



# PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT

## *Annual Report 2006*



*Accountability · Integrity · Flexibility*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

### 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; we engage the community in our mission through progressive community outreach.

### VALUES STATEMENT

As members of the Pasadena Fire Department we take pride in our commitment to professional service by maintaining our skills, knowledge and abilities. All members of the Department are committed to conducting ourselves in an ethical manner, conforming to a moral standard of right versus wrong by treating each other and the people we serve humanely, professionally, and honestly. We ascribe to the following Values:

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

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

#### INTEGRITY

Members of the Pasadena Fire Department are honest and fair 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

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



On behalf of the Pasadena Fire Department, it is my privilege to present the Department's 2006 Annual Report. This year's report provides a summary of the Department's activities, as well as the myriad of programs and services provided. I am honored to highlight a few of the Department's major accomplishments during 2006.



residents and work force members in various modules of the Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) program, as well as the full 12 hour course. Members of various civic groups, neighborhood associations, schools, businesses, inter-faith based communities, and City departments participated in this training.

Last calendar year the Fire Department initially hired 15 entry-level Firefighter Recruits. These Recruits participated in the first-ever "Verdugo Fire Recruit Academy," which was a joint venture of the Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale Fire Departments. The 16 week Academy was held at the Burbank Training Center, during which each of the three agencies provided supervision and oversight of the Recruits; 11 Pasadena Recruits successfully graduated and were assigned to the Operations Bureau in early January, 2007.

Fire Department members continued to implement portions of the Department's 2005 – 2010 Strategic Plan. I am again pleased to announce that several Action Items were completed and several more are in progress thanks to the dedication and commitment of Department personnel.

Your Fire Department looks forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

