

LA QUINTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015 Second Quarter Report



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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 – Michael Bowman
6. Firefighter II – Noe Lerma

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LA QUINTA, CA 92253
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Engine Company 32

1. Fire Captain – Anthony Khatami
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Jason Lewandowski
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic – Nick Groff
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – John Barton
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Albert Causey
6. Firefighter II – Seth Shively
7. Firefighter II – Michael Prall
8. Firefighter II – Sean Tauscher

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54001 MADISON STREET
LA QUINTA, CA 92253
(760) 564-2122**

Engine Company 70

1. Fire Captain – Gil Barrier
2. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Larry Johnson
3. Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic – Tim Day
4. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Brandon Avner
5. Firefighter II/Paramedic – Corbin Reinhart
6. Firefighter II – Steven Stock

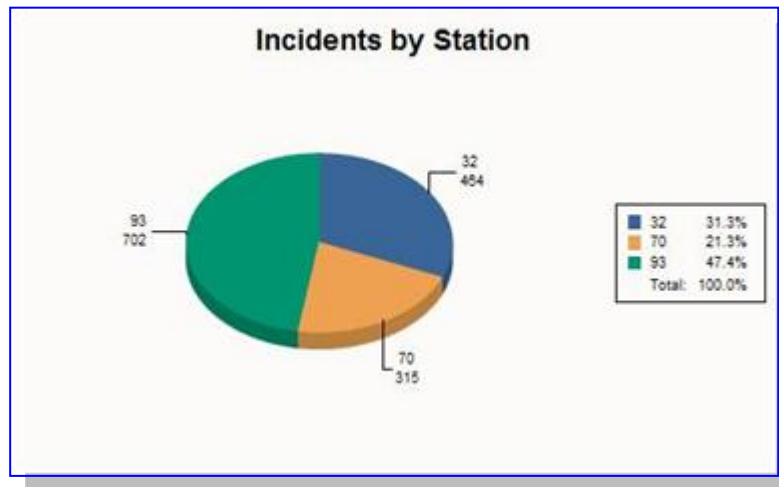
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Truck Company 86

1. Fire Captain – Darrel Anderson
2. Fire Captain – Dave Hudson
3. Fire Captain – Brent Norwine
4. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Noah Dimuccio
5. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Leo Metoyer
6. Fire Apparatus Engineer – Brent Wright
7. Firefighter II – Matt Adams
8. Firefighter II – Travis Ames
9. Firefighter II – Darren Clowers
10. Firefighter II – Chris Meneses
11. Firefighter II – Albert Moreno
12. Firefighter II – Nick Yuhas

SECOND QUARTER RESPONSE REPORT

APRIL – JUNE 2015



	Structure	Other Fire	Medical	Hazard / FMS	Others	Total
32	11	80	335	7	28	461
70	20	107	167	4	14	312
93	17	125	496	18	43	699
Total	48	312	998	29	85	1472

Truck Report

Truck 86 recorded 26 responses into the City of La Quinta during the second quarter of 2015 broken down by category below.

Com Fire	False Alarm	Medical	Other Fire	Public Service Assist	Traffic Collision
1	10	3	2	1	2
Residential Fire	Standby				
5	2				

Significant Events

4/20/15: CAL FIRE/Riverside County firefighters from La Quinta, Indian Wells and Indio arrived at the 52000 block of Avenida Diaz to find two dwellings involved with fire. An aggressive and coordinated fire attack limited the damage to the garage portion of each house. The fire started between the houses in a trash bin. The property owner stated they had painted and stained wood the previous day and placed the staining rags in the trash bin after they were done. The improper disposal of the staining rags is the cause of the fire.

5/7/15: CAL FIRE/Riverside County firefighters from La Quinta assisted the City of Indio on a commercial building fire at Hwy 111 and Rubidoux St. The building was formerly a Lucky grocery store.

5/7/15: CAL FIRE/Riverside County firefighters from La Quinta, Indian Wells, and Indio arrived at a residential dwelling on the 53000 block of Avenida Martinez with heavy fire involving the kitchen and rear bedrooms. The single male occupant was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital with possible smoke inhalation. Firefighters mounted an aggressive attack on the fire but were faced with heavy amounts of accumulated fire loading throughout the residence. Fires also scorched two nearby residential dwellings but were saved from significant damage. A power pole was charred which shut down electrical power to neighboring dwellings. No other injuries were reported and the cause of fire remains under investigation.

