



RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
IN COOPERATION WITH
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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January 13, 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 4th quarter of 2013.

Riverside County Fire Department units responded to 830 total of calls for service within the City of La Quinta. These responses are broken down into the following classifications:

Medical Emergencies:	582
False Alarms:	92
Structure Fires:	9
Commercial Fires:	1
Vehicle Fires:	1
Other Fires:	5
Traffic Collisions:	45
Other Incidents:	91
Hazmats:	4

Respectfully submitted,

John Hawkins
County Fire Chief

By:

Jodie Gray
Battalion Chief

LA QUINTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

October – December 2013



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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 – Mark Skrainar

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 – Ron Earls
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Brandon Avner
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – John Godwin
6. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Morgan Peterson
7. Firefighter II – Joseph Sandoval
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

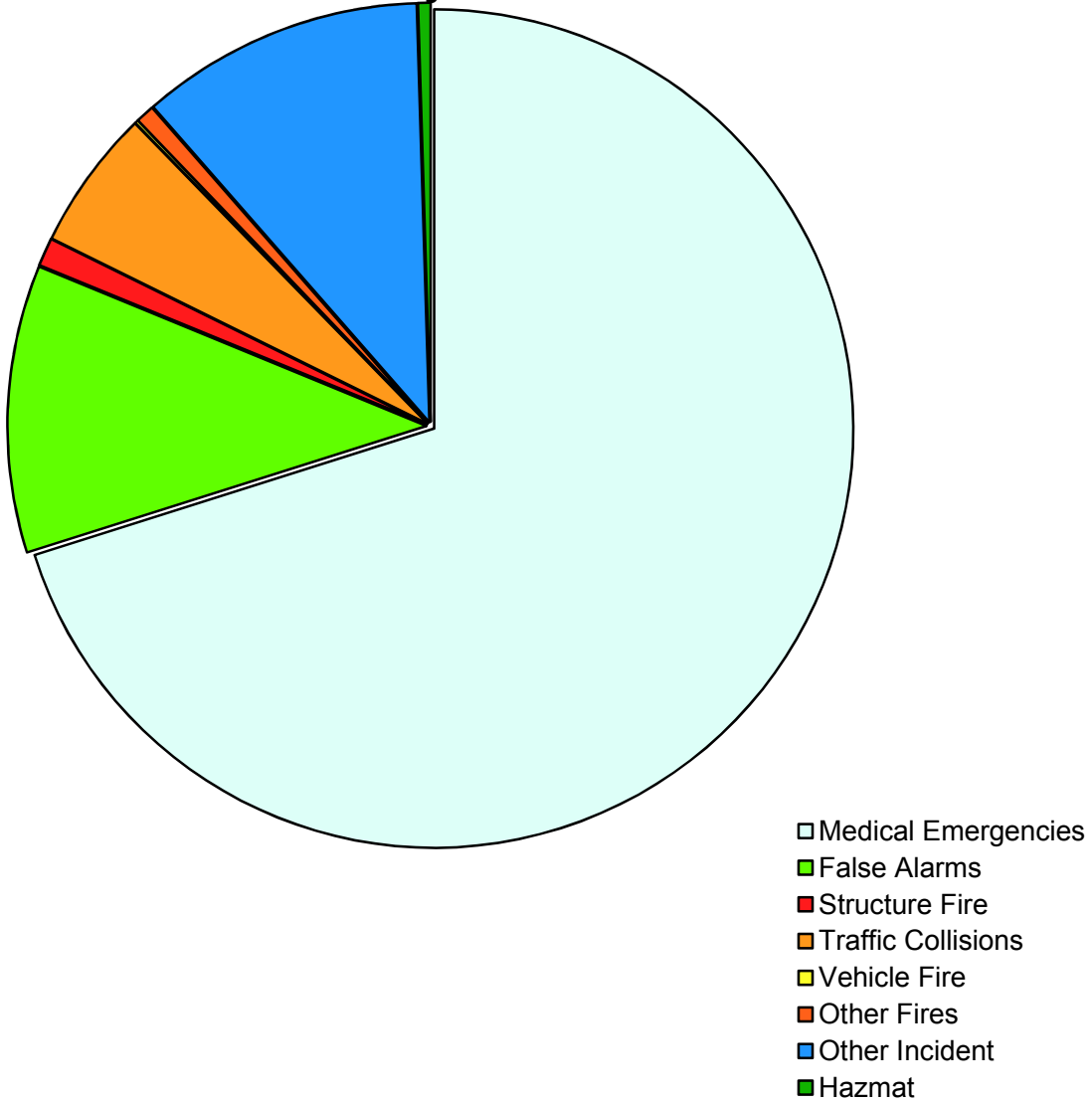
YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2013