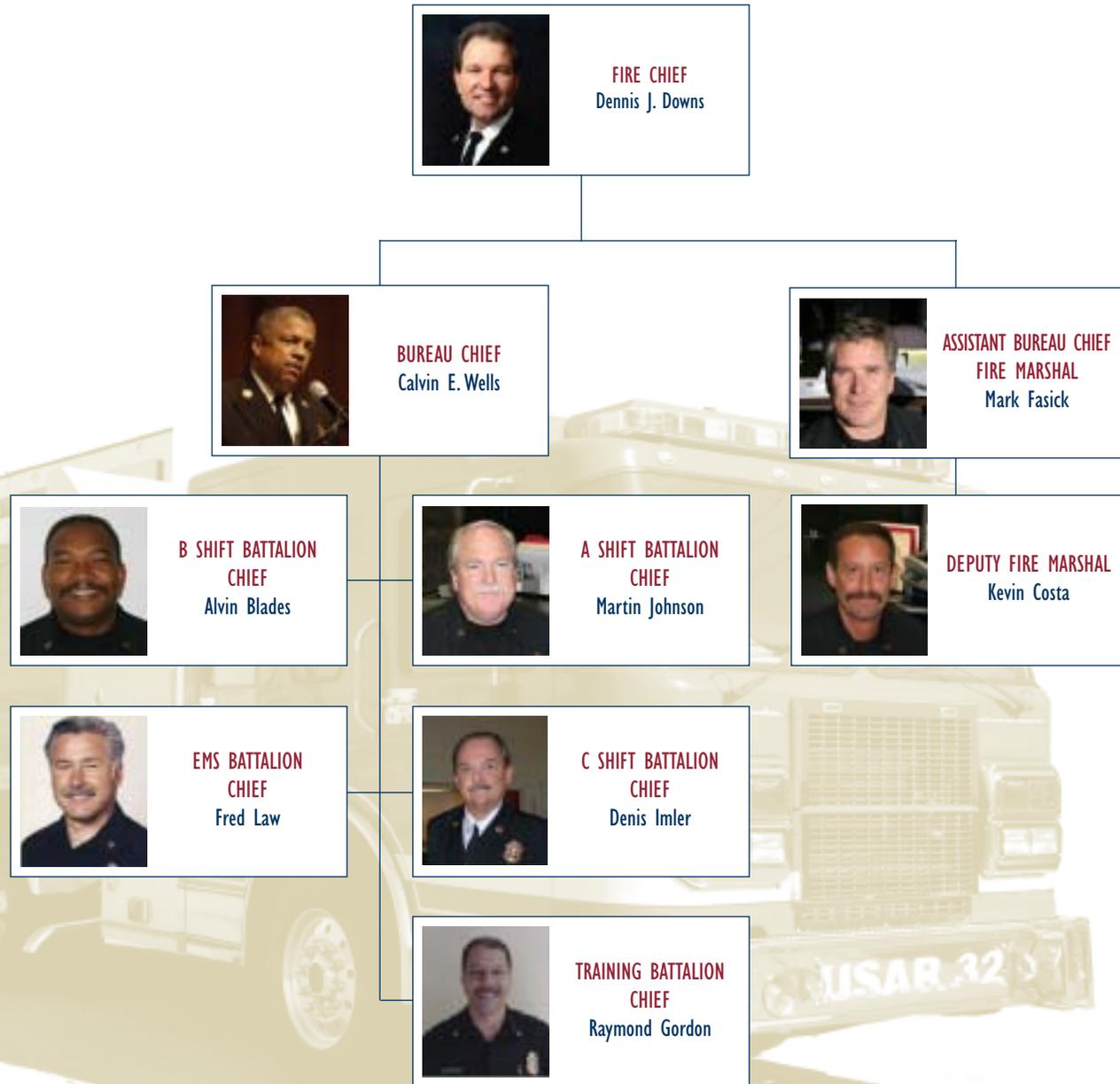
Sincerely,

Dennis J. Downs,  
Fire Chief

The public's interest in disaster preparedness remained high throughout 2006. Fire