5/27/15: CAL FIRE/Riverside County firefighters from La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Indian Wells, Thermal and Palm Desert arrived at a 4200 square foot residence on the 49000 block of Montana Way inside Rancho La Quinta that was heavily involved with smoke and flames. The interior fire rapidly engulfed the master bedroom, an adjoining office plus the living room area. The fire also heavily involved the attic and extended into numerous void spaces, further hampering containment efforts. No occupants were present but many personal belongings including a Jaguar sports car were in the dwelling. Prevention officers were summoned due to suspicious items found. It has been determined that the fire was intentionally started in an attempt to cover up another crime; two suspects have been arrested and charged in this crime.

5/28/15: CAL FIRE/Riverside County Firefighters from La Quinta and Indio arrived on scene of a traffic collision in the 47000 block of Washington St. involving a solo passenger vehicle with extrication required of three patients. One patient was quickly extricated and transported via ground ambulance to an area hospital. Due to the extensive damage to the vehicle colliding with a palm tree it took firefighters another 40 minutes to extricate two additional patients. The second and third patients were transported to an area hospital with major injuries.

06/14/15 at 4:01 CAL FIRE/Riverside County firefighters from La Quinta, Indio, and Indian Wells were dispatched to 78000 block of Cloud View Way in the City of La Quinta. First arriving companies found a single story single family dwelling well involved in fire. The initial company officer implemented search, suppression and ventilation operations. The fire was knocked down within 20 minutes of the dispatch. There were no injuries. Two adults and two minor children were displaced. Red Cross assisted the displaced persons. Fire cause was attributed to combustible material coming in contact with the heating element in the dishwasher.

Administrative Reports

Ronald Griesinger, Fire Safety Specialist

Action:

During the second quarter of 2015 a total of 279 Fire Life Safety inspections were conducted along with 47 re-inspections for code compliance. It was noted a majority of business were found to be in compliance with current Fire Life Safety requirements. Of the noncompliant occupancies 13 automatic fire sprinkler systems were found to be in need of 5 year re certifications, 6 alarm and monitoring systems were found in need of maintenance or repair, 8 commercial cooking, fire extinguishing systems were found to need cleaning and re certification.

Building/Planning:

Weekly project review meetings were held with discussion focused on special development permits, tentative track maps, temporary use permits, special events permits and current projects updates. Development of a new In and Out Burger along with Aldi's Market began on Hwy 111. A new 84 home subdivision at Avenue 54 and Jefferson will be starting soon. A new Jule's market is undergoing a tenant improvement at Desert Club Dr. and Calle Tampico. Planning reviews were conducted for a proposed gas station, 2 Fast food Restaurants and additional commercial tenant space. Plans were reviewed for 15 new homes at villas at Indian Springs. Plans were reviewed for an expansion and remodel of trilogy golf club.

Accomplishments:

- 13 Automatic fire sprinkler systems were inspected and re certified
- 6 Alarm and monitoring systems were inspected and or repaired, currently functioning as designed
- 8 Commercial hood, duct and fire extinguishing systems were cleaned serviced and tagged as required
- Title 19 inspection of all large family day care were completed
- Inspection and standby of fireworks display for La Quinta High Graduation
- Completion of the Chateau@ Lake La Quinta expansion and remodel fire sprinkler system, alarm system and new commercial kitchen
- Opening of Jersey Mikes new commercial kitchen.
- Completion of California Ocean Grill new commercial kitchen
- Completed all code enforcement follow up inspections 47

- Final Title 19 inspections were completed on all multi-family complexes

Goals:

Continue participation with weekly project review team. Aggressively conduct annual fire life safety inspections. Provide a high standard of customer service while seeking compliance with codes and standards.

Conclusion:

Although a small number of occupancies were inspected most appear to be operating within a reasonable degree of safety. As for business found to have violations, in part most had no issues making the necessary repairs to gain compliance. Please see the attachment for specific location, occupancy class and inspection outcome.