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YTD
STRUCTURE FIRES	0	8	1	19
COMMERCIAL FIRES	0	1	0	5
OTHER FIRES	1	3	1	23
RINGING ALARMS	35	29	28	327
MEDICAL AIDS	185	181	216	2,350
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	19	10	16	157
VEHICLE FIRES	0	1	0	22
OTHER INCIDENTS	35	34	22	321
HAZMATS	2	1	1	15
TOTAL	277	268	285	3,239

La Quinta City Fire Responses

La Quinta
Fire Responses
Quarterly Totals



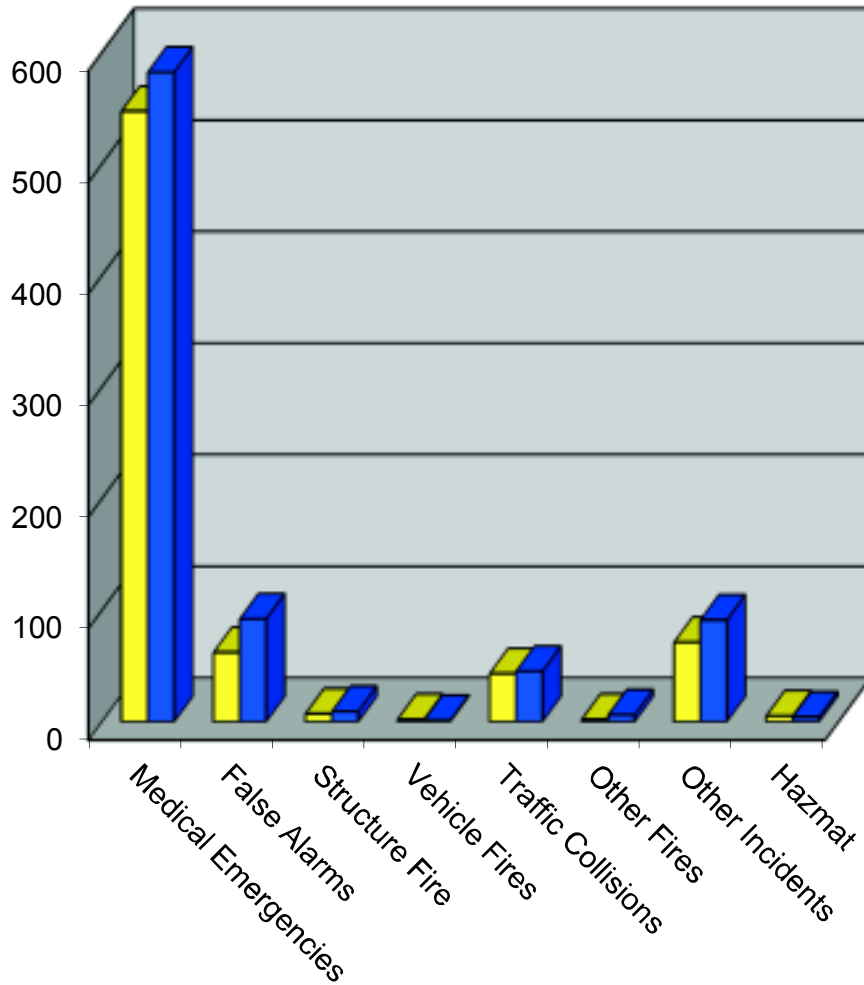
	October	November	December	Totals
Medical Emergencies	185	181	216	582
False Alarms	35	29	28	92
Structure Fire	0	8	1	9
Traffic Collisions	19	10	16	45
Vehicle Fire	0	1	0	1
Other Fires	1	4	1	6
Other Incident	35	34	22	91
Hazmat	2	1	1	4
TOTALS	277	268	285	830

La Quinta City Fire Responses

Quarterly Totals

La Quinta Quarterly Comparisons

■ 2012 ■ 2013



	Fourth Quarter	
	2012	2013
Medical Emergencies	547	582
False Alarms	62	92
Structure Fire	7	9
Vehicle Fires	2	1
Traffic Collisions	43	45
Other Fires	2	6
Other Incidents	71	91
Hazmat	5	4
TOTALS	739	830

TRUCK REPORT

In November the county put on a truck academy to help get more qualified personnel to staff the truck's in the county. There are plans for two additional truck academies in January and March.



