

San Rafael Fire Department - 2015

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The Year in Photos

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Firefighters - They go into a burning building when everyone else is rushing out.



01-4-2015 - The year starts off with...a car fire



01-06-2015 - 814 Hacienda Way



01-23-2015 - 2130 Redwood Highway - Helping our Larkspur brothers



02-02-2015 - Battalion Chief Kyle Hamilton



02-10-2015 - 950 Las Gallinas - Truck fire



02-16-2015 - Elaine Way - Kitchen fire



03-02-2015 - Shawn Gordon & Nate Clark sworn in as Fire Engineers



03-29-2015 - Rick Brown, Mike Morgenlaender & Steve Kadzielawa retire



04-07-2015 - The "Every 15 Minutes" program at San Rafael High School



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04-11-2015 - New Captains Kelly, Clark & Minard



04-11-2015 - New Engineers Ainsworth, Lewis, Lopes, and Wasdyke



04-16-2015 - 212 Mount Shasta - Structure fire



04-24-2015 - 24 Oakdale - Structure fire



04-24-2015 - 700 A Street - Car fire



06-18-2015 - 2500 Deer Valley - Vegetation fire



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006-24-2015 - Deputy Fire Marshal John Lippitt retires



07-01-2015 - Welcome San Rafael Deputy Fire Chief Bob Sinnott



07-05-2015 - 500 Upper Road - Vegetation fire



08-03-2015 - China Camp - Vegetation fire



08-14-2015 - Northgate - Vegetation fire



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08-15-2015 - 367 Locust - Structure fire



08-23-2015 - 1323 Lincoln - Structure fire



08-25-2015 - 158 Golden Hinde - Vegetation fire



08-26-2015 - SB 01 at Lucas Valley - Vegetation fire



08-27-2015 - 35 Canal Street - Structure fire



10-09-2015 - 555 Francisco East - Restaurant kitchen fire



10-13-2015 - Falkirk vegetation fire



11-12-2015 - 1775 Francisco East - Trash can fire



11-25-2015 - 15 Labrea - Structure fire



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12-11-2015 - Fire Commission makes "Santa" deliveries to each fire station

2015 was also a year in which the San Rafael Fire Department ran two successful firefighter training academies producing a group of outstanding individuals to replace the outstanding individuals retiring from the department in 2015 after years of public service.



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As usual the photos collected in this book represent only the events that I experienced personally. The department, and its members ran many more calls for service, including some more fires, that I was not present for either because they were medical or citizen assist calls that I normally do not respond to, or because I was out of the area and not able to respond. Mea Culpa for missing the graduation of Fire Academy 15 as well as several fires that would otherwise been included.

The San Rafael Fire Department serves a population of close to 60,000 over 22.4 square miles from 7 fire stations with a staff of 81 including 5 chief officers and 69 safety personnel, of which 56 are also medics. A minimum of 23 safety personnel are on duty at all times. The on duty personnel staff 6 engines, 2 cross staffed ladder trucks, two ALS medic units and 2 additional cross staffed medic units. We receive close to 8000 calls for service a year, about 80 percent of which are medical.

A fire department is not made great by having the latest shiny engines and gadgets, or by having grand fire stations. A fire department is made great by having great personnel. The San Rafael Fire Department is a great department because of the fantastic personnel who work and serve here. I am constantly humbled and honored to be able to hang out with them.

Larry Luckham
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