City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: April 13, 2004

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief

SUBJECT: March 2004 Department of Public Safety Monthly Report

1. Fire & Rescue Division

The Department of Public Safety's Fire & Rescue Division responded to 204 incidents in March 2004. Alarm types are broken down as follows:

Incident Type	Month		YTD	
Medical Aid (MA)	116	56.9%	425	62.2%
Traffic Collision (TC)	21	10.3%	46	6.7%
MA + TC	***137***	***67.2%***	***471***	***69.0%***
Hazardous Material	0	0.0%	3	0.4%
Mutual/Automatic Aid	16	7.8%	52	7.6%
Public Assistance	10	4.9%	31	4.5%
Rescue	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Structure Fire	0	0.0%	5	0.7%
Vegetation Fire	0	0.0%	3	0.4%
Vehicle Fire	2	1.0%	5	0.7%
Refuse Fire	1	0.5%	4	0.6%
All Fires	***3***	***1.5%***	***17***	***2.5%***
Other	9	4.4%	26	3.8%
False Alarm*	29	14.2%	82	12.0%

*Note: Includes accidental activation, burnt food, good intent, system malfunction, malicious, etc.

Other March notes: The final component of testing for the position of Engineer, aerial ladder truck operation (check-out and driving, spotting and aerial set-up, pumping), was completed on March 5. This portion of the process had to be delayed due to major repairs being conducted on Truck 251 during the fall of 2003, followed by very concentrated training over the approximately 2.5 ensuing months prior to the test. I am happy to announce that all 4 candidates who participated in all components of the exam process were successful, and have been placed on a promotional list for the position of Engineer. On March 11, "Every 15 Minutes" was presented at Loma Linda Academy, under the coordination of Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Obert - see attached summary report. On March 16, F&R members hosted Japanese students here on an international exchange program for a Fire Station tour; and, that evening participated with the Candlelighters foundation in their fund-raising event at LLUMC. On March 27, the F&R Division provided a CPR Instructor update class, in preparation for EMT-recertification that will be done internally beginning in May, and to be prepared for upcoming citizen CPR classes.

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2. Community Safety Division

Code Enforcement –March 2004:

Public Nuisance	123	31%
Landscape Maintenance	52	13%
Zoning	3	1%
Vehicle Violations	84	21%
Refuse Containers	8	2%
Business License	2	1%
Right-of-Way Violations	121	31%
Shopping Carts	0	0%
Building Code Violations	2	1%
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Training Events	2	
Community Meetings Attended	1	
Community Service	0	
Abandoned Vehicles Abated	0	
Citations Issued	0	

Zoning violations include business signs, yard sale signs, fence/wall permits, landscaping, prohibited land use.
Right-of-Way violations include Basketball goals and skateboard ramps in the street.
Vehicle violations include abandoned, wrecked, inoperative vehicles, vehicle repair, parking on lawns, storage.

***Parking Control** –March 2004*

Parking Citations

Citation Type	Number	$ Value	%
Reparking	18	$ 540	9%
$30 Misc.	16	$ 480	8%
Fire Hydrant	0	$	0%
Fire Lane	0	$	0%
Handicap	0	$	0%
Overtime	90	$2,700	46%
Permit Parking	72	$2,160	37%
Registration Tag	1	$ 30	1%
	197	$5,940	100%

Revenue collected from DMV: $ Pending (receive later in month)
Towed vehicles: 15 $1,320.00*
*(Amount that will be collected if all owners reclaim their vehicles.)
Special Event Traffic Control: Triathlon on March 28.

Parking Citation Appeals

Written Appeals – Processing & Return Letter	
Appeal Accepted	2
Appeal Denied	6
Counter Voids	
Residential Permit	3
Handicap Parking	1
Overtime	0
Red Curb	0
Reparking	0
Vehicle License Registration Tag	1
Medical	2

Hearing Examiner Appeals	0
Refunds (not liable, paid twice, etc.)	2
Request from Rental Companies, forward to Responsible Party	0
DMV Abstracts:	1

Inquires regarding citations & parking permits per day: 20.
Parking permits issued at approximately 10 per day (approximately 2500 issued per year).

