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LAFD Valley

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Pool Safety



One thing that we can be certain about regarding summer weather in the San Fernando Valley is that it will be hot. Swimming pools offer welcomed relief during the summer months where temperatures often exceed 100 degrees. Many Valley residents will look for local pools in an effort to find relief from the heat. Every year in the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Fire Department responds to numerous drowning incidents in

residential and community pools. Tragically, most of these emergency calls involve children who were left unsupervised. As we prepare for the hot days ahead of us, we should remind ourselves that swimming pools and children can be a dangerous combination, especially for those children who have not learned how to swim. Please take the time to consider what it means to be safe around swimming pools and the best steps to take to protect your friends and family. Although there are a variety of pool safety devices which are important, nothing will ever take the place of persistent vigilance and monitoring of children's whereabouts at all times.

Summers create some of the best memories for our friends and family, and with your help, we can ensure that our children have the best time possible. The Los Angeles Fire Department Valley Bureau wants to wish you a happy and safe summer.



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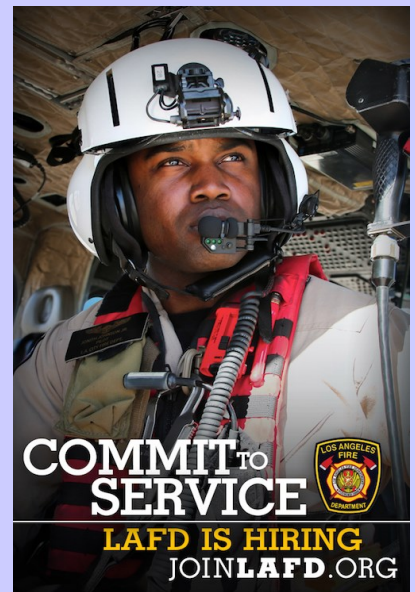
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Canoga Park, Chatsworth, City of San Fernando, Encino, Granada Hills, Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, Noho Arts District, North Hills, North Hollywood, Northridge, Pacoima,

EDUCATION

FIREHOUSE WORLD™

FIREHOUSE WORLD is coming to The City of Angeles. The LAFD takes great pride in our longstanding traditions and

progressive efforts in providing our firefighters with world-class training and the most advanced tools and technology available to perform their duties. By serving as the host city for Firehouse World, we are honored to have the opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills of our firefighters, our Department, and our City.

Not only will the LAFD be able to help others improve, but top Instructors from all over the world will descend on Los Angeles to help make our members better. That means better service for all our citizens including the San Fernando Valley.



THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has consistently been a national leader in the Fire Service. In large part, this is due to our diverse and professional workforce.

A goal of the LAFD is to continuously support and offer opportunities for our members to develop as professionals so they can better prepare themselves for promotional opportunities. The LAFD realized that as we develop the membership, the members will contribute to the advancement of our Department and ultimately be of better service to the public.

A well trained and educated workforce will enable us to keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies, will enhance our ability to manage our members and will allow us to focus on rank specific education.

In an effort to increase opportunities for personal growth and professional development, the LAFD is proud to announce the creation of the Professional Development Center (PDC). The Center will be a hub for our members both sworn and civilian to further their formal education with affiliated Universities. Services will include Academic advisors with online as well as on-campus classes. Members will be able to get a multitude of degrees, from Associates to Doctorates, from various Universities. Using their time off, the dedicated members of the LAFD will improve themselves so that they may improve their service to you. As the Professional Development Center grows, so will its capabilities. Physically located at the LAFD's, Frank Hotchkins Memorial Training Center, the unit will manage programs and class schedules, providing State Fire Marshal Officer courses, LAFD specific administrative classes and Rank Specific promotional classes and training. The Los Angeles Fire Department is providing these opportunities so that we can continue to advance our standing as a fire service leader, and to properly mold the next generation to carry on the LAFD's legacy.



SAFETY



Here are a few tips for a safer summer.

