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We're dedicated to you, your families, your profession, and our community.

Letter From The President



Hello SDFRA family,

It's no secret that much has changed since our last newsletter, and as we are still in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic, I'm sure many more changes are coming our way. This pandemic has affected how we live our daily lives, how we as firefighters respond to emergencies, and what station life is like. Some of our members have retired or are about to retire, and there will not be a traditional send-off to thank them for their years of dedicated service.

This pandemic has also changed the way we do business at SDFRA. In early March, we closed the office, in an attempt to protect our members, their families, and our staff. As we learned more about COVID-19, we closed the office completely and our staff began working remotely. This was no small task, and I would like to take a moment to publicly thank the SDFRA staff, as they were able to shift almost all SDFRA operations to functioning remotely in a matter of days. Their creativity, hard work, and dedication to our mission and our families is incredible.

However, many things have not changed. Firefighting is still an incredible and rewarding profession. We as firefighters seized an opportunity to show the citizens of San Diego that we are here for them, even in the face of a global pandemic. We have also been able to be there for one another. I personally received numerous phone calls and text messages from our members offering their support to any firefighter who may need it. At no other time in recent history has the SDFRA been able to live out our mission so tangibly.

In the pages that follow, you will read stories about SDFRA's response to help our firefighters, their families, and the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also included updates to programs and initiatives that were started earlier this year. Thank you for taking the time to read and become informed about what is going on within your Relief Association.

While the timeline for when life will go back to normal is still uncertain, the San Diego Fireman's Relief Association, our board, and our staff, are here to offer our support to you around the clock.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brandt Truver'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Brandt Truver
President, SDFRA & FirefighterAid

New Board Members and Staff



Corey Teng, Board Director

Meet Corey Teng! He was born and raised in Pasadena, CA, and moved to San Diego in 2009 to attend San Diego State University and Miramar College. In 2013, he graduated from SDSU with his Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a day later, he graduated from Miramar College with his Associate's degree in Fire Technology. Upon graduating, he was fortunate enough to get hired to the 76th Fire Academy. He was a San Diego Fire Cadet and La Mesa Fire Explorer for three years and a volunteer firefighter at Campo Fire Rescue for two years. He currently works at Station 12 in Lincoln Park. Also, he is the Battalion Advisor for the Cadet Program, teaches at the San Pasqual Reservation Fire Academy, and is a member of both the Technical Rescue Team and California Task Force 8. In his free time, he loves to travel and would like to continue adding more stamps to his passport. He's honored to be a Board Member for this historic organization, and he looks forward to continuing to serve our members and their families in their times of need. Welcome to the team, Corey!



Ben Vernon, Board Director

Meet Ben Vernon! If you don't already know, his hometown is Santa Clarita, CA. He joined the SDFRA and FFAid Board because they rallied behind him and his family when he was injured on the job in 2015. He was injured and spent several days in the hospital. The SDFRA transported his family from the airport and put them up in a hotel. His family and him will be forever grateful! Both of his folks are his inspiration. Even though they are both retired, they still work tirelessly to give back to their community. He's always trying to give back to the department. He has helped by being a Peer Supporter for other members during their times of need. He says it has been a rewarding experience. If he's not working or traveling, he can be found teaching. In Ben's opinion, to master a subject, the best way is to learn it, do it, and then teach it to someone else. He loves sharing knowledge with others. We're so grateful you joined the team, Ben!



John Brubaker, Board Director

Welcome John Brubaker! John has been a member for the past 22 years, and he looks forward to helping our members after watching the organization transform during his time as a member. Until recently, John had never found the need to reach out to SDFRA for assistance or utilize the benefits that we had to offer, until his family went through a crisis of their own.