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

November 4, 2013 15:39 Structure Fire; Hermitage

Units responded to a home within PGA West Country Club where major renovation was ongoing for less than 2 weeks. The smoke alarm notified the occupant who discovered a fire near the water heater and called 911. Fire crews extinguished the fire and damage was limited to the area of origin.

November 10, 2013 21:55 Structure Fire; Avenida Villa

Engine 32 arrived on scene and found a dwelling with a working attic fire. One male bystander sustained smoke inhalation with difficulty breathing and was treated then transported. Approximately 50% of the attic space was compromised by fire along with fire damage noted in the living room, kitchen and bathroom. The occupants sought shelter with local relatives and did not require Red Cross assistance. The fire cause is under investigation.

November 27, 2013 01:00 Structure Fire; Avenida Herrera

Engine 32 arrived to find an occupied dwelling with light smoke showing from the interior of the residence. The fire was contained to a gas operated drier within the residence at 0110 hours and crews vented the structure to eliminate smoke.

November 30, 2013 17:25 Structure Fire; Eisenhower Dr.

Engine 32 arrived at the Silverhawk Apartments to find an under control kitchen fire in an upstairs unit. The heat of the fire caused a nearby sprinkler head to activate, which doused the fire, but also created extensive water damage to the upstairs apartment and the unit directly below it. An adjoining downstairs apartment sustained minor water damage. Firefighters were able to prevent further contents damage through salvage operations. American Red Cross was summoned to assist four adults and two children from the affected apartments. The cause remains under investigation.

November 30, 2013 18:39 Hazmat; Avenida Navarro

Engine 93 arrived at a residence for an occupant complaining of dizziness and a headache. It was soon learned the patient had begun feeling ill after arriving home the day prior and her symptoms worsened. It was also learned that her roommate had placed a box of D-Con rat poison inside the kitchen oven, which unknowingly, the patient then turned on the oven. Hazmat 81 arrived and conducted an entry into the residence with negative findings of toxic gases. The box of D-Con was secured and positive pressure ventilation of the dwelling was conducted. The patient was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

December 2, 2013 08:53
Structure Fire; Avenida Diaz

Engine 32 responded to a reported smell of smoke from a residence. Upon arrival units found a small attic fire caused by faulty wiring. Fire was contained to the attic and crews vented the structure of smoke.

December 22, 2013 13:20
Air Rescue

Fire Engine 32 with a hiker down on the trails near La Quinta. CALFIRE Helicopter 301 arrived on scene and made contact with the Incident Commander (IC). The IC advised that there were no fire personnel with the victim due to the remote location. The IC had cell phone contact with the victim and was able to direct C301 to their location. C301 located the victim along with a hiking partner waving on the ground. C301 hover stepped rescuer onto a rock pile approximately 50 yards away to make contact with the victim. Rescuer 301 advised the victim would need hoisted due to injuries and loose rocks in the area. C301 landed a short distance away to deliver the victim to AMR and Engine 32.

Victim was suffering from a badly twisted knee. Victims hiking partner was lifted due to the approaching darkness and lack of provisions to continue hiking.

Administrative Reports

La Quinta Fire Station 70 had a sink hole that was discovered and work continues to fix the concrete around the area. Also, it was discovered that the hot water heater was a natural gas one and the station runs on propane, that problem was quickly remedied.

Station 93 received a new set of T & T Jaws for their Engine which replaced the smaller Combi-Tool set that was previously on the engine. This is a stronger, more versatile tool that makes for quicker rescuer access to victims.

TRAINING & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

October 2nd Firefighters participated in Fill the Boot for MDA in front of Khol's in La Quinta. This is a great cause and I wanted to share with you that La Quinta's totals were \$2,594.34 raised in two days.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 10:17 a.m., all fire personnel participated in The Great California ShakeOut Exercise. The Great ShakeOut is a worldwide earthquake exercise where millions of people practiced how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On". Fire Personnel also attended La Quinta Cities Drill in the Emergency Operation Center.

October 22nd, Station 93 personnel hosted a school tour for Emilia Earhart School. Station 32 hosted a "Mom and Me" tour.

Station 70 supporting Breast Cancer Awareness in October seen here with a Palm Springs City FD crew.



