

Annual Report 2007



Accountability



Integrity



Flexibility



Pasadena Fire Department



MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pasadena Fire Department is to provide protection of life, property, and the environment from the effects of fires, medical emergencies, and hazards, combined with progressive community outreach.

VALUES STATEMENT

The members of the Pasadena Fire Department take pride in our commitment to professional service by maintaining our skills, knowledge and abilities. All members of the Department will conduct themselves in an ethical manner conforming to a moral standard of right versus wrong by treating each other and the people we serve humanely, decently, and honestly. We subscribe to the following Values:

ACCOUNTABILITY

Members of the Pasadena Fire Department will be accountable to each other and the community we serve. We accept responsibility for our decisions and actions.

INTEGRITY

As members of the Pasadena Fire Department, we strive for honesty and fairness in our dealings with our customers and each other. We are honorable to our profession and we inspire each other to maintain trustworthiness, openness and sincerity.

FLEXIBILITY

Pasadena Fire Department members will adapt to the ever changing needs of our community, the organization and the environment.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



This 2007 Annual Report is dedicated to the memories of Pasadena Firefighters John Kiesow and Kenneth "Barney" Soltis, both of whom died in June, 2007, in an off-duty plane accident in Mexico.

Each and every day, the men and women of the Pasadena Fire Department make positive differences in and around the community we serve. Department members strive to ensure that our public education outreach is a positive influence in the lives of our youth, that our fire prevention efforts help educate businesses about compliance, and that our emergency response team training prepares our neighborhoods and businesses to help themselves and neighbors sustain after a disaster. Below, I've highlighted a few of the many accomplishments that occurred during 2007.

For the second time, the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank collaboratively conducted the "Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy," in which Pasadena graduated eight new firefighters. Additionally, four lateral firefighters were hired after completing a four week Pasadena specific academy.

The end of 2007 will be remembered as one of the worst fire seasons in history. An unprecedented number of Pasadena fire personnel were dispatched as members of strike teams to assist other fire departments combat wildfires throughout Southern California.

Under the leadership of the Pasadena Fire Department, an Urban Search & Rescue Regional Task Force was created. Eleven fire departments have committed to this task force which helps subsidize the approximate 12-hour time gap between local resources responding, and the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) teams arriving on scene.

A significant grant from International E & S Insurance Brokers and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company was awarded to the Department in the form of a Fire Safety House Trailer. The Safety Trailer allows firefighters to conduct realistic demonstrations of what happens when a house catches fire and what children need to know to escape unharmed. The trailer is used at schools and community events to bring greater awareness to escape plans in the home. Two thermal imaging cameras, valued at \$10,000 each were also added to the Department's equipment arsenal through grant money provided by Bolton & Company and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

The Pasadena Fire Department became the first department in Los Angeles County to obtain pet oxygen masks to help domestic animals that suffer from smoke inhalation during a fire. The Pasadena Humane Society provided the kits and training to fire operations personnel, knowing 80% of homes have pets and that fire could easily adversely affect the health of a pet.

In 2007, the Department responded to a total of 15,509 9-1-1 calls for service; 11,809 of these calls were in response to requests for medical aid. Due to increasing demands for paramedic response, the City Council approved funding for a fifth Paramedic staffed rescue ambulance. Currently, five of the Department's eight fire stations house rescue ambulances.

On behalf of the men and women of the Pasadena Fire Department, we look forward to working with you in the upcoming year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Downs". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dennis J. Downs
Fire Chief

CHIEF OFFICERS DURING 2007



FIRE CHIEF
Dennis J. Downs



**OPERATIONS
BUREAU CHIEF**
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CHIEF**
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MARSHAL**
Kevin Costa