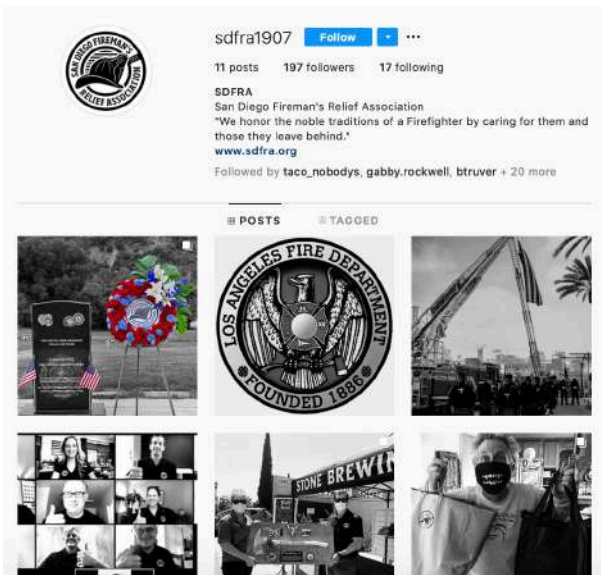
His wife, Michelle, battled and has successfully overcome her fight against breast cancer. He feels it is time to give back and show his appreciation to the organization for our support during their darkest days. In the few months that he has been involved as a board member, he's been thoroughly impressed by the dedication and passion of our team, both the board and our office staff.

John would like to give a big thank you to the former board members for their behind-the-scenes work with the SDFRA and FirefighterAid, and for building solid foundations for both organizations.

John is excited and hopeful that our current board will continue to be a reliable and comforting shoulder for our firefighters and their families to lean on in times of need. To our membership, John welcomes any feedback and is happy to answer any questions you may have. John would love to know how the SDFRA and FFA can remain relevant and helpful for you and your family. Thank you for giving back to the team, John, and welcome!

Checkout Our Instagram

By: Marisa Nunes



We're very excited to share that we now have an Instagram account. Our goal is to provide valuable information and share current projects that our Board and staff are working on.

We invite you to please check us out and follow us at sdfra1907, so we can keep you well informed and connected.

Member Services Update

By: Marisa Nunes

Dear SDFRA members,

We'd like to take this opportunity to answer a few questions that we commonly get asked regarding your member benefits and the overall claims process. Our hope for this article is to update you on the claims process and the importance of why we have these extra measures even though it can be frustrating and time-consuming.

The Reimbursement Claim Benefit form is required for all claims submitted in 2020, is beneficial for two reasons: it streamlines the process for reimbursement, and it gives you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the medical coding process. By having you fill out your own forms, we ensure each receipt submitted matches accurately with a family member's claim, and that all prescription day supplies are indicated directly on the claim form. A streamlined process means a faster turnaround time in processing reimbursement checks. The medical coding knowledge will be valuable to you when we roll out the new online version of the claims system where you will be able to submit your claim receipts through an online portal, which requires a basic understanding of the claims codes that we currently use.

Another question frequently asked is, "What is my Member ID?" The good news is that it's okay that you don't know it! We'll provide this ID as we process your reimbursements. Please note that your Member ID is unique to SDFRA, and is *not* the same as your San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, Union account, or Social Security numbers.

Several members have asked about the proper way to submit prescriptions for reimbursement. On the claim form, you'll notice a box called "Number of Services." This is asking you the number of office visits, hospital in-patient stays, or the day supply of a prescription (in months) for each receipt submitted. For example, if you visited a Kaiser Permanente clinic for a routine office checkup you would write "1" in the number of services. If you were admitted to the hospital and you stayed there for three full days and were discharged on the fourth day, you would enter "3" for number of services, not including the day of discharge. If you had a ninety-day supply of a certain medication, you would put "3" for number of services, because ninety days is equal to three months (one month supply counts as one service when it comes to prescriptions).

