

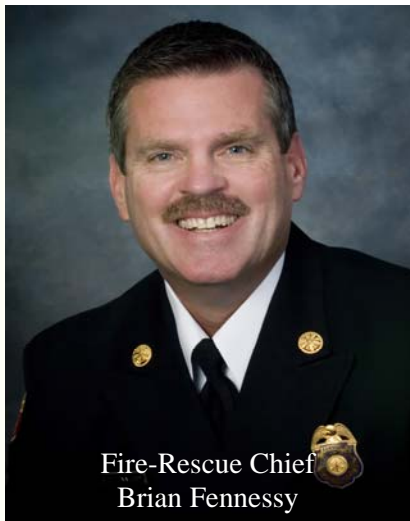
COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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San Diego Names New Fire Chief



Fire-Rescue Chief
Brian Fennessy

The San Diego City Council unanimously approved Mayor Faulconer's nomination of Brian Fennessy as San Diego's Fire-Rescue Chief.

Fennessy joined the department in 1990 and rose through the ranks to his current position as assistant chief. His accomplishments include directing the firefighting operations during the 2007 wildfires as the City's Incident Commander.

As Assistant Chief of Emergency Operations, he led the Operations Division (all 48 fire stations & assigned personnel), the Emergency Medical Services Division, the Special Operations Division, and the Lifeguard Division.

Fennessy will succeed current Chief Javier Mainar. Mainar spent his entire 35 year career in San Diego and has served as chief since 2009. I hope you'll join me in wishing Chief Mainar the best in his retirement and congratulating Chief Fennessy on his new role.

Pedestrian Improvements in Rancho Bernardo

The walkability of our neighborhoods is important to both the health and safety of all San Diegans. This month you'll notice two different projects that aim to improve pedestrian routes in Rancho Bernardo.

A new crosswalk was installed at Rancho Bernardo Road and Acena Drive. Earlier this year, an accident there claimed the life of a pedestrian. I worked with the City's traffic engineering department to identify additional measures that aim to increase the safety and visibility for both pedestrians and motorists. Lines were re-stripped, an audible crossing signal was added and new curb ramps were installed.

Additionally, near Rancho Bernardo High School and Bernardo Heights Middle School, we are adding five street lights to increase visibility in this highly trafficked area. Safe routes to school are a priority and this will improve the route along Paseo Lucido. The project should be completed later this year.



Advocating for San Diego in Washington D.C.

I proudly represented San Diego on our annual advocacy trip to Washington D.C. where I met with representatives at the Capitol to tell them about the work being done in San Diego and solicit their support.

The Mayor and I, along with a number of other local leaders, met with California Senator Dianne Feinstein to request she include funding for San Diego's Pure Water Program in her Drought Relief bill.

I also met with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to discuss our Open Data efforts that will make San Diego more transparent and efficient.

Finally, I had the chance to discuss San Diego military issues with Congressman Mac Thornberry, chair of the House Armed Services Committee. It was an honor to represent our region in this capacity.



Kids Play, Eat for Free in October

Kids can get free admission at dozens of locations in our region during the month of October. "Kids Free October" is put on by the San Diego Tourism Authority. The promotion encourages San Diegans and tourists to explore all that San Diego has to offer. Not only can kids get free admission to a number of museums and other venues, but several restaurants are offering free kids meals as well. A few of my favorites are:

- Free admission to 40+ museums including the New Childrens Museum downtown and the Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park
- Kids ride free on Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner
- Free admission to the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park
- Free admission to the U.S.S. Midway Museum
- Kids cruise free on Hornblower Harbor Cruises

Check out the complete list of more than 100 offers at www.sandiego.org/promotions/kids-free.aspx and get out there and explore some new places right here at home.

*Most require a paid adult admission or meal to get the free kids offer.



My Photo Stream



Unveiling utility box painted in memory of Karina Fares from Rancho Bernardo



With the owners of The Dailey Method at their first DaileyFest



Volunteering with my staff at the San Diego Food Bank



Speaking at San Diego's 3rd Annual Electric Vehicle Day

Community Calendar

7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council Saturday, Oct. 10, 8 a.m.

Vineyard Golf Course in Escondido
www.srfiresafecouncil.org/

Tales from the Trails:

San Diego's Rich Outdoors History Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Saturday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m.

Bernardo Winery
13330 Paseo del Verano North
<http://www.rbhistoricalsociety.org/speaker>

The Big Earthquake:

What Will it Be and How to Survive Peñasquitos Emergency Response Council Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Rancho Peñasquitos Library
13330 Salmon River Rd.
<http://www.perc4pq.org/community-classes/>

A Water Conversation Sustainable Scripps Ranch Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.

SRCA Community Center
11885 Cypress Canyon Rd.
www.scrippsranch.org/ssr

CPR Training

Rancho Bernardo Community Council Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Rancho Bernardo Library
17110 Bernardo Center Drive
<http://rbcommunitycouncil.com/>

Carmel Mountain Ranch Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m.

Carmel Mountain Ranch Recreation Center
10152 Rancho Carmel Dr.
<http://carmelmtnranchrec.org/>

Rideshare 2015 Challenge – get there together

October is Rideshare Month! You are invited to participate in the Rideshare 2015 Challenge, hosted locally by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) iCommute program. Leave your solo drive behind and get there together with a carpool, vanpool, transit, bike, or walk commute this October. See how ridesharing can improve your commute!

Log your trips and win prizes. Create an iCommute account and log eligible commutes throughout October in TripTracker to be entered to win weekly prizes, including the grand prize- a new bike!*

iCommute can help you get there together. Find out which alternative commute is right for you with TripPlanner. Search for a ridematch online, get home in an emergency with the Guaranteed Ride Home program, and learn how to get a vanpool subsidy of up to \$400 per month.

For additional information about the Rideshare 2015 Challenge, visit 511sd.com/iCommute, email iCommute@sandag.org, or call 511 and say “iCommute.” For complete rules, visit 511sd.com/iCommute.

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How Are We Doing? City Resident Survey

We want to hear from you!

During the months of October and November, the City will be conducting a citywide satisfaction survey of its residents. San Diegans from all nine Council districts will be randomly selected to participate via telephone. The purpose of the survey is to understand how well the City is doing in providing various services to the public.

Your feedback is important and will be used to better serve you. If you are contacted, please take the time to respond and let us know what we can do better.

More information will be available after October 15 on the City of San Diego's Performance & Analytics Department website (<http://www.sandiego.gov/pad/index.shtml>).



Rancho Peñasquitos Fire Station Updated

San Diego firefighters work hard every day to keep our communities safe by responding to medical emergencies, car accidents, structure fires and brush fires. Their shifts are 24 hours long so they spend a lot of time at work. On a visit last year, I saw that the kitchen at Fire Station 40 had fallen into disrepair. That's why I was proud to recommend funding from the District Five Community Programs, Projects and Services budget to renovate it and give these first responders the kitchen they need and deserve.

Like so many of our City facilities, Fire Station 40 was built more than 30 years ago. It serves Rancho Peñasquitos and the surrounding areas. Station 40 is also responsible for the repair, maintenance, annual inspection and testing of the department's ground ladders and various tools.

I recently joined the crew to check out their new kitchen and heard how it has lifted spirits and created a better working environment. Check out the before and after pictures (right) to see the tremendous difference.



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