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DATE: Sept 20, 2023

TO: Mary Morris-Mayorga: General Manager

FROM: Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

RE: **Fire Chief's Report for the September 2023 Fire District Board Meeting**

Administration

- The El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Department (ECKFD) continues to partner with Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for fall and winter training sessions, providing training for our community for a standard resident fee of \$40.

Operations

- On August 20th, OES 413 left for the Smith River Complex Fire in Northern CA. Captain/Paramedic Hoyer-Nielsen, Captain Gagne, Engineer Thatcher, and Firefighter Rosas are led by Strike Team Leader/Battalion Chief Castrejon.



- On August 14th, El Cerrito's Helicopter Rescue Team (HRT) assisted San Mateo County Engine 44, Engine 72, UTV 44, American Medical Response Medic 53, and CHP H-30 in rescuing a victim on a remote San Pedro Mountain trail. H-30 lowered Captain Wade as the HRT member to the victim, placing him into a rescue device. H-30 hoisted the patient from the trail and transferred him to waiting firefighters and AMR near Highway 1. The patient was taken by AMR, Code 3, to San Francisco General for injuries.



- On August 2nd, Engine 51 A (Captain Gagne, Engineer/Paramedic Campbell, and FF/Paramedic Williams) treated a victim of an overturned car on Bayview.



- On August 7th, Engine 51 (Captain Gagne, Engineer\Paramedic Campbell, and Firefighter\Paramedic Williams) and B\C Janes suppressed a vehicle fire from spreading to nearby vegetation

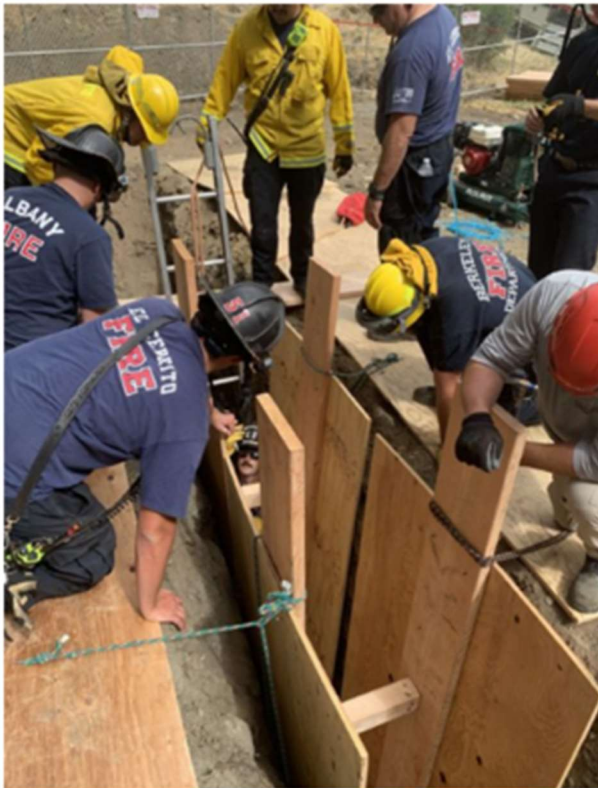


- On July 31st, Engine 55 and B/C 5 responded to a vehicle accident with extrication on Barrett Ave. Richmond E66 assisted E55, and ECPD provided traffic control. After the vehicle was stabilized, E55 and E66 crews extricated the sole passenger and canine by cutting/rolling the roof from the passenger side to the ground



Training

- In anticipation of a year-long EBMUD pipeline replacement project in El Cerrito, El Cerrito-Kensington fire crews participated in trench rescue training. Surrounding agencies, including Berkeley, Albany, and Richmond Fire Departments, joined the specialized training.



Citizen Engagement

- ECKFD is actively seeking CERT members and surveying residents for preparedness and participation with an online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/4rx8dzt5>.
- Registration for CERT training offered at Lamorinda is provided online at <https://classes.lamorindacert.org>.

Recognitions

- Six El Cerrito Fire Department members received letters of commendation for exceptional teamwork and professionalism while treating two critical cardiac patients. The members included David Yun, Traviss Crumpacker, Damien Carrion, Dave Ciappara, William Ratliff, and Matthew Clarine.