Here's a visual breakdown of how this works:

Payout Rubric		
Day Supply	# of Services	Reimbursement
1-30	1	Up to \$10 of amount paid out of pocket
31-60	2	Up to \$20 of amount paid out of pocket
61-90	3	Up to \$30 of amount paid out of pocket
91-120	4	Up to \$40 of amount paid out of pocket
(and so on)		

Office Update

By: Marisa Nunes



SDFRA is committed to the health and safety of our team and our membership. To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, we temporarily closed our office due to the state ordered stay-at-home mandate. We were not considered an essential business, even though we serve an essential population. We've been able to provide all our programs and services by working remotely, but we can't wait to open our doors back up and see you all in person! As we gear up to reopen, we will be updating our hours so we can clean and disinfect for everyone's safety. You'll also see a few new additions around our office to help reduce the spread of germs. Some apparent things are the plexiglass at the front counters and the yellow arrows on the floor indicating the flow of traffic. There will also be signage on all entrances and exits, and we will be using Solsta 710, a hospital-grade disinfectant.

Please be patient with our team as we're trying to be compliant with the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control Prevention and San Diego County on the following rules:

- All members must wear a facial covering in the office at all times.
- All members will have their temperatures checked before entering our suite and denied entrance if their temperature is 100 degrees or over.
- All members must adhere to social distancing guidelines at the front door and inside the office.

Our small but mighty team is working tirelessly to ensure that you and your families are taken care of during this time. We appreciate your patience with us as we practice the guidelines to keep our team and our members safe. We are all in this together!

Fire Dynamics

By: Alex Kane



What are fire dynamics? Every fire is different, but I would make the argument that they start, act, and basically spread the same. The difference is the environment and surrounding factors that affect the fires we face. This fact is proven over and over by the scientific studies conducted by NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) and the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) to name a few. The amount of technical information and research conducted is staggering and consistently details the fires' behavior.

Our training in the fire academy prepares us to learn and develop a mastery of the specific skill sets needed to save lives and extinguish fires.

Hundreds of repetitions of shoulder-loading a pre-connect, taking the hydrant, or advancing hose prepares us for the big show. The question is, what do we do with our acquired knowledge and skill set?

I've always been told that with additional training and experience you will learn what to do. However, every fire is different and what if we don't have the additional high-quality training? These two factors lead to a very dangerous combination and potential outcome. We no longer have the working knowledge to adjust and deploy techniques in those critical moments. So, what do we currently do? We go interior aggressively and we simply apply the same techniques each time. Get low, feel the heat; if it gets too hot, cool the environment and make the push to the seat of the fire.

Throughout my career, I have witnessed many changes and innovations. One of the biggest changes is the use of seatbelt alarms. The introduction of principles of fire dynamics is extremely valuable and provides accurate information. This is, in my opinion, the most important topic of fire science. The basic understanding of this subject unlocks the keys to identify where the fire is located, predict what it's going to do next, and how we can apply our skills to control it.

So, what is fire dynamics? For many of you, the first thing that comes to mind is transitional attack. Unfortunately, this technique is not widely understood. Transitional attack doesn't mean much if you don't understand fire dynamics, but hopefully you'll soon appreciate what transitional attack provides us when used in the right circumstances. The Under Writers Laboratory defines fire dynamics as "the study of how chemistry, fire science, material science, and the mechanical engineering disciplines of fluid mechanics and heat transfer interact to influence fire behavior. In other words, fire dynamics is the study of how fires start, spread, and develop." - Weekend Firefighter, 2014, Youtube



What does this mean to us?

The process of applying the knowledge of fire dynamics is a three-step process. The first step is to gather and understand the intellectual knowledge. This pursuit of information covers the following topics:

- Fire Behavior
- Building Construction
- Reading Smoke
- Flow Path/ Convection.

The foundational learning is essential for growth of the firefighter. This knowledge provides the reasoning and interpretation of the incipient stage, growth stage, and ultimately the decay stage. All this information is supported by science and confirmed with line of duty deaths along with scientific experiments. The goal of stage 1 is to understand the threats we face at fire incidents. This includes the stages of fire, fuel loads and heat release rates, building construction, smoke production, flow paths, and extreme fires.

