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# **RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

IN COOPERATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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July 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 2nd quarter of 2014.

Riverside County Fire Department units responded to 852 total of calls for service within the City of La Quinta. These responses are broken down into the following classifications:

Medical Emergencies:	634
False Alarms:	64
Structure Fires:	2
Commercial Fires:	0
Vehicle Fires:	3
Other Fires:	10
Traffic Collisions:	39
Other Incidents:	94
Hazmats:	6

Respectfully submitted,

John Hawkins County Fire Chief

By:

Jodie Gray Battalion Chief

# LA QUINTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

# **QUARTERLY REPORT**

# April – June 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 Michael Prall

#### 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 –
- 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 Brent Norwine
- 7. Firefighter II Chris Meneses
- 8. Firefighter II Travis Ames
- 9. Firefighter II Matt Adams
- 10. Firefighter II Darren Clowers
- 11. Firefighter II Nick Yuhas
- 12. Firefighter II Oscar Lara

# YEAR END RESPONSE REPORT

# APRIL – JUNE 2014

	A P R I L	МАҮ	JUNE	Y T D
STRUCTURE FIRES	0	1	1	5
COMMERCIAL FIRES	0	0	1	2
OTHER FIRES	5	2	2	15
RINGING ALARMS	30	14	20	147
MEDICAL AIDS	251	204	179	1,311
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS	14	14	11	92
VEHICLE FIRES	1	1	1	6
OTHER INCIDENTS	2 6	34	3 4	171
ΗΑΖΜΑΤS	1	2	3	1 2
TOTAL	328	272	252	1,761

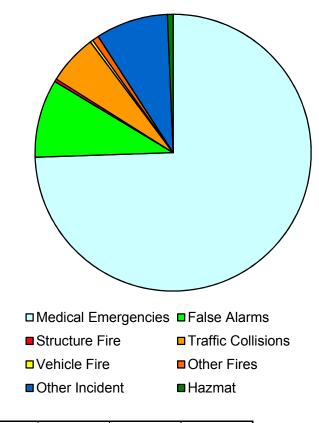
## TRUCK REPORT

Truck 86 continued to support the City of La Quinta with multiple incidents. The truck assisted on the Fairfield Hotel fire in Palm Desert. Last month several crew members attended the Big Rig Rescue training in the city of Corona. The class was a two day event that went over the techniques of traffic accidents involving big rigs.





Response Activity Incidents Reported for Date between 04/01/2014 and 06/30/2014 LA QUINTA City



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	Totals
Medical				
Emergencies	251	204	179	634
False Alarms	30	14	20	64
Structure Fire	0	1	1	2
Traffic Collisions	14	14	11	39
Vehicle Fire	1	1	1	3
Other Fires	5	2	3	10
Other Incident	26	34	34	94
Hazmat	1	2	3	6
TOTALS	328	272	252	852

Medical	634
False Alarms	64
Residential Fire	2
Traffic Collision	39
Vehicle Fire	3
Other Fires	10
Other Incidents	94
Hazmats	6

Incident Totals

**852** 

# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## April 2, 2014 10:54 (Indio City) Traffic Collision Cut and Rescue

The initial report reported 4 vehicles involved with one person trapped. La Quinta E-70 was the first to arrive on scene where I found 3 vehicles with minor to moderate damage and a fourth vehicle on it side with a single occupant trapped. Truck 86 and Engine 79 were assigned to extrication. The patient was extricated within 24 minutes with moderate injuries and transported to Desert Regional Medical Center. Monroe Street was closed to traffic at my arrival time and was still closed when I left the scene.



## April 17, 2014 07:55 Reported Structure Fire, Calle Tampico

City of La Quinta was having air conditioners installed at City Hall. The company used Acetylene flammable gas to solder metal at the air conditioning connections. The regulator connected to a 35 cubic foot acetylene tank leaked acetylene gas at adjustable regulator valve. With fire emitting from the gas hose nozzle, leaking flammable gas at regulator ignited. The controlled fire towards the metal pipe connections became uncontrolled at the gas regulator. Acetylene gas fire uncontrolled outside City of La Quinta City hall and within close proximity of East side of building. Acetylene gas regulator was defective causing the leak and fire. E-32 Controlled the fire, eliminated hazard and deemed acetylene gas tank hazardous for future use. No fire or heat damage to building or air conditioning units. Building declared safe to occupy and fire alarm reset. One pull station manually activated with no smoke detectors within building or ducts affected.