Tawny Castro, Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC)

CERT:

Conducted meetings in April, May and June with the La Quinta CERT group; monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. Each monthly meeting this quarter was held at one of the three City fire stations. The goals of this were to orient the CERT members of the facilities in the event they are activated and need to work out of our stations; as well as meeting the staff and participating in joint training with the on-duty firefighters. Training included Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue and Cribbing.

La Quinta hosted its first full 20 hour CERT course in several years. 19 students from several cities completed all 20 hours of training, eight of which have joined the La Quinta CERT team. Funding for the CERT backpacks issued to all students was provided by FEMA via the State Homeland Security (SHSP) grant.

Outreach Events:

ECS Castro attended La Quinta Resort's annual employee rally where she shared emergency preparedness information and literature to hundreds of the resorts employees.

ECS Castro along with CAL FIRE/Riverside County Firefighters and CERT volunteers participated in the City Birthday Bash in April promoting CERT and disaster preparedness as well as unveiling the La Quinta Lifeline vial-of-life program. The program consists of a form containing basic medical information and two means of alerting first responders to the location of the form (a sticker and fridge magnet). It was created to assist first responders in providing potentially life-saving medical care for patients who are unable to speak for themselves by providing the patient's medical history. ESC Castro with the assistance of City fire personnel created the La Quinta Lifeline vial-of-life program.

In Development:

ESC Castro is developing a seasonal preparedness web page and outreach notifications to alert City residents to dangers associated with specific seasons.

ESC Castro is developing a City CERT Rehab Deployment Team (RDT). The City RDT will consist of specially trained CERT members who will respond to extended attack emergency incidents within the City to deploy rehab areas for firefighting personnel. The first RDT training class was conducted on 6/30/15 and training will continue throughout the summer.

Working with Caltech and the USGS, La Quinta will be participating in the beta testing of the Earthquake Early Warning (EEW) system. Once operational, the EEW will provide the location, distance, intensity and approximate damage felt for earthquakes. The amount of warning is dependent on the location of the earthquake and can range from one second up to thirty seconds.

City EOC:

Using FEMA grant funding, the City has begun to replace equipment in the EOC that no longer meets our mission needs.

City Staff Preparedness:

ESC Castro conducted an emergency preparedness and family preparedness talk with all La Quinta employees at the monthly City Managers meeting on 6/24/15. The City's 70 employees also received 1 day survival kits and City Employee backpacks courtesy of the City Emergency Management program.

La Quinta staff will begin general EOC training and section specific EOC training in preparation to participate in the Great Shakeout this October.

Personnel Movement

April and May saw changes in some of our personnel. Firefighter Medic John Godwin and Firefighter Vernon Cowins from Station 70 along with Firefighter Medic Brian Steiger from Station 93 accepted Limited Term Engineer positions in areas throughout the State; we wish them well in their new endeavors. Engineer Medic Nick Groff finished his academy training in May and has filled our vacant Medic Engineer position.

Training & Community Activities

The La Quinta firefighters training for the quarter included Wildland Fire Readiness training in Desert Hot Springs. Firefighters also conducted in-service training on ladders, first due company drills, alternative fuel vehicles, HazMat decon and recertification and Multi-Casualty Incident strategies and tactics.





EXPLORER ACTIVITY REPORT LA QUINTA CITY APRIL-JUNE 2015

The La Quinta Fire Explorers continue to stay busy with training and participating in PR events. This past quarter the explorer post participated in a training exercise with the La Quinta CERT Team. The training class covered the following topics: Fire Extinguisher use, Lifting and Cribbing of heavy objects and Basic First Aid.

We currently have one of our fire explorers, James Wadlund, is attending the Explorer-to-Reserve Bridge academy. After the completion of this academy, Explorer Wadlund will be qualified to apply for reserve firefighter for Riverside County Fire. He will most likely be assigned to one of the La Quinta Fire Stations: continuing to serve our city.

In March, our explorer post represented the city at the Annual Murrieta Fire Muster. Although we did not come home with a trophy, we were one of the top contending explorer posts. The Explorer Post competed in four different events; the bucket brigade, the two minute drill, the mannequin drag and the fire hose make and break.