The second stage is comprehension. Coupling basic science and stage 1 threats, the next step is to identify the threats we face on the scene. This comes from incident review, case studies, training videos, and on the job experience. Watch the fire, to see what is occurring as tactics are being deployed. This sharpens your ability to predict the fire's next move. Then examine the resources assigned and the relationships to the strategy and tactics being deployed.

The third stage is projection. This is where the firefighter can shine. The last step in your lifelong journey to be the best firefighter you can be; this is where you put all your knowledge, experience, and training to the test. Once a firefighter begins to project fire dynamics, transitional attack, door control, flow path, and SLICERS is incorporated into everyone's personal size up.

The mastery of fire dynamics doesn't come in an 8-hour class or a 40-hour class, it's a commitment to seeing fire in a different light. Historically, a firefighter usually becomes aware of fire dynamics later in his or her career. This knowledge would be considered a "gut feeling" or "just knowing" how to fight fire after years of experience, making mistakes, and learning from them. Remember, our probationary firefighters don't get live fire training and interior attacks are far and few between. We have no choice but to decrease the learning curve for future generations of firefighters.

Please take some time and look through the reference material and continue to hone your craft in this most deserving profession.

- NIST and UL Research on Fire Ground Behavior & Fire Ground Tactics series from Weekend Firefighter on Youtube
- Reading Smoke: The Next Generation by Phillip Jose on FireEngineering.com



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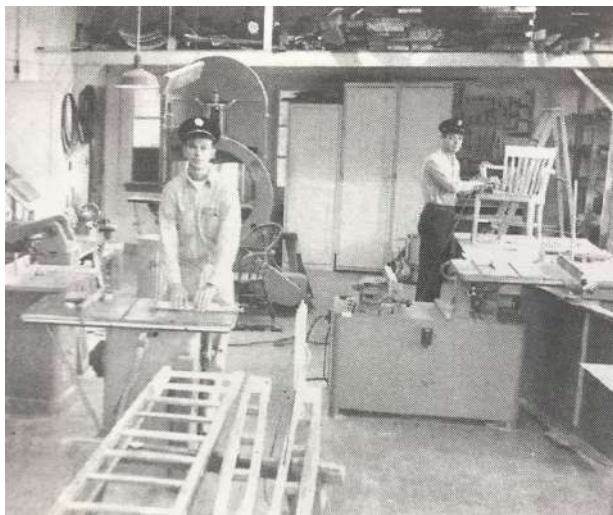
The San Diego Firehouse Museum

By: Mike Colafrancesco



Station 6 shortly after construction
Circa 1915

The San Diego Firehouse Museum, located at 1572 Columbia Street, was formerly San Diego Fire Department Station 6. During the late 1800s, San Diego's Little Italy community was beginning to form. The area was being flooded with Italian immigrants who were primarily fishermen. Joseph Cook, a San Diego resident, was the property owner of the block along Columbia Street bordered by Cedar Street and Beech Street. In 1913, he leased the property to the City of San Diego so that a fire station could be built. The new station went into service in 1915. In addition to a fire station, the city constructed a two-bay repair facility to fix broken apparatuses. Station 6 housed a single-engine company. The crew at Station 6 was unique because in addition to functioning as firefighters, the personnel assigned to the station also worked in the repair facility.