## April 23, 2014 17:03 Avenue 51 x Madison (Indio) Traffic Collision

Inside the "Stagecoach" venue on Ave 51, East of Madison St. a full size pick up truck struck and downed a power pole with the driver trapped inside and "live" electrical wires atop the vehicle. E-70, another fire engines and Indio Police isolated the area. As the sole occupant became agitated an emergency power line removal was implemented by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) personnel. The victim then self extricated. Due to the amount of coolant and transmission fluid spilled on the ground, HazMat Squad 81 responded. The victim declined medical treatment.



April 25, 2014 Pinehurst, La Quinta Civilian Burn

On April 25, 2014, units from La Quinta responded to a medical aid and found an adult female who had sustained flash burns to her face and hands when attempting to light an outdoor propane pizza oven/BBQ. The patient sustained 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns to approximately 4% of her body and was transported to Desert Regional Medical Center for treatment.

## April 28, 2014 11:58 Fairfield Hotel Fire, Fred Waring (Palm Desert)

La Quinta units assisted on a 3 alarm Hotel fire in Palm Desert. On arrival units found a 3 story hotel complex with fire and smoke showing from the roof. A second and third alarm was requested immediately. An aggressive interior attack with vertical roof ventilation was initiated. Firefighters immediately encountered a heavy volume of fire with significant involvement to the attic.

(See Photos)



May 2, 2014 17:30 Vehicle Fire, Adams x Miles

Engine 93 arrived at Adams x Miles for a fully involved vehicle fire. (See Photo)



## May 4, 2014 Traffic Collision, Washington St.

Engine 93 and other units were dispatched to a traffic collision at Trader Joes. Units on scene found a vehicle into the front pillar of the store. The driver stepped on the gas instead of the brake. The driver was transported for minor injuries. The integrity of the building was not damaged and no other bystanders were injured.



May 26, 2014 20:18 Hiker Rescue, Bear Creek Trail

E32 was dispatched to assist RSO and CHP H60 with 2 hikers in distress. E32 arrived at the parking lot off of Calle Tecate and met up with RSO deputies and they informed us H60 had 2 patients that they were going to fly out to a landing zone at Ben Franklin Elementary. Patient's were stable and had no complaints at the time. E32 set up a landing zone at Ben Franklin Elementary. The Patient's had no complaints and were just stuck on a peak off the trail at 3400' elevation. They called 911 due to the time of night and being out of water. No medical care was needed and E32 assisted RSO and CHP with an landing zone.

# **Administrative Reports**

La Quinta's Fire Safety Specialist, Jason Stubble promoted to the Fire Safety Supervisor (Assistant Fire Marshal) position assigned to oversee and lead the Fire Protection Planning Desert County Office located in Palm Desert. We are in the process of interviewing for his replacement. Jason will still be involved in La Quinta as he will be supervising the new LaQuinta Fire Safety Specialist.

With the retirement of Greg Butler, we are in the process of working with the county to find an Emergency Services Coordinator to work hand in hand with the city and the fire department.

May 19<sup>th</sup>, we had the grand opening of the new Indio EOC to replace the previous one in the County Building that is being demolished in Indio. This houses our back up emergency dispatch center to assist the East end of the county in case of a major radio failure in the county.

Station 32 and Station 70 opened their doors to voters as the stations were used as polling locations.

# **TRAINING & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

In April La Quinta firefighters participated in the City Picnic and worked at the Coachella and Stagecoach Festivals.

May 4-5, 2014 Desert city firefighters, including La Quinta participated in live fire training at a home donated by a resident in Mecca. This training allows for real life scenarios and is a good way to practice scenarios in a more controlled and safe environment (See Photos)



Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the "Desert Riders Association" (Motor Cycle Club) presented a plaque in honor of fallen Fire Apparatus Engineer Christopher Douglas at Station 35.



Station personnel attended various community events.



# EXPLORER ACTIVITY REPORT LA QUINTA CITY April – June 2014

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the La Quinta Fire Explores participated in the Murrieta Fire Department Explorer Mini Muster. They competed in events such as relay drills, hose drags, make and break and bucket brigade. Although they didn't bring home a trophy it was a good team building experience and lots of fun.

