

MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

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Reputation is everything. How we treat each other and the residents we serve is priority. We value our communities, and we always put people first. We provide care with compassion and service with integrity.

This month, we observed October as Fire Prevention Month; celebrated Supervisor Don Knabe's unwavering support of public safety personnel; received a Productivity and Quality Award for our highly acclaimed CPR Anytime program; and thanked our contract cities for their invaluable loyalty and trust in our Department.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Every year, we recognize October as "Fire Prevention Month." It coincides with the annual National Fire Prevention Week, which was proclaimed this year for October 9–15.

For more than 90 years, the National Fire Protection Association has

sponsored this annual campaign by educating and encouraging the public to practice fire safety.

This year's theme, "Don't Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," emphasizes the need for homeowners and property owners to carefully inspect their smoke alarms by paying attention to the alarm's date of manufacture and operability.

Smoke alarms are key, essential safety devices. They are the first alert of danger—and stand as the best frontline defense for families to protect their loved ones and bring them to safety.

While we do everything we can to fulfill our mission of being proud protectors of life, property and the environment, the responsibility is on us to constantly remind citizens about the significance of having functional, up-to-date smoke alarms in their homes.

I encourage everyone to download the Department's safety brochure on our

website at www.fire.lacounty.gov for handy tips and information.

We have the knowledge, expertise and experience about fire safety and prevention. It is our responsibility to share it.

CELEBRATING FIRST RESPONDERS

After 20 years as County Supervisor of the Fourth District, Supervisor Knabe is finishing out his final term on the Board.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to personally thank him for all of his hard work and dedication at his 20th Annual Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon in the City of Industry.

Supervisor Knabe hosts this yearly event to recognize and salute public safety officers who serve the unincorporated communities in his District. He always stands by first responders and understands our challenges and needs.

This year, he acknowledged Fire Stations 15 and 96 in Division IV and Fire Stations 91 and 145 in Division VIII, as well as several Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department stations and the California Highway Patrol.

We truly appreciate Supervisor Knabe's encouragement and unwavering support of our firefighters and lifeguards, and honor him for his dedication and commitment to the communities he has served for the past 20 years.

Thank you, Supervisor Knabe, for being a gracious friend and loyal supporter of the Department and its initiatives. We, and all of Los Angeles County, are grateful for all you have done.

PRODUCTIVITY & QUALITY AWARD 2016

On October 19, the County of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission (QPC) presented a Customer Service Award to the Department for its "Staying Alive: CPR Anytime Public Education Program" at the 30th Annual Productivity and Quality Awards luncheon at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

The American Heart Association developed CPR Anytime to teach CPR using a practice-while-watching instruction method.

The Department successfully launched a community outreach plan for CPR

Anytime to improve the survival of sudden cardiac arrest victims.

One component of the CPR Anytime initiative involves training high school students to perform Hands-Only CPR.

To date, more than 7,500 students have learned this lifesaving technique and passed on their newly acquired skill to family and friends. The ripple effect is remarkable and massive, making a true difference in the community.

Thank you to the QPC for recognizing the CPR Anytime initiative and how it truly benefits the community at large.

Our sincerest gratitude to Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who has hosted the awards luncheon every year. He founded the QPC to ensure efficiency and productivity in County government, which resulted in estimated benefits to the County in excess of \$4 billion since its inception in 1986.

KEEPING UP WITH CONTRACT CITIES

Once a year, the Association of Chief Officers and I jointly host a California Contract Cities Association meet and greet, followed by a Board of Directors dinner meeting, to celebrate the working relationship with our contract cities.

This year's event in Marina Del Rey afforded us the opportunity to catch up with our civic partners and mark

another year of accomplishments and successful outcomes.

Contract cities are vital to our operation. We mutually need each other to serve our communities, and we each exist for the benefit of our constituents. I am grateful for the relationships we have, and the strong partnerships that we have built over time to provide exceptional service to residents and business owners that is second to none.

Together with our counterparts from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other County agencies, we collectively ensure communities are healthy, safe and protected.

I am proud of our Department and what we accomplish on a daily basis to meet these critically important goals.

ONWARD & UPWARD

This month closes with the promise of bigger and better in the months to come.

I appreciate everyone's determination and hard work. No successful organization is built on the efforts of just one person.

It takes teamwork, and I am grateful for every person who is part of this immense collaboration that makes each of our accomplishments possible, while also providing the utmost care and consideration to our hometown residents.



Fire Prevention Engineering Assistant II Pravin Vora accepts the Fire Prevention 24th Annual Perpetual Award of Excellence in honor of Fire Prevention Month.



Attendees of the annual California Contract Cities Association Board of Directors meeting socialize during a pre-event meet and greet at Fire Station 110 in Marina Del Rey.