South facing view of the carpenter shop
that is now the museum's event hall

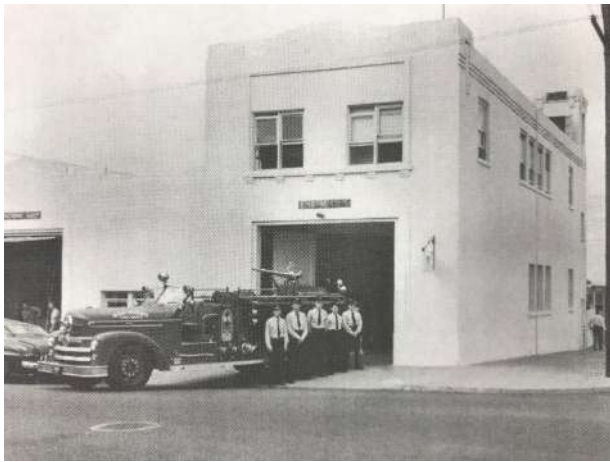
In the 1930s, a major renovation was completed on the building. The building's entire exterior was refinished, eliminating a lot of the unique craftsmanship from its original construction. Carpenter, paint, and welder shops were also added. The building was the central location for all repairs and construction related to the fire department. In fact, the mayor's desk (still in use today) was constructed by Station 6 personnel in the department's carpenter shop.

In the 1961-62 Annual Fire Department Report, it was determined that the repair facility was too small for the quickly growing department. A larger facility, housed at a station with two companies (so that more personnel were available for repairing apparatus), was designed. In May 1966, Station 28 and its adjacent repair facility opened. The shops at Station 6 were permanently closed. Station 6 continued to function as a single-engine company, until it was relocated to Otay Mesa in 1978.

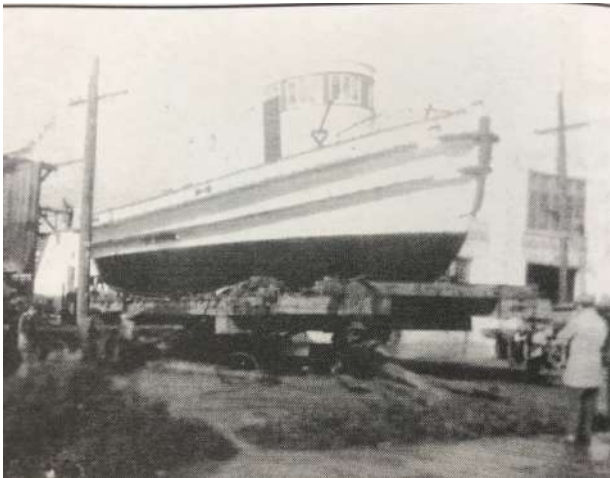


SDFD Captain William Pollock carves the City
of San Diego seal out of walnut that was
constructed in the carpenter shop

In 1962, the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company was founded. The non-profit organization's primary function was to preserve the history of San Diego's fire service. Fortunately, the City of San Diego allowed the organization to lease the retired repair facility to begin housing artifacts. The organization did several renovations to the property. The repair facility and paint shop became display halls. The welder shop was converted into a kitchen, and



Station 6 circa 1951, after a major remodel that changed the exterior of the building



Fireboat, *Bill Kettner*, shortly after its completion. Station 6 pictured in the right in the photo

the carpenter shop was developed into a meeting hall. In 1972, the San Diego Firehouse Museum officially opened its doors to the public.

During the time Station 6 and the San Diego Fire Department Repair Facility occupied the building, several major accomplishments in fire service history took place. From 1915 until December 1919, Station 6 crew members constructed the fireboat, *Bill Kettner*. The *Bill Kettner* (SDFD's only fireboat) was the first gas-powered fireboat in the world. Many thought that a wood boat, full of gasoline, being used to fight a fire was ludicrous. However, the design proved to outperform its steam- driven counterparts. In addition to the *Bill Kettner*, the facility was also the location where SDFD Assistant Chief Robert Ely developed the National Standard Hose Thread. This major advancement in the fire service allowed all agencies to be able to connect their fire hoses. In 1957, Ely developed a machine (currently on display at the Firehouse Museum) that would convert existing hose couplings to National Standard Thread. Ely's design was adopted by the State of California in 1957 and across the United States in 1963.

