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Murrieta Fire Department Weekly Newsletter



Matt Moore Christmas

FIRE dispatch

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MFD FLASHBACK TO 1951

The boy in the background is Chuck Jensen

Back row: L to R is Ted Sheld Willis Thompson Jr., Curtis Thompson and Ira Rail

Front row: L to R is Assistant Chief Vic Garrison, Clayton Rendell, Lawrence Dunham, and Fire Chief Raymond Thompson

Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

John F. Kennedy

Mutual Aid/HazMat on November 18, 2016, at 1145 hours: Battalion 6, Truck 1, Truck 2 and AMR responded on a medical aid at Shivela Middle School for a difficulty breathing call. As they arrived, they found a number of students and staff experiencing flu-like symptoms including a burning sensation and shortness of breath. In all, twenty individuals experienced respiratory difficulty; five juvenile victims were transported by AMR, with an additional three juveniles and two adults who self-transported to area hospitals. A pesticide odor was detected; however, the specific cause was undetermined. Riverside County HazMat and Environmental Health were notified, but did not respond, as no definitive source was determined.



- ### In the QUEUE
- Dispatch move to EOC: Nov 1-21
 - Recruit Academy: Nov 14-Dec 15
 - Thanksgiving: Nov 24
 - Breakfast w/Santa: Dec 3

William C. Stuart
29218 Eldorado Way
Menifee, CA
714 328-2234

November 4, 2016

Scott Ferguson
Fire Chief
41825 Juniper Street
Murrieta, CA 92562

Re: Commendation for Fire Medic Chris Brown and Crew of Engine 21

Dear Chief,

On Friday, October 28, 2016, at about 4:40 P.M. I was shopping with my wife in the Albertson's market, Antelope Road and Scott Road. Unknown to us at the time there was a group of 5 male suspects in the store attempting to commit an organized theft of alcohol. We later found out they had hit a BevMo store then a Super Target, both in Murrieta, before going to the Albertson's. They punched a security guard at the Target store.

I was attacked by 4 or 5 of the suspects when I attempted to come to the aid of a female store employee attempting to prevent the theft of alcohol by one suspect. I was knocked unconscious, fell to the floor and was kicked about the head and upper body by the suspects. Refer to Murrieta P.D. report # 1610M-6141. The suspects fled the store but were later arrested with the assistance of the Riverside Sheriff's Department.

I later learned fire personnel were told to stage in the area until police were able to confirm all suspects were gone from the store. Fire Medic Brown was the first to approach me and check my condition including vital signs. He offered reassurance helping to make a traumatic incident easier to bare. Also, I realize it was a team effort and I wish to thank the entire crew of Engine 21 for their professional service. I was then transported to Inland Valley Hospital by an American Medical Response Ambulance. I was released later that evening.

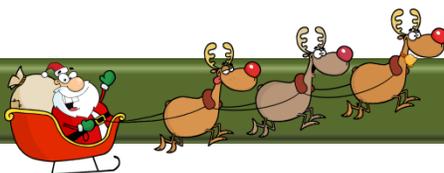
Thank you to the Murrieta Fire Department for a job well done! A separate commendation was sent to the P.D.

Sincerely,
William C. Stuart
William C. Stuart
Retired Lieutenant
Huntington Beach P.D.

ROOKIE TRAINING



Well done! It has been confirmed that the crew Mr. Stuart is referring to was Captain Joe Bourque, Engineer James Schaaf, and FF/PM Chris Brann



TRAINING—*Captain Sean DeGrave*

For Firefighters, Emotional Stress Often the Deadliest Enemy

By Terry Spencer, Associated Press; Vero Beach, Florida — Nov 25, 2016

Battalion Chief David Dangerfield's nickname was "Super Dave," a moniker the veteran firefighter had earned over the years for his cheerful, get-things-done personality. The leader of a fire department dive team in a quiet Florida beach community of 15,000 volunteered for charities helping kids and families and was the 2013 Treasure Coast Emergency Service Provider of the Year.

But one Saturday night last month, Dangerfield posted a Facebook message that revealed a world of pain behind the brave facade.

"PTSD for Firefighters is real. If your love (sic) one is experiencing signs get them help quickly. Twenty-seven years of deaths and babies dying in your hands is a memory that you will never get rid off (sic). ... My love to my crews. Be safe, take care. I love you all."

He then drove to some woods, called 911 and told the dispatcher where his body could be found. He hung up and fatally shot himself. He was 48.

Dangerfield's death shined a light on firefighters who suffer post-traumatic stress disorder, a problem most often associated with soldiers returning from war. Firefighters are finding that their long tradition of silent stoicism, and the belief that talking about one's demons is a sign of weakness that could isolate them from colleagues, has left many of them psychologically and emotionally damaged.

The Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance estimates about 30 percent of the nation's 1.3 million career and volunteer firefighters suffer from PTSD, with 132 suicides by active and former U.S. firefighters and paramedics reported last year. [-MORE](#)



Scott Geiselhart stands next to a Frazee Fire Department engine in Frazee, Minn. Geiselhart is a volunteer firefighter who tried to commit suicide in 2014.