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BATTALION
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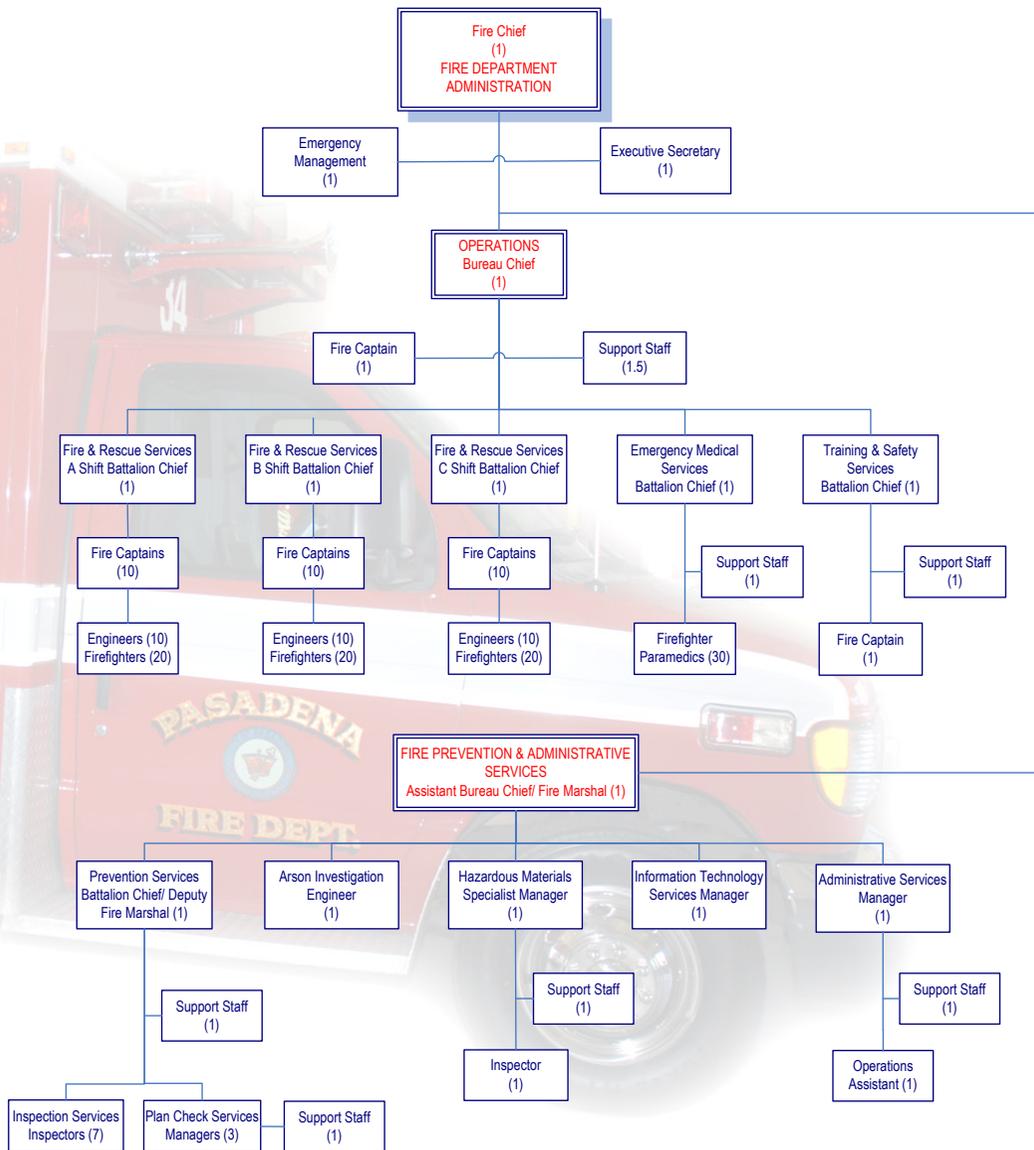
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BATTALION
CHIEF**
Brett Gibson



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FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 186.5