The rich history at the San Diego Firehouse Museum is not only due to the artifacts on display. Station 6, the repair facility, and the accomplishments that took place on the property add a unique layer of depth to the history of the San Diego Fire Department.

Source: *The 6 House: The History of the San Diego Firehouse Museum* by Stu Sprung. Available in the museum gift shop.

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RETIRED CORNER

By: Arnell Garcia

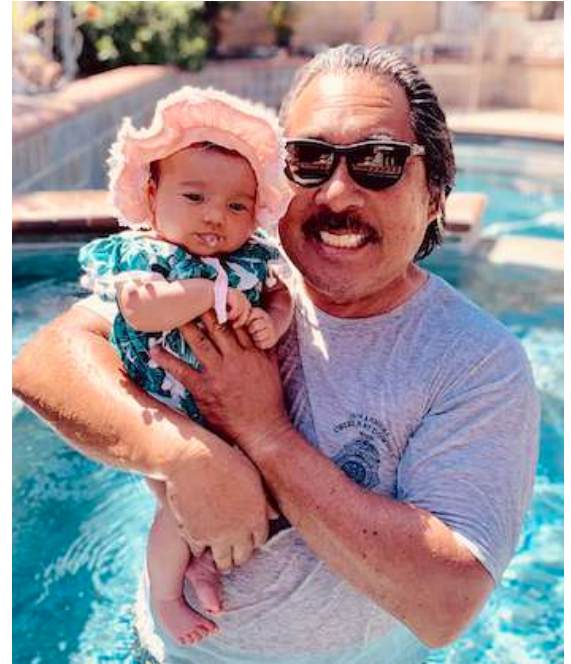
Hello everyone,

The beginning of 2020 has been a whirlwind for all of us. I'm now a grandparent to a beautiful four-month-old little girl by the name of Erelia Katora. During our stay-at-home order, we've been able to spend some quality time together, and I'm finally mastering my poop diaper duties.

Thank you to the everyone battling this pandemic on the frontlines. This was also the year that we were going to get moving on the restoration of Apparatus #1114, but for now it is "all hands on deck" as an Organization to help our members in this time of need.

I'm here if anyone needs anything, such as groceries, supplies, etc., Please feel free to reach out to me at agarcia@sdfra.org or 619-322-9914 or my fellow retired Board Director, Ken Barnes, kbarnes@sdfra.org.

Until we can meet again, stay safe.

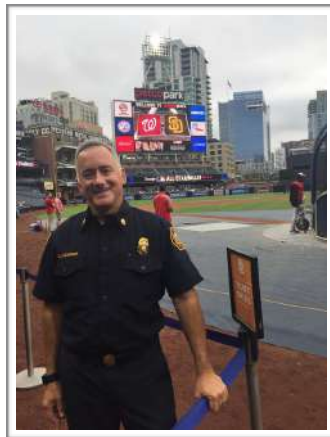


MEMBER NEWS



**Battalion Chief,
Grace Yamane**

Chief, Grace Yamane retired on June 18th, after 33 years of service in the SDFD. Thank you, Grace, for your years of service.



**Battalion Chief,
David Connor**

Chief, David Connor retired on May 16th, after 37 years of service to our community. Wishing you well on your retirement, David.



Captain, Jeff Gantz

Captain, Jeff Gantz retired on June 18th, after more than 32 years on the job. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, Jeff!



**Battalion Chief,
Dave Allen**

Congratulations to Battalion Chief Dave Allen on his recent promotion! You will make a great BC!

