

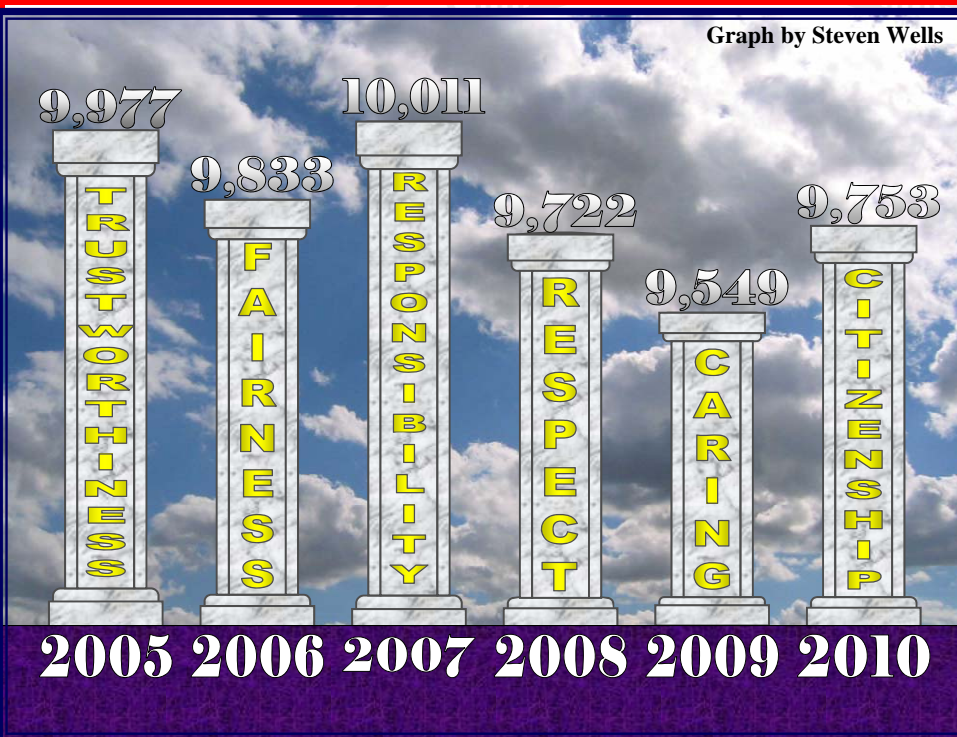
# City of Corona Fire Department 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

## Mission Statement:

Serving our city with pride, integrity, and professionalism while protecting and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Corona.



## ANNUAL RESPONSES 2005-2010



Fire Chief David Waltemeyer

### Message from the Chief

The men and women of the Corona Fire Department stand in constant vigilance to protect our citizens and visitors from the perils of emergencies. Because of our unpredictable world, the potential for emergencies is ever-present. Our primary objective is to be there when needed for the safety of our community. This takes on three aspects: being there in advance to prevent emergencies; preparing the public for emergencies through awareness and education; and responding when emergencies occur.

In order to be there for you when needed, we must be prepared. Therefore, a great deal of our time is spent on our own preparation. We train, drill, and learn because we must be armed with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide both proactive services and response services. We also must be sure that our facilities, fire rigs, tools, and equipment are in optimum condition in order to safely and efficiently deliver our services in a timely manner. Due to this, we focus a great deal of attention on maintenance as well.

Our efforts do not end with the end of a shift or workday either. The individuals that make up the department and the Corona Firefighters' Association that we all belong to work tirelessly and selflessly to make Corona a better community as well. Community involvement is paramount to our safety efforts.

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## OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division provides protection for our citizens and visitors with a full service response force. This includes protection of life and property from the destructive forces of fire and the protection of life, environment, and property from hazardous materials releases. It also provides advanced and basic life support at medical emergencies, participates in search and rescue operations, responds to other catastrophic events, and provides other life saving measures as needed. This division also provides mutual aid throughout the State and automatic aid and contractual aid with surrounding communities.



