

LAFD 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday • May 8
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LAFD Fire Museum
1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood

Annual LAFD Pancake Breakfast Is Something to Really Flip Over

■ Proceeds from May 8th event benefit the department's Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

In celebration of Fire Service Day, the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society is presenting the 6th annual Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the LAFD Fire Museum, 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood.

Proceeds will be dedicated toward the completion of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the museum. The project was highlighted in the January issue of *Alive!*

Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be available.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids.

The museum's antique fire engines will be on display, and guided tours will be available. Raffles for the adults and coloring books for the kids will also provide entertainment.

For more information, contact the museum: (323) 464-2727. 📞



At right is retired LAFD Captain Barney Nipp, who designed the grill he is using. The grill is called, appropriately enough, Barney's Grill. This photo was taken at last year's pancake breakfast.

Fire Up Your Brains for Interesting LAFD Trivia

■ Here are some interesting facts and figures about how busy the LAFD is.

Did you know that the Los Angeles Fire Department averaged 1,984 responses each day during the last quarter of 2003?

During October, November and December 2003, LAFD resources made 182,555 responses to 90,183 emergency incidents. This is a 5 percent increase in incidents and a 5 percent increase in responses compared to the same three-month period the year before.

"Thankfully, our City's leaders are keenly aware of these burgeoning demands upon our department, and continue to make the many life safety services provided by the LAFD a top priority," reports Brian Humphrey, LAFD public service officer.

While the LAFD is comprised of many types of resources, such as engines, aerial ladder trucks, pumps, paramedic and non-paramedic ambulances, command staff and special resources, here's a glimpse at the busiest engine companies in the City.

The 20 busiest LAFD engine companies:

1. **Engine 57 (South Los Angeles)**
1427 responses 15.5 responses per day
2. **Engine 65 (Watts)**
1375 responses 14.9 responses per day
3. **Engine 209: (Central City)**
1303 responses 14.2 responses per day
4. **Engine 81 (Arleta/Panorama City)**
1243 responses 13.5 responses per day
5. **Engine 9 (Central City)**
1186 responses 12.9 responses per day
6. **Engine 64 (South Los Angeles)**
1175 responses 12.8 responses per day
7. **Engine 13 (Koreatown/Pico Heights)**
1091 responses 11.9 responses per day
8. **Engine 46 (Coliseum)**
1066 responses 11.6 responses per day
9. **Engine 66 (South Los Angeles)**
1007 responses 10.9 responses per day
10. **Engine 33 (South Los Angeles)**
993 responses 10.8 responses per day
11. **Engine 11 (Westlake)**
953 responses 10.4 responses per day
12. **Engine 37 (UCLA/Westwood Village)**
948 responses 10.3 responses per day
13. **Engine 82 (Hollywood)**
937 responses 10.2 responses per day
14. **Engine 52 (Hollywood)**
920 responses 10.0 responses per day
15. **Engine 58 (West Los Angeles)**
912 responses 9.9 responses per day
16. **Engine 15 (USC/University Village)**
891 responses 9.7 responses per day
17. **Engine 6 (Angeleno Heights)**
887 responses 9.6 responses per day
18. **Engine 41 (Hollywood)**
865 responses 9.4 responses per day
19. **Engine 89 (North Hollywood)**
858 responses 9.3 responses per day
20. **Engine 91 (Sylmar)**
855 responses 9.3 responses per day

Are we in some way "proud" of these numbers? Not really," Humphrey writes. "In many cases, these responses could have been prevented with more prudent, safe or healthy behavior by those we serve, or by expanded efforts in life safety education and fire prevention. While working hard to address these challenges, rest assured that the men and women of the LAFD remain focused not on numbers, but on the quality of care and service provided to those who visit, reside and work in America's second-largest city.

"At the LAFD it's never about numbers, it's always about doing our best!" 📞

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