Fire Prevention –March 2004

Fire Prevention Inspector

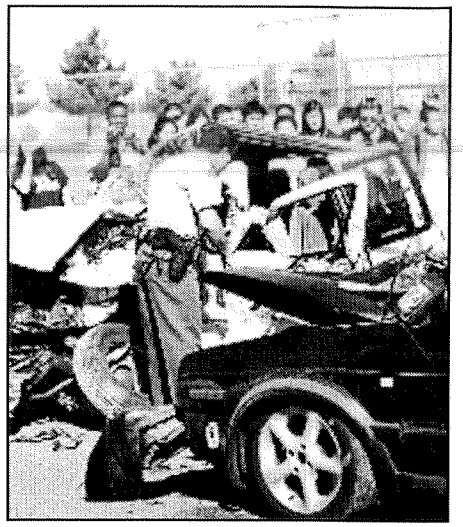
Activity	Number	Hours	%
Plan Check	10	6.5	8%
New Construction Inspection	30	17.0	20%
Routine Inspection	13	13.5	16%
Public Education	14	7.0	8%
Development	30	17.5	20%
Weed Abatement	12	19.0	22%
Complaints	1	0.5	1%
Disaster Preparedness	5	4.5	5%
Total	115	85.5	

Engine Company

Activity	Number	Personnel Hours
Inspections	61	64.5
Investigations	0	0
Public Education	2	20.5
Total	63	85.0

Every 15 Minutes

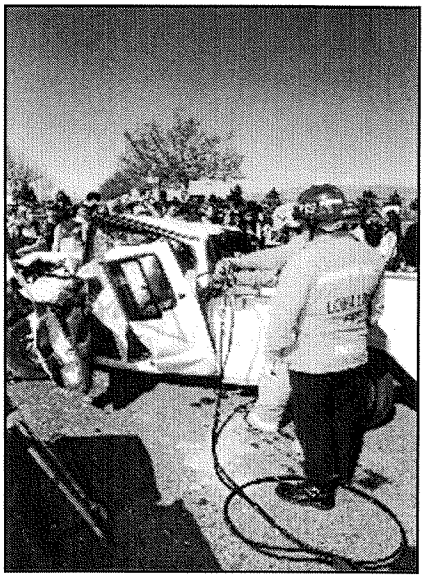
Following is a report on the Every 15 Minutes Program which was staged at Loma Linda Academy on March 11.



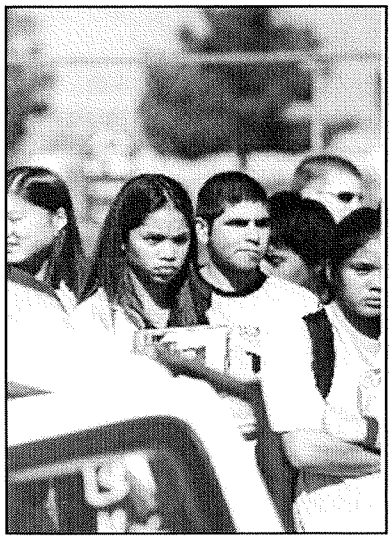
FF/PM Michael Obert spearheaded this very successful event that required coordination with various individuals and agencies. This national Program was developed approximately 12 years ago by the Chico Police Department in response to the fact that someone in the U.S. is involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident every 15 minutes, which is 40% of all traffic accidents. What is worse, is that this number is rising. If people wouldn't drink and drive, these accidents would not happen and innocent people would not lose their lives. In an effort to reach and teach our young people now about the dangers of drinking and driving, an enactment of an accident was staged on Academy Way. The entire event was filmed.

To set the scene, ten students were made up in fake blood and put into two crashed cars, which were placed in the pathway to the Chan Auditorium. The high school student body was requested to report to Chapel at the Auditorium. Many students thought this accident was real. San Bernardino Sheriff Deputy Danny Popa, who was first on scene, requested Loma Linda Fire & Rescue, AMR and the San Bernardino Coroner. Fire & Rescue and AMR personnel began to treat the victims as though this were a real accident.

The drunk driver was "arrested".



There were two DOAs who were covered up in yellow sheets. Some students cried as their fellow students were covered. One accident victim was rushed to LLUMC ER by ambulance and was "worked up" by the trauma crew, but this patient "died" while in the ER. His parents had been notified; and, upon their arrival at the ER, their emotions and tears were real even though the parents knew it was fake. Two death notices were served by the S.B. County Sheriff and their Chaplin to parents at their places of employment. Once again, though they knew the notices were not real, the tears and emotions were real.



When the students returned to their classrooms, every 15 minutes a student was taken out of class, and his obituary was read to the class. All of these students, along with the students who participated in the staged accident, were taken to the S.B. County Coroner for a tour and presentation. They returned to the Loma Linda Academy gym to spend the night and write goodbye letters to their parents and friends.

A "Memorial" was held the next day, including a casket and flowers. The filmed events from the previous day were shown, along with a presentation by a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) representative. Once again the emotions and tears flowed.

FF/PM Obert and all the involved participants in this staged enactment are hopeful that it will have such an impact that it will cause these students to stop and think first and to not drink and drive. They, hopefully, will remember that you affect many people when you kill someone while driving drunk, i.e., the driver's family and friends, and the victim's family and friends. FF/PM Obert is to be commended for his huge commitment of time and effort to bring together all of the necessary components that made up this event.