Also in October, Engine 32 made an appearance to support the First Annual Patriot Ride.

November 26th, the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce held their 17th Annual Peace Officer & Public Safety Awards recognition luncheon at Indian Wells. The Chamber of Commerce recognized 11 of our personnel. The event was attended by about 500 public safety personnel and civilians. La Quinta's award recipients were:

- Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Aaron McManus as the City of La Quinta Fire Services Volunteer of the Year
- FF II-P Brian Steiger as the City of La Quinta Fire Services Firefighter of the Year



Please read the attached, handwritten thank you note left on the front seat of Engine 93 this past Friday night at the Palm Desert Union Bank fire. Ninth grader Paola Gutierrez wrote the note to thank our firefighters following the 2nd alarm commercial structure fire.

You're my
--HERO!!

October 18~~th~~, 2013 11:08 pm.

Dear ~~which~~ ever hero is reading this,

Hi, I'm Paola Gutierrez & I'm in 9th grade. I just would like to thank you so much because without you I probably wouldn't be alive. You helped stop the fire at Union Bank which I live literally right next to it. I'd never expect this ever happening close to me but now that it did I realized even more what firemen & police officers go through. And just by you guys stopping that one fire you've inspired me to help others, but I'd like to be just like you, a HERO. You saved ~~many~~ ^{many} families lives & I know they are so grateful & just like me. I ~~do~~ really hope ~~at~~ everyone is okay & no one got hurt. But you really changed my view about ~~at~~ the twin towers on 9/11. Again thank you, you've become my hero. My favorite quote now is "I'd rather die saving someone else's life ~~than~~ than die of something else." You deserve everything you have in your life & more. I know you're a really amazing person.

Sincerely,
Paola Gutierrez

Trilogy at La Quinta
60-750 Trilogy Parkway
La Quinta, CA 92253

5 December 2013

To: La Quinta Fire Department
44555 Adams St
La Quinta CA 92253

Attention: Jodie Gray
Battalion Chief

Subject: Letter of Appreciation
La Quinta Fire Department's Participation in
Trilogy's Chili Cook-off/Spark of Love Toy Drive

Dear Ms. Gray

Trilogy at La Quinta would like to thank the Fire Department for supporting our Chili Cook-off event and the kick-off for the Spark of Love Toy Drive on 4 December. The event was an outstanding success, mainly due to the participation of your people. In particular, we would like to thank Kirk Huettner and John Godwin for helping us organize this event. They were both incredibly helpful in planning this affair and making it one of our most successful ever. The support provided by the entire Fire Department team, both in judging the chili and in supporting the event, was amazing.

We hope that our donation of \$4,000 to the Shop with a Firefighter program and \$1,000 to the Spark of Love program will benefit the area of La Quinta, together with the toys we will be collecting over the next few weeks.

Thank you for all that you and your team do for our community. We look forward to doing this event next year and hope to have the Fire Department's overwhelming support, again, for our 2nd Annual Spark of Love Drive and Chili Cook Off.

Sincerely,



Carol Martin
Trilogy Activities Chair



Debbie Pennington
Chili Cook-Off/Spark of Love Team Lead

cc: Captain Gil Barrier
LQ Fire Department, PGA West - Station 70
54001 Madison St.
La Quinta CA 92253

Shop with a Firefighter was held at the La Quinta Wal-Mart location on Sunday Dec. 8th. Through a carefully selected screening process set forth by the Riverside County Child Protective Services Department, we partner firefighters with 100 children. Each youth received a \$200.00 gift card of which \$150.00 must be used to purchase clothing, school supplies or personal necessities. The remaining \$50.00 may go towards toys, personal interest or gifts for their family.



EXPLORER ACTIVITY REPORT

LA QUINTA CITY

October – December 2013

The La Quinta Fire Explorer Post remained busy throughout the holiday season. Along with our regularly scheduled training, we had three of our explorers attend a confined space awareness class and a Hazmat First Responder class. All explorers who attended successfully passed these training courses. The explorer post also spent time preparing and organizing a recruitment drive for new Explorers. We are pleased to say that we interviewed seven candidates and we accepted them all. The new explorer recruits have already started their orientation and should start the first portion of training in the next few weeks. We have a busy year planned for the Explorer post. Besides the regular training, we also are planning several field trips this year. We are hoping to visit our Ryan Air Attack Base, Emergency Command Center (ECC) and to attend the City of Murrieta Fire Muster.