2020 Last Alarms



Beautiful wreaths laid at El Camino and Greenwood for the Annual Remembrance honoring all those who answered their last alarms

WE HONOR THE NOBLE TRADITIONS OF A FIREFIGHTER BY CARING FOR THEM AND THOSE THEY LEAVE BEHIND

ROBERT PARSONS, ENGINEER
ANSWERED HIS LAST ALARM
15 JANUARY 2020

RON DEFREITAS
ANSWERED HIS LAST ALARM
9 MARCH 2020

JAMES NELSON, ENGINEER
ANSWERED HIS LAST ALARM
18 FEBRUARY 2020

JEFFREY GIORDANO, CAPTAIN
ANSWERED HIS LAST ALARM
9 MARCH 2020



Melissa and Gary at an ALS fundraiser

On March 22, 2020 we lost our sweet friend, Melissa Whipple. Melissa had been battling ALS with strength and determination. She leaves behind her husband, Gary Whipple, and a huge hole in our hearts. We will always remember her every time we see a double rainbow. May you fly among the angels.

Pandemic Silver Linings

By: Carlye Wund



COVID-19 Comfort Bags being deployed



Caty Buzzetta delivering food with a smile



SD County Firefighters enjoying food from Stone Brewing

In the worst of times things can feel dark and lost, but every cloud has a silver lining and sometimes there's even a rainbow. Coronavirus has taken a piece of all of us during this uncertain time. For some of us, it's taken a manageable piece and we are navigating through it the best we can. For others, it's taken a huge chunk of our life. But for all of us, we will be forever changed. It's taken some of our children's birthday celebrations and school graduation parties, it's taken some of our family members, jobs, it's hit some of us square in the gut with a mandatory stay-home-order and we've spent months in our homes with no interaction with the outside world. No matter how big or small the impact COVID-19 has had on you, one thing remains true: firefighters and our fire family take care of each other like no one else can.

Over nine weeks, food was donated and delivered to families and firefighters in isolation and families in quarantine. More than 150 care packages full of comfort items and love were deployed throughout the county in hopes of making those who received them feel like they were not alone. Masks were hand-stitched by Jolee Garcia, wife of retiree, Arnell Garcia. The masks were made to ensure our immunocompromised and at-risk population had protection. Our community partners and supporting organizations came together to lend a helping hand. Restaurants and caterers remained open to support our firefighters who tested positive or were symptomatic. It was the epitome of what it means to be in this together and here for each other no matter what.

If you were a part of the dedicated team that had a hand in all that was good during the beginning stages of the pandemic, you made a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in one of the most difficult times. We thank you for being one of the good ones!

We want to thank some incredible community partners who have been sharing #COVIDKindness with our Firefighters across San Diego County. Thank you to Stone Brewing and Bistro and Gardens in Liberty Station for donating over \$20,000 worth of food to fire stations for their commitment to serving our community. Thank you to O'Sullivan's Irish Pub in Carlsbad and Escondido for donating enough corned beef and cabbage for four San Diego County Departments' dinners. That's 21 fire stations total: Escondido, Vista, San Marcos, and Carlsbad!



Stone Brewing food sponsored by our friends at GovX and the NFRF

Seasons 52 UTC donated over thirty flatbreads to nearby SDFD stations. Dinners by David Catering delivered frozen meals and casseroles to multiple SDFD stations and families to have on hand for when they couldn't get to the grocery store or were sick and in isolation. Thank you to select Vons locations for ordering and setting water and goods aside to provide in comfort bags for quarantined Firefighters. The good guys at Classics Malt Shop in Point Loma fed Station 20 A, B, and C Divisions some classic diner foods as a thank you for their dedication to the community. The Gomez Trial Attorneys donated 200+ breakfast burritos to Firefighters as a thank you for keeping the community safe.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to the amazing community partners - Bomberos de San Diego, SDFD Sports Club, San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation, GovX, and National First Responder Fund - for donating funds to help us provide comfort bags and food for stations and quarantined fire families across the County. Wow, that's a lot of goodness!

Sponsors and Supporters



We've always said that we cannot do the good things that we do without our sponsors and supporters. That could not be more true than what we have seen since the Corona virus began in March 2020. Without the support of the businesses and organizations below, FirefighterAid would not have been able to share generous amounts of #COVIDKindness!