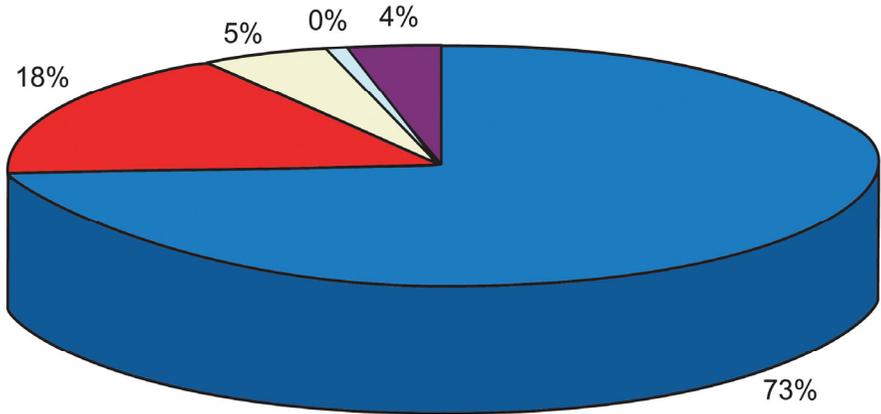
RESPONSES BY UNIT

| Unit ID | 2007 Responses | 2006 Responses |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Engine 31 | 3,619 | 3,534 |
| Engine 32 | 1,879 | 1,883 |
| Engine 33 | 3,268 | 3,304 |
| Engine 34 | 2,216 | 2,266 |
| Engine 36 | 3,109 | 2,999 |
| Engine 37 | 1,492 | 1,558 |
| Engine 38 | 702 | 713 |
| Engine 39 | 703 | 642 |
| Rescue Ambulance 31 | 2,923 | 3,122 |
| Rescue Ambulance 32 | 2,395 | 2,712 |
| Rescue Ambulance 33 | 3,248 | 3,586 |
| Rescue Ambulance 34 | 1,501 | N/A |
| Rescue Ambulance 36 | 2,981 | 3,155 |
| Truck 31 | 1,306 | 1,264 |
| Truck 32 | 826 | 924 |
| US&R32 | 28 | 33 |
| Total Responses | 32,196 | 31,695 |
| | 1.6% Annual Increase | 3% Annual Increase |



2007 CALL SUMMARY

■ Medical
 ■ Fires
 ■ Service Calls
 ■ Other
 ■ Outside



| Category | 2007 Total Incidents | 2006 Total Incidents |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Medical | 11,809 | 11,612 |
| Fires | 2,837 | 3,056 |
| Service Calls | 830 | 787 |
| Other | 38 | 189* |
| Outside | 569 | 513* |
| Total Calls | 16,083 | 16,157* |

* Revised



2007 INCIDENTS BY MONTH & CATEGORY

| Category | Fire | Medical | Service | Other | Outside |
|----------|------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Jan | 294 | 1044 | 79 | 6 | 69 |
| Feb | 188 | 871 | 52 | 1 | 56 |
| Mar | 233 | 969 | 64 | 2 | 46 |
| Apr | 214 | 969 | 55 | 3 | 49 |
| May | 217 | 1026 | 59 | 2 | 46 |
| Jun | 212 | 943 | 55 | 2 | 44 |
| Jul | 200 | 986 | 120 | 2 | 34 |
| Aug | 220 | 1003 | 57 | 3 | 46 |
| Sep | 253 | 1026 | 74 | 4 | 41 |
| Oct | 246 | 970 | 80 | 3 | 50 |
| Nov | 268 | 952 | 69 | 7 | 36 |
| Dec | 292 | 1050 | 66 | 3 | 52 |

PROPERTY SAVED VERSUS AT RISK

| Year | At Risk | Saved | Loss |
|------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 2007 | 378,205,153 (100%) | 369,405,540(98%) | 8,799,613(2%) |



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Pasadena Fire Department continues to form partnerships with neighborhood associations, businesses, non-profits and City departments to provide disaster preparedness education. The Pasadena Public Safety Partnership committee was formed and meets quarterly with property managers, floor wardens and City departments for the betterment of educating them on preparing before, during and after disasters. In collaboration with Caltech, a "Center of Learning Committee" was implemented to address the disaster plans and education of higher institutions in Pasadena and adjacent facilities including Huntington Hospital, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Huntington Library, Fuller Seminary, Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena City College and several private high schools.

Developed by the Leadership Pasadena 2007 Community and Safety Team in conjunction with the Fire Department, "The First 72 Hours" DVD was produced. NBC4 Anchor Beverly White guides viewers through a per-

sonal and community emergency preparedness program featuring tips and demonstrations by fire personnel, the Mayor, Fire Chief and Police Chief. A link to this DVD is provided on the City website, which was updated in 2007 to feature easy-to-read emergency preparedness icons.

Citywide emergency management training and exercises continue to be a major role through federal mandates and proactive measures. Two disaster exercises were completed along with myriad training sessions to prepare City responders for the eventuality of a disaster. This training and curriculum is based on our City disaster plan which was recognized by City Council and approved by the State Office of Emergency Services (OES).

The Fire Department has maintained an ongoing relationship with the Pasadena Unified School District to coordinate emergency response team training, drills and mandated disaster plans.