2010 Incident Activities	
Fires	349
Rupture/Explosion	5
EMS/Rescue	7,233
Hazardous Materials	183
Public Service	568
Good Intent	1,140
False Alarms	255
Other	20
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>9,753</b>



### Accomplishments

- ◆ Crews conducted 2,156 fire prevention inspections.
- ◆ Crews completed 21,732 hours of training.
- ◆ Crews presented and participated in 114 public education events/activities.
- ◆ Crews completed 99.5% of the City mandated OSHA safety training.
- ◆ Maintained fire facilities, apparatus and equipment in a state of readiness for emergency response.
- ◆ Continued to work cooperatively with surrounding jurisdictions for incident pre-planning and logistical coordination and emergency responses. The McKinley fire is a good example of successful cooperation.
- ◆ Continued to collaborate with other City Departments such as Public Works, Parks, Police, and Department of Water and Power during emergency incidents. The Tanker fire on SR 91 is a good example of successful collaboration.

## TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division is responsible for managing all aspects of training related to the department. Responsibilities include coordinating department-wide training activities, ensuring local, state and federal mandates are met, maintaining training records, course and instructor development, maintaining training manuals and libraries, and administer skills maintenance testing. The division also assists in setting standards, recruiting, and testing for positions within the Suppression Division.

### Accomplishments

- ◆ Completed Training Division Master Training Plan.
- ◆ Completed the Annual Training Operating Plan for 2011.
- ◆ Completed Annual Training Calendar for 2010.
- ◆ Implemented new Training Manual format.
- ◆ Completed Haz Mat FRO Refresher Training for 2010.
- ◆ Developed Command and Driver Operator Training for delivery in 2011.



## ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Administration consists of the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chiefs, Senior Management Analyst, Office Manager, and clerical support staff. This program provides departmental oversight and planning, sets direction and policy, controls and evaluates the department, and provides direction and oversight for all personnel matters. The program provides clerical support services and customer service for all divisions of the department and coordinates the development and administration of the department's annual operating and capital improvement budgets.

### Accomplishments

- ◆ Planned and prioritized critical Department functions through the budgetary process.
- ◆ Created a SharePoint website which provides central storage and collaboration space for documents, information, slides and department projects.
- ◆ Coordinated and completed remodel of Headquarters office.
- ◆ Created a draft Support Staff Procedures Manual for review.
- ◆ Continued to provide exceptional customer service to the public and all City Departments.
- ◆ Continued to expand the Volunteer Program.
- ◆ Continued to refine Data Collection for National Fire Incident Reporting.
- ◆ Support Staff completed 100% of the City mandated training.



## EMS DIVISION

EMS is responsible for managing the pre-hospital emergency medical care delivery system within our City. This includes our department's Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician programs. In order to maintain an effective and efficient delivery system, EMS plans, coordinates, and implements a Continuous Quality Improvement Program (CQI) for the system.

### Accomplishments

- ◆ Maintained Continuing Education for 70 EMT's and 33 Paramedics.
- ◆ Implemented the new Sansio / ePCR Data Collection Program department wide.
- ◆ Maintained Field Observer Program.
- ◆ 7,233 total EMS / Rescue responses including:

Total patient contacts: 6,388  
 Cardiac Arrest: 110  
 Chest Pains: 459  
 Altered Level of Consciousness: 923  
 Difficulty Breathing: 574  
 Diabetic Patients: 171  
 Major Trauma: 245  
 Minor Trauma: 1,618  
 CVA / Stroke: 57



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Emergency Services Division is responsible for city wide emergency planning, training, and exercises in preparation of disaster response for all City departments. Post disaster coordination with City departments and State and Federal partners provides the City financial reimbursement in the recovery process. The Emergency Services Division also provides the community with disaster preparedness awareness and training for community sustainability and secures funding through grants, governmental entities, and other sources in order to support the fire department and other City departments' emergency preparedness and response activities and capabilities.

### Accomplishments

- ◆ Coordinated Storm Disaster Declaration financial recovery process.
- ◆ Led Disaster Preparedness Planning Team meetings with all City departments.
- ◆ Provided ongoing City employee NIMS and ICS awareness training.
- ◆ Helped more City Management complete ICS 300 and 400 training.
- ◆ Provided Community CERT training.
- ◆ Oversaw CERT Disaster Preparedness displays—370 volunteer hours.
- ◆ Organized Homeland Security and HazMat Grant Program management.
- ◆ Provided Community presentations, displays and regional representation.
- ◆ Participated in Regional Mass Care and Shelter Task Force.