Department members trained in excess of 1,200

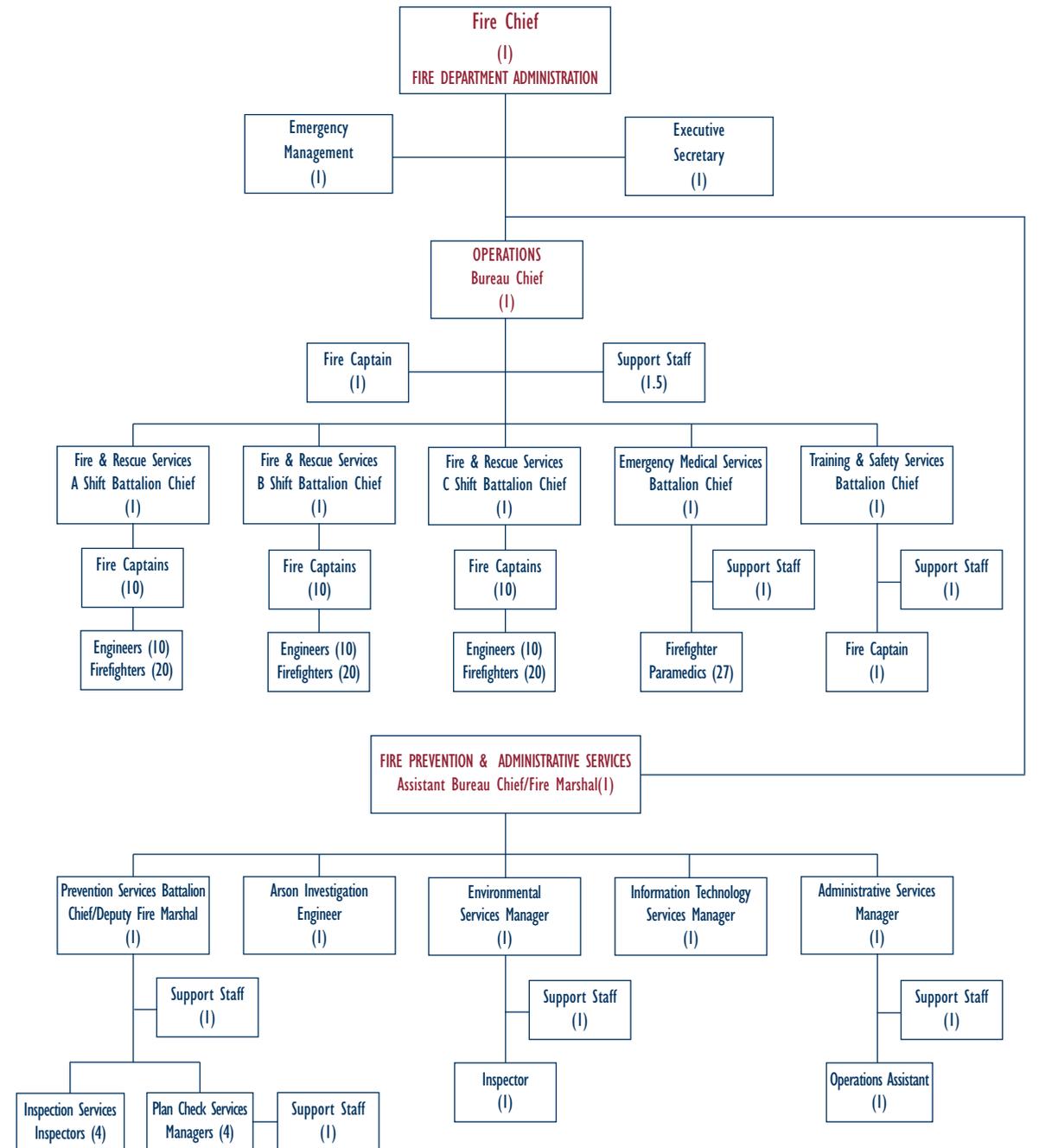
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## CHIEF OFFICERS DURING 2006