- 250+ Firefighters fed
- 140 Comfort bags deployed to San Diego County fire stations
- 130 Fire families fed
- 77 Firefighters in quarantine or isolation fed
- 46 San Diego County fire stations fed
- 19 Firefighters in quarantine or isolation fed at one time
- 60 safety masks
- Thousands of smiles and positivity!

SHARING SOME LOVE WITH OUR SURVIVING SPOUSES

By: Gabby Rockwell



Group platter made with love

The beginning of 2020 started out strong with our new brunch friends, the Surviving Spouses of the SDFD. January was filled with love, hugs, great stories from back in the day, a few tears as we remembered our retired heroes, and delicious food. February came, and we celebrated Valentine's Day in style at Hot Spot Ceramics in Liberty Station with a brunch and painted custom ceramic pieces. We even made one special platter that all of the ladies left their mark on. It's a beautiful piece with a little something from everyone that we will proudly serve some sweets on soon! Station 20 even came by to say, "Happy Valentine's Day" to the ladies and take some photos!

We were on a roll with our monthly good times then sadly, we had to cancel our March, April, May, and June brunches in accordance with CDC, State, and County COVID-19 guidelines. We haven't been able to see them in person, but we've been calling everyone to check in on them, offer support, and make sure that everyone is doing well as the pandemic regulations continue. The ladies even sent each other cards for Easter to check in and keep in contact. We also made some quarantine-safe deliveries of their Valentine's Day creations with gloves and handmade, filtered masks.

We miss hanging with our ladies so much, listening to their stories, and hearing their laughs. We know that we will see each other soon though, and that first brunch together will be the best one yet!



COVID-19 deliveries to our widows



Group photos of the 2020 Valentine's Day Brunch at Hot Spot Ceramics

2020 Farmers Insurance Open Experience

By: Carlye Wund



FirefighterAid Team jumping for joy at the Farmers Insurance Open



FirefighterAid Team speaking on the Saturday Speaking Panel



Volunteers stuffing 500 Strike Team bags

January was six months ago, but there's still so much that FirefighterAid did that we want to fill everyone in on! Farmers Insurance invited FirefighterAid to be one of the charitable beneficiaries for the week of the 2020 Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines golf club as part of their salute to first responders. They donated \$10,000 for us to purchase all the items needed to build 500 strike team deployment bags for fire season. Farmers Insurance also partnered with Torrey Pines golf club to create a special thin red line and thin blue line first responder hats, and donated over \$10,000 in hat sales as well! The Century Club of San Diego donated \$20,000 to support our programs and services. It was more than \$40,000 worth of goods and support to FirefighterAid!

As if that wasn't enough, Farmers Insurance had more in store for FFAid and our San Diego County firefighters. On Wednesday, five of our firefighter friends from across San Diego County got the chance to be caddies for some professional golfers including Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler during the Pro-Am. We even got a wave from Rickie Fowler! On Thursday, they gave us 250 tickets to the Opening Day for active Firefighters. They got to hang out at the First Responders tent on the 14th hole and enjoy a day of golf in the sun. On Friday, we had four active Firefighters receive the honor of being a pin flag attendant. They wore their Class B uniforms and got to remove the pin flag when pros were putting on the 14th green. Tiger Woods played that hole, and it was pretty awesome to see him next to one of our guys!

On Saturday, FirefighterAid's Director of Development, Carlye Wund and SDFRA Board Member, Ben Vernon, spoke to a panel of 500+ top Farmers Insurance agents and executives from across the country about the importance of supporting and giving back to Firefighters and their families. Then, everyone went outside to the 18th green and helped assemble 500 Strike Team deployment bags. We will be deploying them across the county this fire season.

We made great memories and connections with some of the Farmers Insurance team who genuinely want to do more good for firefighters and their families. We were honored to attend and to be so supported. We can't wait to do it all again in 2021! **Thank you Farmers Insurance for choosing to be a hero to a hero with us!**

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