Hemet Fire/EMS Department

November 2016

HFD Hotlist

VARIOUS EVENTS & INCIDENTS

AUGUST 2016

HFD Brush 1 finished an eleven day assignment at the Soberanes Fire and a three day assignment at the Pilot Fire. They were assigned to Division I and relay pumped a large firing operation. The firefighters prepped the fire line and defended the area infrastructure. They assisted in putting in a 14,000 foot hose lay.

Firehouse Magazine released their Annual Run Survey. Below it ranks the busiest Engine companies. Hemet City Engine 1 ranked 17th with 5,178 calls in 2015.

BUSIEST ENGINE

	DEPARTMENT	BUSIEST ENGINE	RUNS		DEPARTMENT	BUSIEST ENGINE	RUNS
1.	San Francisco, CA	E3	10,853	17.	Hemet, CA	ME1	5,178
2.	Los Angeles County, CA	E33	8,703	18.	Atlanta, GA	E1	5,164
3.	Los Angeles City, CA	E9	7,805	19.	Cincinnati, OH	E35	5,156
4.	Washington, DC	E30	7,641	20.	Chicago, IL	E116	5,131
5.	New York, NY	E290	6,740	21.	Milwaukee, WI	E30	5,123
6.	Fort Lauderdale, FL	E8	6,712	22.	Albuquerque, NM	E5	5,100
7.	Orange County, FL	E51	6,644	23.	Baltimore City, MD	E33	5,089
8.	San Diego, CA	E17	6,568	24.	Providence, RI	E3	5,046
9.	Long Beach, CA	E3	6,080	25.	Charlotte, NC	E42	4,922
10.	Denver, CO	E8	5,802	26.	Bakersfield, CA	E6	4,855
11.	Riverside County–CAL FIRE, CA	E7	5,652	27.	Colorado Springs, CO	E8	4,827
12.	Phoenix, AZ	E18	5,547	28.	Tucson, AZ	E7	4,728
13.	Tampa, FL	E13	5,523	29.	Chula Vista, CA	E51	4,676
14.	Jacksonville, FL	E28	5,501	30.	Cranston, RI	E3	4,624
15.	Clark County, NV	E18	5,376	31.	Pittsburgh, PA	E4	4,488
16.	Sacramento, CA	E20	5,262	32.	Fort Worth, TX	E24	4,487

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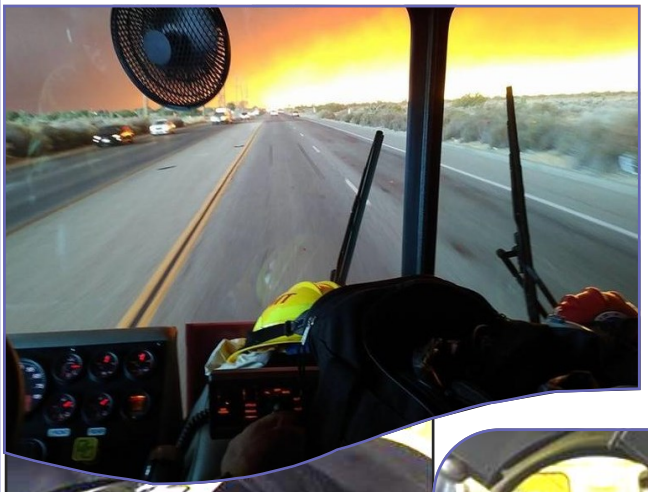
AUGUST 2016

After 11 days on the Soberanes Fire and 3 days on the Pilot Fire the Strike Team 6074C was released and Brush 1 returned to Hemet.

Our OES Engine was requested to respond with Strike Team 6800A to the Blue Cut fire in San Bernardino County. This photo was taken by our crew as they approached the fire.

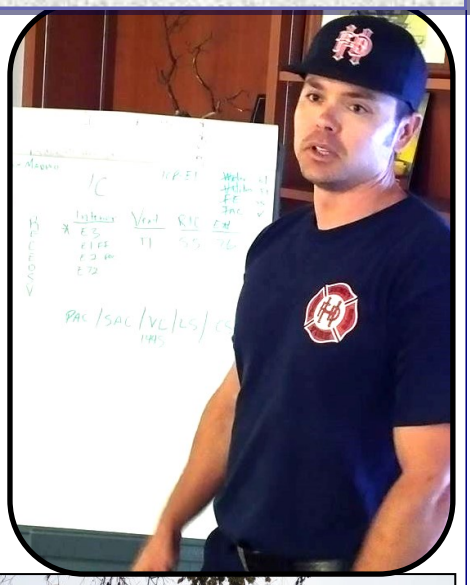


OES 352 in Basecamp at the Blue Cut Fire was preparing to go out on the fire line. Our Engineer checked all the fluids and ensured the engine was ready to go.

AUGUST 2016

HFD Engineers worked on simulator training in preparation for the Captain's test.

HFD fire fighters went to the city yard to study parts and components in preparation for the Engineer's test.



Hemet Fire units were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 4500 block of Brookside Drive. HFD units arrived on scene to find a fire on the exterior of the house that was spreading to the structure. HFD kept the fire out of the living area and garage. Photo by John Strangis

HFD engine on scene behind Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market fully involved dumpster fire.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Fully involved truck fire Mayberry/Buena Vista

Fire Fighters trained on pumping evolutions and providing large water for defensive fire operations. Training frequently is how they stay prepared for all types of emergencies.

