



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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**STRAIGHT FROM THE HOSE LINE -----**

**Happy Holidays!**

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**Welcome New Members**

We would like to welcome and acknowledge all our new members for 2009. Ramil Flores, Amanda Boxley, Andy Medina, Kim Tovar, Trisha Murakawa, and LAFD Fire Chief Millage Peaks.

**LAFD Toy Program and the Spark of Love Toy Drive**

Firefighters Mike Marquez and Ray Topete have been going full throttle setting up Toy Central. LAFD's Toy Central, located at Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center is open for business. The phone numbers for the public to request toys and the direct number to be used only by LAFD members and Volunteers are shown below.

**\*24 hr. Public Information** – 213-626-2871 or 213-847-0008 and FAX – 213-485-6703

**\*LAFD Members and Volunteers ONLY** # - 213-485-6160

To obtain more information regarding requests for toys, please listen to the recording at (213) 626-2871. All LAFD Fire Stations will serve as a toy donation collection site thru the Dec. 31, 2009.

**LAFD Toy Program Kickoff Party**

This year's LAFD Toy Program Kickoff Party will be hosted by Fire Station 63, 1930 Shell Ave., in the Venice area, on Tues. – Dec. 1. We are expecting 100 third graders from Westminster Elementary School. They will be entertained by members of FS 63. A special guest has been invited and hopefully will be able to attend.

**El Cariso Golf Tournament**

Mike Downey, one of this year's Honorary Fire Chiefs has once again put together the El Cariso Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the El Cariso Golf Course, 13100 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA. To sign up or for information – please contact Ch. Rey Rojo, (310) 508-6622.

**Sixth Annual Holiday Boutique and Tamale Luncheon**

Join us for our Sixth Silent Auction /Tamale Luncheon. This is always a fun event as our members compete to win auction items and enjoy a tamale lunch. Please join us at the LAFD Training Center on Wed., Dec. 9, from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

**Supply and Maintenance – Christmas Eve Breakfast**

What a wonderful way to start Christmas Eve. The members at the LAFD Shops decorate and put on a fantastic breakfast for a minimal cost. Santa shows up just for the occasion... handing out raffle prizes and toys for the kiddies. Breakfast is served from around 8:00 a.m. until it's all gone.

**RE/MAX Olsen Dinner/Dance**

The Re/max Olsen employees are applauded for once again planning and organizing a wonderful dinner/dance for Sat. Dec. 12, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., 17037 Plummer St., Northridge, CA, to raise money for the LAFD Toy Program and KABC Spark of Love Toy Drive. The cost is \$35 per person and a new unwrapped toy. Please contact Arnie Cohen at (818) 366-3300 ext.1221 or Rey Rojo at (310) 508-6622 for tickets and information.

**Dates To Remember**

- Nov. 27 – Dec. 31 Toy Central Operational
- Tues., Dec. 1 Fire Station 63 – Toy Kick Off Party
- Wed., Dec. 2 Regular Meeting
- Sun., Dec. 6 El Cariso Golf Tournament
- Wed., Dec. 9 LAFD Holiday Boutique, Silent Auction and Tamale Lunch
- Sat., Dec. 12 RE/MAX OLSON Dinner Dance
- Wed., Dec. 16 Regular Meeting
- Wed., Dec. 31 NO MEETING New Year's Eve

**An Invitation**

The Los Angeles Police Academy Café continues to be a big hit as our volunteers are pleased with the menu selection. We meet every other Wednesday. Check our website [www.lafdsertoma.org](http://www.lafdsertoma.org) for our calendar of meetings and ongoing events. For additional information contact: Chief Rey Rojo, LAFD (ret.) 310.508.6622 cell

**GOD BLESS AMERICA - LET FREEDOM REIGN**

**Downey** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues.  
Baker's Square – 5:45 p.m.  
7954 Imperial Highway  
Downey, CA 90241

**Las Vegas Paradise**  
Denny's  
3801 Maryland Pkwy.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Leona Valley**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
Jackie's 90<sup>th</sup> St. & Elizabeth Rd.  
Leona Valley, CA 93551

**Los Angeles Sertoma**  
[spccommand@aol.com](mailto:spccommand@aol.com)  
George Carter  
818.716.8384

**North County**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. – 6:30 p.m.  
Sizzler – 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA 92835

**Orange Empire**  
Thursday 12:15 p.m.  
Santa Ana Elks Lodge  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-5011

**Torrance** – Tues. 7:00 a.m.  
Billy's - 5160 W. 190<sup>th</sup> St.  
Torrance, CA 90503-1005

**Westwood Village**  
Thurs. 12:15 p.m.  
Rancho Park Golf Club  
10400 Pico Blvd. WLA 90064

**Whittier** – Fri. 12:15 p.m.  
Friendly Hills Country Club  
8500 S. Villa Verde Dr.  
Whittier, CA 90605

**Los Angeles Fire Department**  
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.  
Police Academy Café  
1880 N. Academy Dr. LA 90012  
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