MFD EMS

—EMS Coordinator — *Jennifer Antonucci*

Applying Crew Resource Management in EMS: An Interview With Capt. Sully

by Elliot Carhart, EdD, RRT, NRP On Oct 31, 2016

Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger is a speaker, retired airline pilot and accident investigator. He is the founder and CEO of Safety Reliability Methods, Inc., a company dedicated to management, safety, performance and reliability consulting. He is also the CBS News Aviation and Safety Expert and has authored two books, *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters* and *Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage from America's Leaders*.

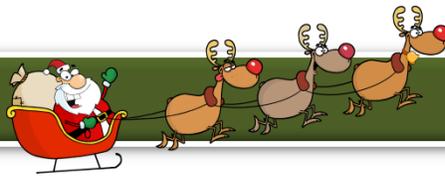
Despite these accolades, Sullenberger is probably best known as the captain of US Airways Flight 1549, which in 2009 successfully landed in the Hudson River following a bird strike and subsequent engine failure, an event that has come to be known as the "Miracle on the Hudson."

Capt. Sully gained great fame for his part in that event, but not without a twist of irony: Much of the media hype focused on the actions of this one man—but in reality, it was an amazing demonstration of how technical expertise and nontechnical skills can come together through a relationship characterized by the concept of crew resource management (CRM).



Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger

As a pioneer of CRM in the aviation industry, Capt. Sully was quick to share credit with the other individuals who influenced the outcome of this event and acknowledged that CRM contributed to the remarkable performance of his crew. Having focused a great deal of my own scholarly efforts on the study of CRM, I reached out to Capt. Sully to get his perspective on the application of CRM in EMS and its potential for improving performance in our profession. [-MORE](#)



Equipment & Facilities – BC Steve Kean

- **Station 1** - Gas Line and plumbing for Ice machine scheduled
- **Station 2** - Flag pole replacement ordered; PT room preparation
- **Station 3** - No activity
- **Station 4** - Roll-up door repaired
- **Station 5** - Rear roll-up door delivered/waiting for installation



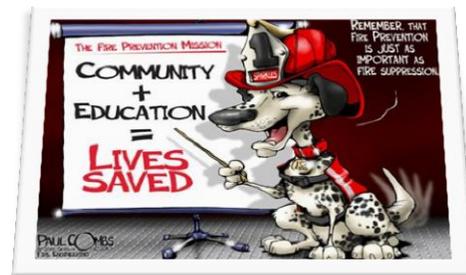
SAFETY / HEALTH Captain Eric Ackerman

The 14th Life Safety Initiative challenges agencies to champion public education by viewing it as a critical fire and life safety program. The value of public education is truly profound; it not only improves safety, but it helps prevent major incidents that could potentially threaten the safety of our members. Good public education helps the general population to take personal responsibility for the life and fire safety of their surroundings and also increases their understanding the role of the fire department.

Station tours, school demos, fire safety week are obvious opportunities for public education; the challenge comes in finding other, unscheduled times to engage the community in order to improve safety. This may be as simple as letting a child sit in the fire engine when we are at the store and taking the opportunity to teach them the phone number to call in case of an emergency.

Other opportunities may come when we are assisting a senior citizen change their smoke detector battery; by offering to find hazards in their home, you may prevent what otherwise may turn into a nasty fall.

As our department continues to grow, more opportunities to create valuable public education programs will present themselves. It is critically important that each of us take these opportunities seriously and get involved.



PREVENTION – Fire Marshal Jason Briley

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Plays Crucial Role in Fire Alarm Upgrades

By Robert Solomon May 2016

The authority having jurisdiction, or AHJ, plays a crucial role in ensuring fire/life safety in buildings, and it's essential that facility managers understand what the AHJ is and the role it plays throughout the life of a building.

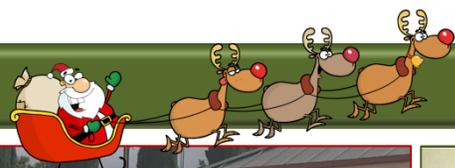
The first thing to understand is that the AHJ is not a single entity. Depending on the jurisdiction your facility is in, the type of facility you're in, and who "owns" your facility, you may be visited not only by the fire marshal, but by a variety of individuals -- referred to as "the authority having jurisdiction" — who come onto the premises to look at how well or how poorly your fire, life, and electrical safety programs are doing.

