

News From The Firehouse

Company 34 responded to 39 total incidents in 2009. 23 Medical Aids, 4 Vehicle Accidents, 3 Boat Accidents, 2 Motorcycle Accidents, 2 Boat Fires, 1 Vegetation Fire, 1 Smoke Check, and 3 Public Service Assists. Total Firefighters responding is 5 with 1 on a leave of absent, and 1 new recruit. All of our Firefighters are EMT and 3 are FF1 certified. 2 of our Firefighters have over 25 years of experience. We need additional Firefighters! If you or someone you know is interested please contact any of our current staff. To be able to respond you will need to be at least 18 years old, live in our response area full time, and attend approx. 8 weeks of training which you will be paid approx. \$1800.00 when completed. Company 34 would like to thank OSCA for purchasing the insurance for Patrol 34, saving our Company \$2800.00. We would also like to thank OSCA Maintenance staff with the installation of our new Fire Prevention sign on the main road into the community. Last years Firefighters ball was a huge success with a donation from the Rec. Committee of approx. \$2500.00 from the dinner and auction of some donated items, and also the auction of the OSCA pin won by Ivan Wheeler and Grace Borzini. Auctioneer Jim Money also raised another \$2500.00 to purchase a stair chair! All in all it is was a wonderfull evening and well attended. Things to look forward to are a new fire engine that will be arriving soon. Work will be starting on the roof to our station, also some window treatments as well as some drywall work to the office. Our Firefighters held a dinner in December to show appreciation for our Auxiliary members. The dinner included Pork Loin, Clam Chowder, Crab Legs, and even LOBSTER! We love all the work our members do for the community and us all year long. On a rather sad note we lost one of our members who passed away from a long fight with cancer, member Don Krause was a wonderfull man and I was honored to know and work along side him. He will be missed by all whom had the privilege to know him. On the fire prevention side of things, Cal Fire along with OSCA maintenance are going to start clearing common areas of brush and debris for a safer community. If your address is not clearly visible from the street we have trouble locating you. Remember in an emergency every minute counts so help us to help you. When activating the 911 emergency system act calmly and let the operator know that you are in San Luis Obispo County and you are in Oak Shores station 34-response area. We responded to a structure fire recently at 2:22 in the morning. We responded to the incident and had water on the fire within 13 minuts from time of dispatch, but the structure was already fully involved with fire. Your firefighters were able to protect the 2 structures on both sides of the residence. We feel the fire was burning maybe 30 minuts or so before anyone knew it. Sprinkler systems or audible fire alarms are some things you may consider if your home is a vacation home and no one lives there full time. Remember lot clearing is around the corner, and you need to make sure your lot is cleared not only of weeds but also downed trees and debris. We

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look forward to protecting you and your family this year and remember Donations are always welcome!

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