



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Chief's Report

- Fire Station 16 (Lafayette): The building footings have been poured, and the underground plumbing and electrical have been inspected and approved. In early October, the slab floor will be the last building concrete to be poured. By the end of October, the walls should be up and the roof trusses in place.
- Fire Station 70 (San Pablo): During the plan review process, a few seismic code requirements were identified, and updated architectural drawings are in progress. These changes have pushed the expected Board agenda item from October to November. The District and County Capital Project Management still anticipate opening and closing bids by year end.
- Denise Cannon, the Fire District's Human Resources Analyst, retired from the Fire District effective September 29, 2018, with a combined total of 30 years of service to the Fire District and Contra Costa County. Denise was involved in a significant amount of change within the Fire District including numerous promotions and recruitments and was instrumental in the success of the Fire District's diversity recruitment program.
- Academy 52 started on Monday, October 1, 2018, with 31 firefighter recruits. They are scheduled to graduate in February 2019 and will fill existing vacancies and staff Engine 16 in Lafayette.
- As we reported last month, the Fire District has concerns about developments whose property tax allocations alone will not support adequate levels of fire and emergency medical response. Several managers from the Fire District traveled to San Bernardino County Fire last week to discuss best practices with regard to the implementation of service zones and other funding options that might provide additional revenue. A future report and discussion on this topic will be presented to the Board.
- STARR, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's helicopter which is additionally staffed with a Fire District Captain/Paramedic, recently responded to a motor vehicle accident on Highway 4. After arriving overhead, they visualized bystanders performing CPR on a young child. Because of the stopped traffic, the first arriving

fire and EMS resources were significantly delayed. STARR made the decision to land and deploy the Captain/Paramedic who immediately began treatment on the child. By the time other responders arrived, pulses and blood pressure had returned to the child, and patient care was transferred to an awaiting air ambulance crew who took the patient to a nearby hospital to be stabilized. This is a great example of the positive outcomes that have come from the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and the Fire District.

- Fire Marshal Marshall's last day with the Fire District will be October 13, 2018. He has accepted a position as the Fire Marshal for San Mateo County Fire which is where he began his career. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.