Traffic accident Vehicle vs pole Palm/ Florida

SEPTEMBER 2016

HFD extinguished a structure fire in an abandoned house in the 900 block of Whittier/Santa Fe.

A minor vegetation fire quickly became a major city emergency as it turned into a roaring blaze. It took several hours to knock down and bring under control. The fire eventually destroyed a recreational vehicle as well as several trailers and structures on the property.

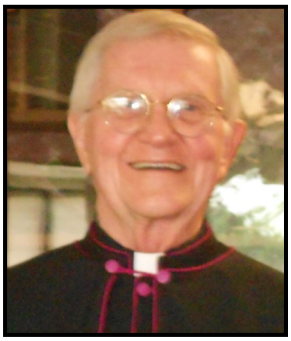
OCTOBER 2016

A mobile home in Colonial Country Club Mobile Estates was completely destroyed by fire. No one was injured by the blaze.

Hemet Fire Department held its annual open house event. Hundreds of Hemet locals and many residents from neighboring cities enjoyed the event.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Rev. Canon Charles F. Slagle



I spent 31 years in the corporate world and then some time with my own consulting business. I ventured onto a new path, after having a strong calling from the Lord.

I was ordained a Deacon in 1989 and in 1990 started attending classes at seminary. I was ordained to the Holy Order of Priest in 1991 and elevated to Canon in 2009.

Some of my previous duties:

Chaplain at Stevens Point, Wisconsin Fire Department 1997—2012.
When notified, I attended the department meetings and I was present at all fires. I visited the fire houses weekly, counseled firefighters that felt a need, plus officiated marriage ceremonies.

Chaplain at the Plover Wisconsin Fire Department 2007—2014.
I attended all department meetings, when I was notified.

Chaplain for the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association 2007—2012.
I was a member of the board of directors. I attended all board meetings and funerals of Fire Department personal representing the Association. At the annual Convention, I led the Last Bell Service, held a scheduled Prayer Service, a new Chaplain class and installed new officers for the next year. I instructed the Chiefs on how to get a Chaplain. I led the opening and closing blessing of the convention and also led the blessing at the banquet.

Member of the Federation of Fire Chaplains.

On a personal level, in 1991, before my ordination to Priest, I was home in Wisconsin. My oldest son asked me if there was anything in Grandma's things to help him with his genealogy research. We opened one of Grandma's boxes and there on the top was a Christmas card box. I found a card that was addressed to me that was dated 41 years prior. To my surprise, I realized I had never seen this card. I opened it and inside the card was a letter addressed to me from my grandma. She wrote how proud she was that I was going to Sunday school and singing in the choir. She hoped that God would call me to his ministry one day and felt that I was born to "walk on the side of the Lord". It took 41 years for my Grandmother's prayer to be answered and at last I had my answer as to why I had this strong calling for the Lord.

I am proud to say that my eldest son, Charles F. Slagle II is the assistant Fire Chief in Danbury, Connecticut.

I consider it a great honor to serve as the Chaplain for the Hemet Fire Department.

"A WORD FROM OUR CHIEF"

I want all of us to take a moment to keep the men and women of the Palm Springs Police Department in our thoughts and prayers - they have suffered a tremendous loss of two brave officers - including an officer who was injured. Go the extra mile to help our brothers and sisters in Blue, as they would for us.

Our Firefighters are the best - Service With a smile!
I want to thank our citizens; we are here for you 24/7
Scott Brown, City of Hemet Fire Chief

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversaries:

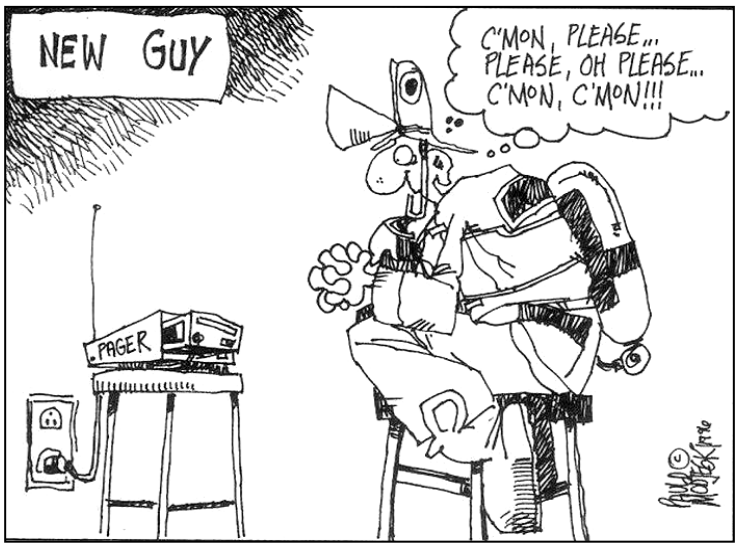
August 08	Chris Galletta	13 Years
August 11	David Prietto	13 Years
August 19	Brandon Pulkrabek	14 Years
August 20	Bruce Lilly	32 Years
September 16	Tysen Quaintance	3 Years
September 19	Mike Anaya	11 Years
September 20	Mike Spitsnaugle	6 Years
October 20	Peter Minton	8 Years

Congratulations and thank you to the following people for another year of service and dedication to the Hemet Fire Department and the City of Hemet:

Thank you all for your hard work and continued dedication and professionalism.

Thank you to all who provided us with the wonderful photos and articles.
This newsletter would not be possible without your help.

JUST FOR LAUGHS



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