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## ORGANIZATION CHART Total Authorized Positions: 181.5



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2006 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING



Fire personnel have trained hundreds of community members and businesses in disaster preparedness to help them become self-sustained for up to 72-hours following a major disaster. The Pasadena Emergency Response Team training (PERT) also helps citizens address everyday emergencies such as small fires, minor injuries and light search and rescue.

Nationally mandated emergency management training has been taught to all City employees and two Emergency Operations Center drills were conducted to exercise our training and disaster plans. City Council adopted

the city-wide disaster plan, and training will continue to further educate City personnel as to their roles before, during and after a disaster. Under the direction of the Fire Department, an external notification system has been implemented to alert and/or direct the community on steps to take after a disaster occurs or to warn the public of a threat or impending incident.

The Fire Department has implemented vendor agreements via our City website to encourage businesses to sign-up to assist with needed materials and supplies after a disaster.

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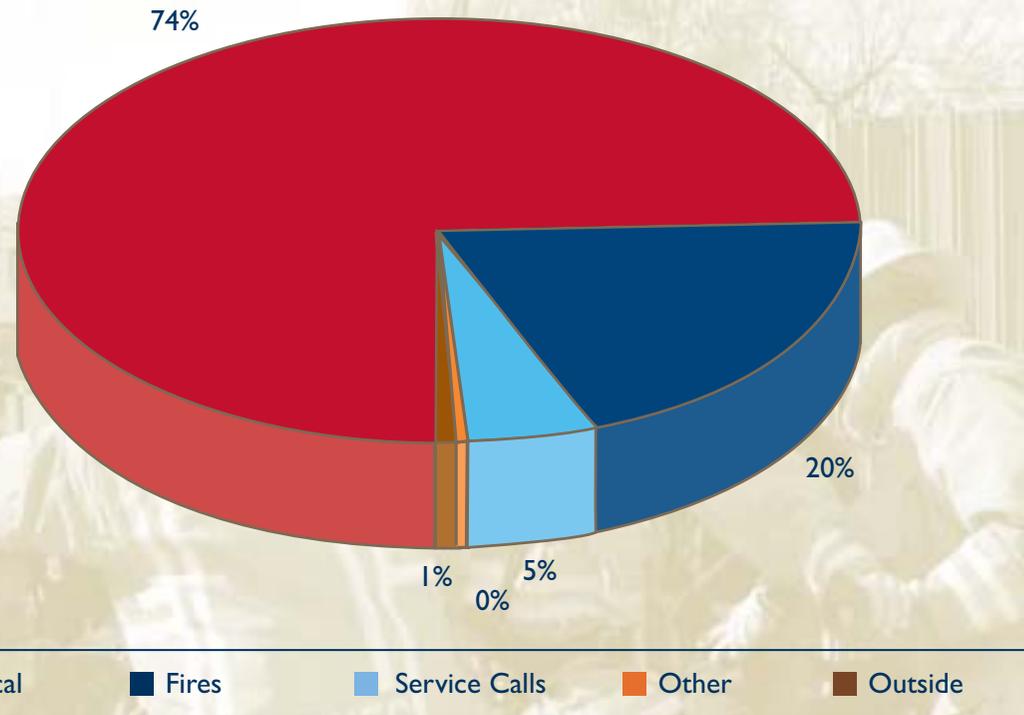
2006 RESPONSES PER UNIT



UNIT ID	2006 RESPONSES	2005 RESPONSES
E31	3,534	3,488
E32	1,883	1,809
E33	3,304	3,219
E34	2,266	2,265
E36	2,999	3,077
E37	1,558	1,423
E38	713	708
E39	642	652
RA31	3,122	3,083
RA32	2,712	2,546
RA33	3,586	3,465
RA36	3,155	3,051
T31	1,264	1,104
T32	924	799
USAR32	33	32
<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>31,695</b>	<b>30,721</b>
	<b>3% Annual Increase</b>	<b>2% Annual Increase</b>

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2006 CALL SUMMARY



CALL SUMMARY DATA

Category	2006 Total Incidents	2005 Total Incidents
Medical	11,612	11,324
Fires	3,056	2,940
Service Calls	787	844
Other	35	77
Outside	117	99
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>15,687</b>	<b>15,284</b>

PROPERTY SAVED VERSUS AT RISK

Year	At Risk	Saved	Lost
2006	106,701,544 (100%)	104,119,999 (95%)	5,581,545 (5%)
2005	183,714,244 (100%)	157,429,155 (86%)	26,285,089 (14%)

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PLANS EXAMINERS DURING 2006



2006 FIRE PLAN CHECK ACTIVITY

Plans Check	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
Fire	427	441
Fire Recheck	135	141
Fire over the Counter	237	246
Building	402	403
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,231</b>

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INSPECTION STAFF DURING 2006



2006 FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

Inspection Type	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
High Rise Structures	65	85
Institutional, Educational and Residential Care Facilities	219	435
Public Assembly Occupancies	164	332
Hazardous Materials Occupancies	196	454
New Construction	790	1,275
Hazardous Vegetation	3,324	2,246
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>4,758</b>	<b>4,827</b>

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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. The program provides ongoing and practical experience for individuals who have successfully completed a California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) approved basic fire academy, and are interested in pursuing a career in the fire service.



**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 approximately 20,000 people in the community through our Public Education Programs: Station Tours, Extinguisher Demonstrations, Learn Not to Burn, Health Fairs, Neighborhood Block Parties, and Career Days at all high schools and junior high schools within 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 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 3,000 hydrants by exercising the hydrant shut off valves at the water main and flushing the hydrants.



**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.



**PUBLIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (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.



**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 medical transportation at these events.

*Service Awards 2006*



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*Pasadena Fire & Emergency Medical  
Operation Highlights 2006*

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF  
DURING 2006



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City Fire Marshal

CALVIN WELLS  
Fire Operations Bureau Chief

DESIRE TO SERVE  
*Courage to Act*