2007 FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

| Inspection Type | 2007 Actual | 2006 Actual |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| High Rise Structures | 50 | 50* |
| Institutional, Educational and Residential Care Facilities | 90 | 219 |
| Merchant and Business | 379 | N/A |
| Public Assembly Occupancies | 175 | 164 |
| Hazardous Materials Occupancies | 357 | 196 |
| New Construction | 516 | 790 |
| Hazardous Vegetation | 2189 | 3,324 |
| Total Inspections | 3,756 | 4,743* |

* Revised

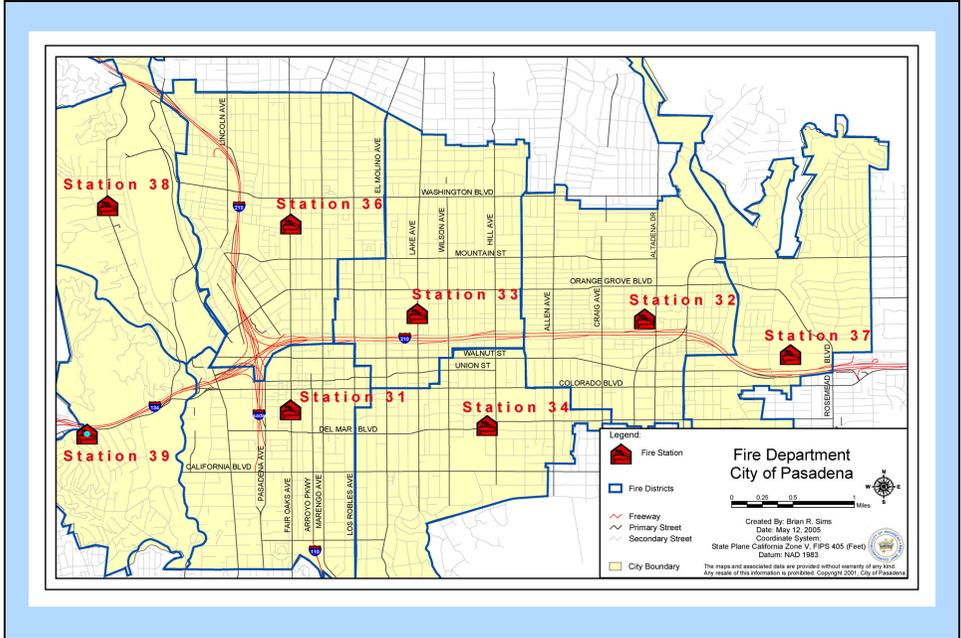
INSPECTION STAFF



2007 FIRE PLAN CHECK ACTIVITY

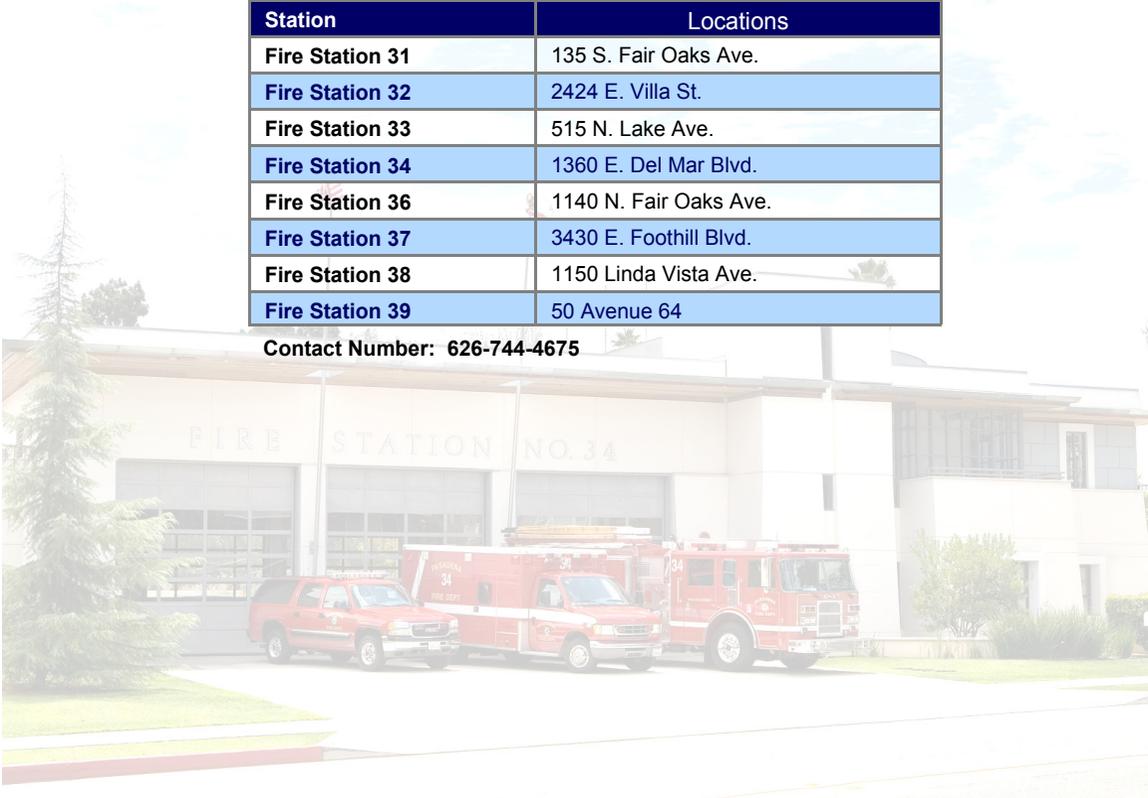
| Plan Check | 2007 Actual | 2006 Actual |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fire Plans | 1,671 | 427 |
| Fire Plan Recheck | 262 | 135 |
| Fire over the Counter | 256 | 237 |
| Building | 1,085 | 402 |
| Total | 3,274 | 1,201 |

