

# The Bresnan Distributor

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## Message From The Editors

- As the coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and exposures continue to make world news, we would like to wish good health and prosperity to you and your families.
- Please save the date, April 26th, to join us in honoring Fire Chief David A. Rocha. Chief Rocha's Retirement Celebration may be postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Please check the website or email us for details and changes.



- Brian has been working to move the website to our existing union page. Our primary cost has been the website. Please bear with us during this transition. As you log onto the union website, [IAFFLocal55.org](http://IAFFLocal55.org), you will notice a tab at the top labeled Retirees. This tab will give you access to the Bresnan Website, the Bresnan Distributor Newsletters, a Retiree Forum, an integrated calendar with upcoming events, and video & media links. We will be moving all of the information over, and appreciate your patience.

- We regret to inform you that Retired Captain Fred Biscotti has passed away. Dennis Ourdoune relayed this information at the beginning of March. Unfortunately we do not have any other details to share.

## **Upcoming Events**

- We regret to inform you the L-55 Golf Tournament @ Poppy Ridge, scheduled for May 26th, has been cancelled. Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty for scheduling at a later date, we are forced to postpone until next year.

- We also regret to inform you that the ACFD 2020 Family Picnic has been cancelled. We were set for May 17th, but due to the recent COVID-19 our venue and caterer have cancelled. Because of the unknown length of closures, no future reservations are being taken and summer dates are already booked. We again are being forced to postpone until next year.

- The 2020 California Firefighter Summer Games will be held from July 12th - July 17th. The Anaheim Firefighters Association will be hosting the games. For details of the Events, Registration and Host Hotel booking please visit [cfaa.org](http://cfaa.org). Registration opens May 15, 2020. Currently we have not heard that the event has been cancelled or postponed.



- Stay tuned on [IAFFLocal55.org](http://IAFFLocal55.org) for more upcoming events.

## **Reader's Rides**

- We have not received any new Readers Rides submissions. Please send us your ride to keep this section alive.
- If you would like your vehicle featured in our Readers Rides section please email [TheBresnan@gmail.com](mailto:TheBresnan@gmail.com). Please include a photo, year/model and a brief history of your vehicle.

## **Retiree Roster**

- We are continuing to create a Roster of Retirees. If you would like to be listed in the roster can you please email the following to [TheBresnan@gmail.com](mailto:TheBresnan@gmail.com).
- If you personally know any of the recent retirees, please inform them to register with the Bresnan.
- Name, Phone Number, Email, Department you were hired with, a photo from when you were working, a current photo and years that you worked.
- This is voluntary and feel free to omit any information that you do not want to share.
- Thank you to all that updated their information.

## **In the ACFD**

- Please join us in congratulating the following members for being selected during the recent E-Board election. Captain David Huang, Captain Aaron Lee, Captain Jess Anderson, Captain Jeremy Roderick, Engineer Brian Brooks, Engineer Ted Duarte, and Engineer Eddie Dutch. Chief Arganbright was elected to represent the B-Group members. We would also like to congratulate Captain Sean Burrows on his re-election to President of the ACFFA Local 55.

- Recruitment for the position of Fire Chief opened Monday, March 2, 2020. Please direct people to the ACFD website for a complete job description, if you know of anyone interested in the position. The County HRS has retained Ralph Andersen & Associates to manage the recruitment.
- As you may have heard, Hayward Fire Department has expressed interest in providing services to Cherryland. The Hayward Firefighters Local 1909 has been working with the City Council towards an annexation of Cherryland to the City of Hayward. Services are currently being rendered by the Alameda County Fire Department, and the newly built, Station 23. A letter surfaced that was written in November to the City Council from Local 1909 supporting the annexation. This letter is in clear violation of Title 19 of the IAFF Bylaws. The Executive Board for ACFFA Local 55 unanimously voted to proceed with a charge against Local 1909 for these violations. This will now go to the IAFF and General President.
- Union City update - Measure U failed. Local 55 successfully defeated a parcel tax for public safety funding after the city council refused to reopen Station 30. Local 55 is moving forward with a safe staffing measure in Union City, for November, that will require all 4 Fire Stations to be staffed with 4 personnel.
- As part of Black History Month, Captain Randall West, and Firefighter Nadja Havenhill, of the ACFD, gave a presentation on the history of African-Americans in the fire service. The "Chief is my Belief" presentation is geared towards inspiring our youth to believe in their dreams and to become leaders in their community. The event was held in Emeryville, and was sponsored by the Alameda County Fire Department and the Alameda County Firefighters Association - Local 55. Outstanding work, and a bravo zulu to Captain West and Firefighter Havenhill for their efforts.



- Please join us in congratulating the newly promoted Division Chief Derrick Thomas, Battalion Chief Kent Carlin, and Battalion Chief Brian Sheehan. Their promotions are effective 4/1/2020.



- The Local 55 continues to advocate for all of us. Last month several union E-board members went to the IAFF Legislative Convention, in Washington, D.C.



- The Alameda County Fire Department 2020 Recruit Academy is currently on COVID-19 paid-leave until further notice.



- The ACFD is currently hiring for the position of Firefighter Recruit. The filing deadline has been extended until May 29th. If you know of anyone who is interested please tell them to log on to the ACFD website, and look for the Open Recruitment link.

## **Your Newsletter and Website**

- The Bresnan's website overhaul will be ongoing. The old website [www.bresnandistributor.com](http://www.bresnandistributor.com) will be phasing out. Please log on to [IAFFLocal55.org](http://IAFFLocal55.org) and click the Retirees tab at the top of the page. You will be able to view Retiree Submissions, Readers Rides, the History of the ACFD, Bresnan Distributor Newsletters, an integrated calendar with approaching events, video & media links, and a Retiree Forum to communicate with other Retirees.

- This newsletter and website are here for you, the retiree. We would like to modify it to fit the needs of the retirees, so if you have any suggestions, complaints, questions or comments please email [TheBresnan@gmail.com](mailto:TheBresnan@gmail.com).

- We are looking to expand our media presence. If you have any old photos, videos or anything you would like to see on the website please let us know. We are specifically looking for the Chief's Chat videos of Station 7, 15, and 16. We would like to put old videos on the website for retirees to enjoy and the history to be taught to our newest members. We have had a few retirees already contact us regarding the Chief's Chat videos, so if that is you, please disregard.