Stay Close, Be Alert and Watch

- Always watch your children and never leave them unattended
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings
- Have a cell phone close by at all times
- If a child is missing, check the pool first
- Share safety information with family, friends, and neighbors
- Don't allow adults who have been drinking alcohol in the pool area



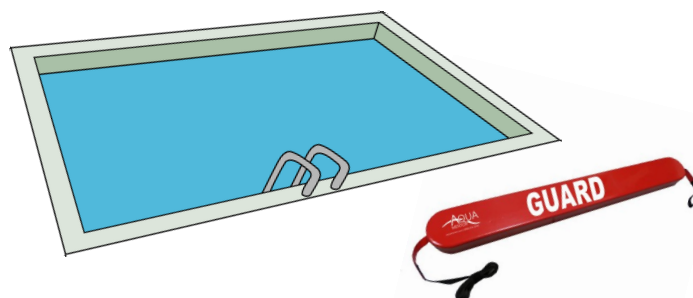
Learn and Practice Water Safety Skills

- Learn to swim
- Know how to perform CPR on children and adults
- Understand the basics of life saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency

Have the Appropriate Equipment

- Install a fence around the perimeter of the pool and spa of at least four feet
- Use self-closing and self-latching gates
- Ensure all pools and spas have compliant drain covers
- Install a door alarm from the house to the pool area
- Maintain pool and spa covers in working order

****Did you Know: Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1-4.**



RESILIENCE



It is important to know, if a major disaster occurs, the LAFD, paramedics, police...may not be available to respond. They will be deployed FIRST to major incidents such as collapsed buildings. That is why you constantly hear...You MUST be prepared to take care of yourself. In the CERT course they say...“The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number of People.” When you are trained, you are far more equipped to deal with your circumstances without needing aid from outside sources.

CERT members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies you should NOW have in your house, how much food, how much water but most importantly, how to protect your family in an emergency!

The CERT program training is a valuable course designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. Members receive 17 1/2 hours (one day a week for seven weeks) of initial training. CERT is provided free of charge within the city of Los Angeles to anyone 18 or over.

There are several classes coming to the Valley:

May 10th - Cahuenga Pass

June 14th - Laurel Canyon

July 10th - Chatsworth

If these don't work for you, we will come to your location. Classes can be held anywhere in the City of Los Angeles.

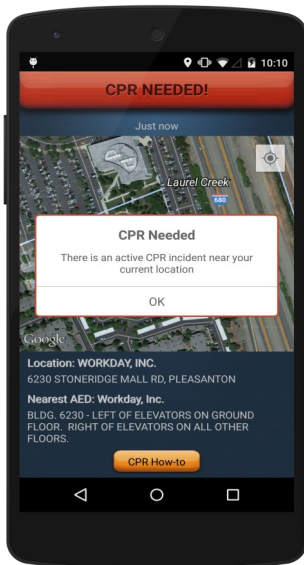


Learn more at www.cert-la.com

RESILIENCE

PulsePoint

No one plans on having a heart attack. But, if such an unfortunate event should happen to a loved one or another nearby, would you know what to do? The LAFD is teaching hands-only CPR at events throughout Los Angeles to ensure that as many people as possible know this easy-to-learn and life-saving skill. Once you've learned hands-only CPR, help the valley become more resilient, help save others. Download the free Pulse point application



on your mobile phone to receive alerts when someone around you may be experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. Get more information at: www.pulsepoint.org

****Did you know: Hands only CPR can increase survival rates by 3 times as compared to conventional mouth to mouth CPR?**

Come save lives with updated training!!!

www.lafd.org/community-risk-reduction



HOPE FOR FIREFIGHTERS



Thursday, June 7, 2018
11:30am - 2:30pm

Hope for Firefighters features live music, delicious meals prepared by over 25 different fire stations throughout the City, fire apparatus and demonstrations, LAFD gift merchandise booths, raffle drawings, prizes, trophies and exciting Firefighter Muster games where more than twenty sponsored teams will compete for trophies & prizes in everything from bucket brigade, firefighter suit-up to an old fashioned hose pull contest. Funds are raised through sponsorship, meal ticket sales, raffle items and the sale of LAFD merchandise.

www.hopeforfirefighters.org

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