FIRE STATION LOCATIONS



| Station | Locations |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Fire Station 31 | 135 S. Fair Oaks Ave. |
| Fire Station 32 | 2424 E. Villa St. |
| Fire Station 33 | 515 N. Lake Ave. |
| Fire Station 34 | 1360 E. Del Mar Blvd. |
| Fire Station 36 | 1140 N. Fair Oaks Ave. |
| Fire Station 37 | 3430 E. Foothill Blvd. |
| Fire Station 38 | 1150 Linda Vista Ave. |
| Fire Station 39 | 50 Avenue 64 |

Contact Number: 626-744-4675





Auxiliary Program

Consistent with the Department's Strategic Plan, this program is in the process of being revamped. It is designed to provide continual and practical experience for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the fire service that have successfully completed a California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) approved basic fire academy.



Burn Quest

Every year the Pasadena Firefighters Association donates money to the Quest, which raises money to assist burn survivors. The Pasadena Fire Department participates by providing a support vehicle for the rally.

Community Outreach/ Public Education

Each year we reach approx. 20,000 people in the community through our **Public Education Programs**: Station Tours, Extinguisher Demos, Learn Not to Burn program, Health Fairs, Neighborhood Block Parties, and Career Days at all high schools and junior high schools in the City.



Explorer Program

Consistent with the Department's Strategic Plan, this program is also being revamped. This is a career guidance and development program sponsored and administered by the Pasadena Fire Department. The program has been in operation for 25 years. This program is an extension of the "Learning for Life" career education program with a special emphasis on fire service.



Hydrant Maintenance

This program maintains all City water hydrants in a state of readiness. Annually, we service approximately 3000 hydrants by exercising

the hydrant shut off valves at the water main and flushing the hydrants.



Public Emergency Response Team (PERT)

This is a free service provided by the Pasadena Fire Department, which includes: disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical intervention techniques, and light search and rescue.



Kids Safety Academy

This program is geared towards general fire safety for children and their parents. The children

come to a fire station, receive a station tour, review general fire safety in a classroom setting and most importantly, experience real life situations in our Fire Safety Trailer.



Special Events Safety

Each year the City of Pasadena plays host to numerous special events. These include

events such as Cinco de Mayo celebrations, jazz festivals, concerts in the park, conventions and more. This also includes the City's world famous Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game. It is the Fire Department's responsibility to ensure public safety and provide emergency medical services and transportation at these events.



2007 DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS



Annual Station Inspection

PERT Training

Fire Service Day

First Tee of Pasadena Kids

Flu Shots Event

Kids Safety Academy

Lateral Training

PFD Mutual Aid





2007 DECORATIONS & SERVICE AWARDS



Certificate of Appreciation
Letter of Commendation
Employee of the Year
Unit Citation
LifeSaving Star

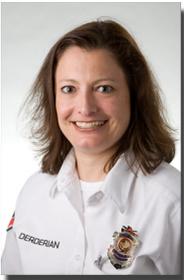
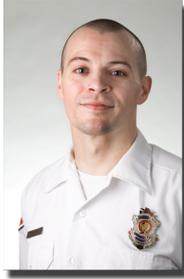




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