additionally the fire was spreading to a motor home parked on the adjacent property to the south. Responding companies quickly stopped the forward progress of the fire and contained the fire within 20 minutes. All units remained on scene for the extensive overhaul needed due to the heavy fire loading in the out building.

**February 20, 2014 11:23**

### **Air Rescue**

A 56 Year old female hiker with right ankle injury. Located 1.5 mile south of intersection Calle Tecate x Avenida Ramirez La Quinta CA on the Bear Creek Trail. Firefighters on the ground reached the injured hiker and provided patient care while CAL FIRE Helicopter 301 responded from Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base to perform the patient extraction. Upon arrival, Helicopter 301 located a suitable area to land. The patient was secured to a stokes basket, loaded inside Helicopter 301, then airlifted to a nearby landing zone to a waiting AMR ambulance. The patient was transferred to the ambulance, however they refused treatment and transportation.



**March 4, 2014 1:30**

### **Auto vs. Pedestrian, Fred Waring x Royal Palm**

Engine 93 responded to an automobile that had hit a pedestrian, the patient died at the scene.

**March 15, 2014**

### **Vegetation Fire, Avenue 66 x Pierce (Thermal)**

Units from LaQuinta assisted on a 258 acre vegetation fire in Thermal that lasted several days.

**March 20, 2014 10:25**  
**Structure Fire; Avenue 55**

Engine 70 arrived at a 5000 square foot occupied residential dwelling with smoke showing from the interior. An aggressive interior attack ensued however the fire had extensively involved the attic space which eventually self-ventilated through the roof. Rapid progression of the fire through the remainder of the dwelling plus an attached garage caused a section of the roof to collapse. Fire crews shifted to a defensive attack with master streams and handlines. Nine fire engine companies and a truck company battled the huge blaze followed by extensive overhaul operations. All occupants were accounted for. No injuries occurred and the cause of fire remains under investigation, including determination of loss and save values.

**March 21, 2014 1:41**  
**Traffic Collision, Washington St. x Avenue 47**

Engine 93 was dispatched to a reported TC Cut and Rescue at the intersection of Washington St. and Ave 47. E-93 found a single vehicle rolled over into the landscaping of the Bank of Southern California. All occupants had self-extricated prior to our arrival - 1 Adult, 2 Children. All occupants were transported to Desert Regional Medical Center. One child was unrestrained and was the occupant with the most injuries.

The vehicle damaged a traffic light standard on the southeast corner of Washington St. and Ave 47, as well as a portion of the short retaining wall in front of the bank.

**March 22, 2014 8:26**  
**Structure Fire; Avenida Herrera**

A first alarm assignment consisting of 5 engines, 1 truck company, 1 medic squad and 1 battalion chief were dispatched to Avenida Herrera in the City of La Quinta for a reported structure. Upon his arrival, the first due company officer reported smoke and fire showing from the garage. The first due company officer assumed command and initiated an interior attack, search, ventilation, and property conservation operations. The fire was contained within 20 minutes. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

**March 28, 2014 24:00**  
**Traffic Accident**

Medic 86 and Engine 70 responded to a reported traffic collision at Avenue 52 and Jackson Street. Upon arrival it was determined that a passenger vehicle being pursued by CHP lost control and crashed through the front of the Forest Lawn Mortuary facility, causing a 12-foot section of the front wall to be punched into the building. Medic 86 treated one patient, who was then transported by AMR to a local hospital. Engine 70 personnel investigated the building and due to major structural damage, electrical and gas service was shut off to the building. Contact was made with a Forest Lawn representative who arrived a short time later to secure the facility and notify their corporate office. Engine 70 cleared the incident while CHP continued with their investigation.

County Code Enforcement was notified of the structural damage.

**March 28, 2014**  
**Vegetation Fire, Van Buren x Avenue 62 (Thermal)**

Units from La Quinta assisted in a 57 acre vegetation fire in Thermal.

## **Administrative Reports**

The concrete repairs have been completed at La Quinta Fire Station 70 for the sink hole that was discovered on the driveway near the station.

## **TRAINING & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

In January, there was a "Hero Walk" put on by a resident of La Quinta at La Quinta H.S. to support the Christopher Douglas family. The Fire Explorer's participated and helped at the event.

Engine 93, Hazmat, Truck 86 and Medic 55 participated in a Public Service Academy, January 19<sup>th</sup>, held at La Quinta H.S.. The program is a 3 year pre-med pathway for students going into the medical field. It involves many strands such as M.D., nursing, vet, dental, Imaging, Sports Med, PT, psych, and EMT/medics.

Firefighter Noe Lerma from Station 93 flew to Seattle Washington to participate in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Firefighters participated in a Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) drill put on at the Indio Polo Grounds. This training was in anticipation of the upcoming concert events to better prepare us for a MCI. The participants were Calfire, Indio Police Department, AMR, and Golden Voice Productions.

Firefighters participated in providing EMS for the Humana Golf tournament.

## **EXPLORER ACTIVITY REPORT LA QUINTA CITY January – March 2014**

The La Quinta Fire Explorers have been staying busy and productive with training and participating in local community events. January the explorer post participated in the first annual Hero Walk, held at La Quinta High School. They assisted the event coordinator with various duties such as; setting up the event, staffing game booths and cleaning the grounds. The explorers also participated at the Humana Golf Tournament. They helped with setting up the first aid tent, handing out bandages and assisting the on duty staff.

Along with their regular training the explorer post has been preparing to compete in the City of Murrieta Fire Explore Muster, taking place on April 13th. This will be our fourth year competing. Last year our explorers brought home a third place trophy. They will compete in four different events; the bucket brigade, the two minute drill, the dummy drag and the make and brake. We plan to bring home another trophy this year.