NFPA codes define the AHJ as "an organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure." This definition is also elaborated on in the annex of the codes, a portion of which states, "Where public safety is primary, the AHJ may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief, fire marshal, chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department, building official, electrical inspector, or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the AHJ." [-MORE](#)

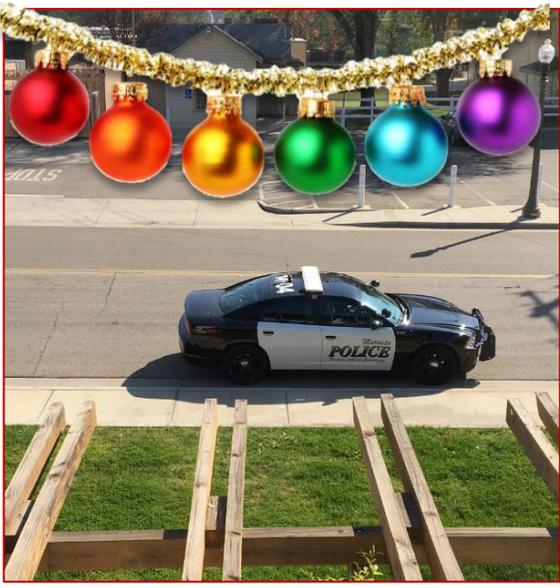
Week of Nov 21-23, 2016

Fire Fees Collected: \$6,185

• Final Fire	01
• Miscellaneous	02
• Field Inspection	00
• Fire Hood	01
• Fire Alarm	03
• Fire Sprinkler	19
• Alarm Tie-in	00
• Functional Test	00
• Functional Test	00
• B2 Inspection	00
• Overhead Hydro	10
• Underground Hydro	01
• Rough	10
• New Submittals	07
• Resubmittals	05
• <u>Plan Checks</u>	<u>07</u>
Total	66



St. Martha's Church made a special Thanksgiving Day care package for MFR – Thanks to the VIP delivery guys!



Who is going to tell him that our laterals will have to have fire department experience?



Our new recruits joined the geriatric squad at CrossFit Unscathed last week!



WELCOME OFFICER AARON DROOTIN

LATERAL OFFICER FROM THE ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

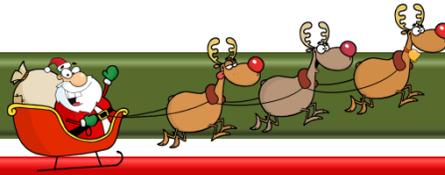
Aaron began working with our department on Monday, November 28, 2016. He comes to us with over 17 years of law enforcement experience. Aaron started his law enforcement career with the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1999. He worked there until 2004 when he went to work for the Orange Police Department. His last assignment with the Orange Police Department was as a Patrol Officer. Aaron has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management. He is married to Dawn, and they have 2 children.

Please welcome Aaron to the Murrieta Police Department!



Susie Dominguez 🙏 feeling grateful with **Phil D. Dominguez** at **Hazard Center**.
10 mins · 📍
Well, it's official!! That smile on his face is Phil leaving the PERS office and retiring after 47 years in the fire service, 28 of them right here with Murrieta Fire. We are proud of him and his hard work and dedication through all of these years! Congrats, we love you!





FIRE FLEET – Noah “The Mechanic” Praytor

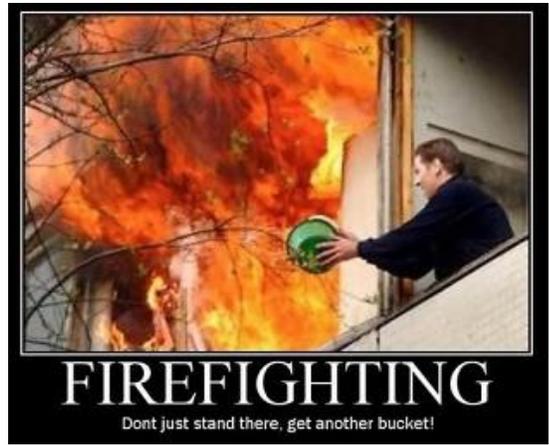


- **T1 in service**
- **T2 in service (St 2)**
- **E2 in service**
- **E3 in service**
- **E4 OOS repairs until Dec 7**
- **E5 in service**

- **E21 in service (St 4)**
- **B2 in service**
- **B3 in service**
- **B5 OOS unit Dec 8**
- **OES in service**
- **R5 in service**



The plan was to represent MFR at the new Southern Operations Geographical Coordination Center (GACC) ground breaking ceremony; we arrived on time, but nobody was there...so we broke ground for them...then we found out that they first met in a nearby building to “say a few words” - our bad.



by **THE NUMBERS** – Dawn Morrison

November 21-27, 2016

OPERATIONS

- 67 EMS
- 01 Fires
- 06 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 02 Hazardous-No Fire
- 31 Public Assistance
- 07 Beeping Smoke Detectors
- 05 Police Assist
- 34 Cancelled Calls
- 13 False Alarms
- 12 Miscellaneous
- 178 Total Calls



EMS CALLS ONLY

- Call Processing Time (Secs): 32
- Turnout Time (Mins): 1:19
- Travel Time (Mins): 3:53
- Total Time to Arrival (Mins): **5:44**

FIRE CALLS ONLY

- Call Processing Time (Secs): :52
- Turnout Time (Mins): 1:26
- Travel Time (Mins): 3:19
- Total Time to Arrival (Mins) **5:37**