



State Fire Marshal Monthly Report to the California Fire Prevention Officers



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Fire and Life Safety

Business is booming on Cal State campuses this spring. SFM inspectors have been busy approving several state of the art projects including the new Student Recreation Center at CSU Fresno. This \$40 million project had its Grand Opening March 12, 2008 after SFM approved it for occupancy. CSU Fullerton has several tenant improvements, and new construction projects, new police facility, College of Business and Economics, and Phase III of their Student

Dorms. CSU Pomona is starting Phase II of their student dorm expansion project this month including tenant improvements and seismic upgrades. CSU Long Beach started their new parking structure and they are planning to start construction of a Student Recreation center and several tenant improvement projects as well.

State Fire Training

Residential Sprinkler Class

The following is re-printed from a publication of Fire Team USA:



Fire Team USA Comes to California 2 Deliveries!

This is an invitation to Fire Team USA California on April 17-18, 2008 in Sacramento, or April 21-22, 2008 in San Diego! Gather up your team and sign up today because registrations are first-come, first-served! The workshop site is the Hilton Sacramento Arden West and the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley.

Fire Team USA is a special day-and-a-half informational and training conference on fire protection for your community. The conference brings to life fire facts and statistics, along with providing resources that help you understand the role that residential fire sprinklers can play in your communities' growth and quality of life. All you have to do is coordinate your team, sign up, and show up!

Accommodations, training, and information is provided free of charge! Sorry, no mileage reimbursement or stipends. Registration is handled when you log on to www.fireteamusa.com and select the register button that will guide you through the online registration process. We will make your hotel arrangements and provide you with a confirmation and details. If you are close to the Fire Team USA site, simply select the button that designates no hotel room needed, which will let us know you will commute!

Fire Team USA is partnering for public policy with a focus on cooperating for quality communities. This seminar is an initiative to bring fire marshals, fire chiefs, elected officials, building officials, and other stakeholders from communities across your state and region together to learn and share fire prevention methods and alternatives that affect our quality of life. Some communities bring insurance agents, sprinkler contractors, water purveyors. All

of this is decided by where you are in the process. Main point is...bring a team from your community! For more information, log onto our website. Fire Team USA....bringing the resources to YOU!

www.fireteamusa.com *Register Today!*
Fire Sprinklers Save Lives, Property, Water & Firefighters!

Engineering, Law Enforcement and Fire Prevention

Fire Engineering

Cindy Moore has joined the SFM Fire Engineering Division. She was sworn in on March 5 and assumed her duties as Deputy State Fire Marshal III Specialist assigned to the Monrovia Office. She handles the investigation functions for Fire Engineering Division.



She has 20 years of municipal service experience which include 10 years in the fire service and 10 years in code enforcement and building inspection. Her most recent experience is with the City of Glendale where she was a plan reviewer. Prior to that she was with the Orange County Fire Authority where her duties included plan review, new construction inspections, high rise inspections, and annual inspections.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from California State University Long Beach in Occupational Studies. She has an Associates of Science degree in Fire Science from Rio Hondo College and she graduated from the fire academy at Santa Ana College.

Pipeline Safety

Train Derailment

On March 3, 2008, a 55-car Union Pacific freight train derailed near Mecca in Riverside County, CA. Approximately 20 cars derailed. There were two tank cars carrying phosphoric acid and two carrying hydrochloric acid. A seven mile section of State Highway 111 was closed off. And approximately 40 homes evacuated. One of the tank cars spilled acid over a high pressure interstate Kinder Morgan products pipeline. During the weeklong incident, Pipeline Safety Engineer



Adriana Crasnean was assisted by Pipeline Engineer Tom Williams in ensuring that the pipeline was not damaged by the rail cars or by the acid.

An Audit with Good News!

The week of March 17, 2008, the Pipeline Safety Division had its annual federal audit. The division was audited by the DOT/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for compliance with its liquid safety program. General procedures, records, inspections, accident investigations and field inspection records were audited. The audit resulted in a 100% perfect score.

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