# PREVENTION DIVISION



The Fire Prevention Division provides a wide range of services including the enforcement of local, state, and federally mandated regulations; public education; conducting fire safety inspections; issuing fire code permits, plan checks and new construction inspections, weed abatement and fuel modification; hazardous materials disclosure program; juvenile fire setter intervention program; and the investigation of all fires to determine cause. The Prevention Division strives to minimize potential fire hazards through education, enforcement and engineering.



## Accomplishments

Activity	Number
Fire Permits Issued	211
Plan Checks	554
Fire Investigations (includes 2 RCATF assists)	46
Prevention Inspections	61
New Construction Inspections	257
Hazmat Permits Issued	760
Environmental Survey Requests	45
Fire Related Complaints Handled	190
Weed Abatement Posting/Lots Cleared	358 / 44
Citations Issued	135
Juvenile Fire Setter Interventions	5
Front Counter Personnel Staff Hours - beginning 4/5/10	514
Volunteers in Prevention Hours	129



# APPARATUS

The Apparatus Maintenance Division is responsible for preventative and routine apparatus maintenance, developing specifications for new apparatus, annual NFPA testing and repair of our fire apparatus fleet and related tools and equipment.

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Maintained a comprehensive preventative maintenance program for a fleet of 26 fire apparatus and two small fleet vehicles assigned to the Fire Shop.
- ◆ Implemented an oil analysis test program to safely extend oil drains on our reserve fire apparatus resulting in an operational cost savings both in parts purchased and the generating of hazardous waste products.
- ◆ Personnel attended the California Fire Mechanics Academy to maintain current levels of emergency vehicle technician certification.
- ◆ Began working with City Fleet in implementing new vehicle maintenance program (Asset Works) expected to come online in FY 2011-2012.
- ◆ Converted oil purchasing towards bulk resulting in a reduction of overall operating costs.
- ◆ Researched vehicle replacement purchasing tag-on option with Los Angeles County FD / KME.
- ◆ Refined data collection for State, Federal and local vehicle inventory lists.
- ◆ Submitted a first draft of a Career Development Program for review.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

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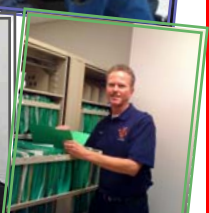
This report depicts the strides we took to accomplish these objectives in 2010. It describes in words and photographs the activities we performed last year to serve the citizens of Corona and visitors with pride. It is with gratitude that we offer this report for your review and enjoyment.

## RETIREMENT - DAYMOND CENTER



## VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU for volunteering over 1500 hours to the Fire Department. Our gratitude for your outstanding services and dedication all year long is more than we can express!



**2010** was a difficult year as we navigated our way through the many challenges of the economic recession. We are proud to have worked in a collaborative manner with our fire department and city leaders in an effort to reduce projected budget deficits while maintaining a high degree of customer service and firefighter safety. Regardless of how tough the times are, we continue to reach out to those in need. Members of the CFA have provided loving support to individuals such as Lindsey, DJ, Taryn, Daylon, Valerie and their families as these kids continue to fight for their lives.



Our annual Auto Extrication seminar/fundraiser was once again a huge success. With the monies raised from this event and the substantial donation received from Lucas Oil, we were able to support so many people and other non profit organizations and charities within our community.

Corona citizens kicked in a ton of money during the three "Fill the Boot" fundraisers we held. Their financial support allowed several local children to attend "Camp Beyond the Scars", a special burn camp for kids, as well as a fun trip to Disneyland with Corona Firefighters. Additional donations went to support the fight against cancer through our participation in the annual "Relay for Life" cancer walk. And once again, our community pulled together by donating thousands of toys to our fire stations that were distributed to those less fortunate during our annual "Spark of Love Toy Drive". Association members brought smiles to dozens of adopted families over the holidays and worked hard as camp counselors and mentors for several children who have suffered burn injuries. We are saddened to announce the passing of two of our retired brothers this past year. Engineer Dave Reed and Captain Bill Perkins were laid to rest but our memories of them live on.

~ May God bless each of you in 2011.



# EVENTS

