



LAFD Firefighter Jaime Foster Dies In the Line of Duty

■ She is the first LAFD female firefighter to make the ultimate sacrifice.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, Firefighter Jaime L. Foster was killed in the line of duty after having assisted in the extinguishment of a residential structure fire located in the community of Encino.



Firefighter Jaime Foster

On Saturday, Aug. 14, five companies of Los Angeles Firefighters and one LAFD rescue ambulance responded to a reported structure fire at 5716 North Jamieson Ave. in Encino. The first company arrived quickly to report

smoke showing from a one-story wood-frame and stucco single-family dwelling. Firefighters swiftly forced entry and using aggressive and well-coor-

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A Holiday Gift Returns

■ The Club's famous refund checks will be distributed in December.

The disbursement of the Club's life insurance refund checks has been moved back to December, the Club Board announced. The Club has distributed the checks in December for most of its 76 years. The schedule was altered the last few years.

The disbursement is expected to be one of the largest in recent times, according to Brian Trent, Club Chief Financial Officer. The exact amount and schedule of the disbursement will be announced next month.



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The Ultimate Picnic!

... "It's great for families, great for everyone," ... "You can't beat it," ...

■ Everyone is talking about ClubFest 2004.

Club Fest 2004

Sunday Oct. 3 2004

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Calamigos Ranch (above Malibu)

This is your final chance to purchase tickets for ClubFest 2004, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, at Calamigos Ranch overlooking the hills of Malibu. No tickets will be sold at the door! For 2004, the Club has reserved more space and more activities. This is to accommodate more people, because demand has been strong. Still, admissions will be strictly limited to 3,000 people. Will you be one of them?

Don't miss out!

Listen to what people are saying about ClubFest 2004, coming up fast Oct. 3.

"This is just a great picnic," said Charlotte Bullock, a Club member and Senior Clerk

Typist at ITA. She was sitting at a picnic table in the comfortable shade with the self-described "Fab 3"—herself, Rosie Delgado and Robin Cannon, a System Aide in ITA and Club member.

"It's great for families, great for everyone," Charlotte continued. "It's wonderful, the way it should be. Everyone is free to do what they want. Look at all those kids," she said, indicating the hundreds of kids frolicking with the foam machine. "It's all so carefree. "Nobody wants to go home."

"I am getting very excited for this year's ClubFest. It was so much fun last year, that my kids have been asking me about the next ClubFest all year long," wrote Nancy Thomas of the DOT in a letter to the editor this month. "I can't wait"

"On a scale of one to 10, it was a 10-plus," said Tecumseh Shackelford, a Club member and

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Olivia's "mug shot."



From left: Captain Morris Smith, Commanding Officer, North East Area; Teresa Haddad, LAPD Harbor; Sgt. William Carter, Employee Relations Group; Beverly Anderson, Employee Relations Group; and Julian Melendez, Employee Relations Group.



Back, from left: Gina Caguat, Engineering, and Gloria Monzo, Retired LAPD. Front: Karen Keating, Retired Engineering, and Mary Pagarigan, LAPD, Club member.



April Richmond and Sonia Mendoza present Olivia with a \$500 check to help with plans to remodel her home.



Olivia Valenzuela, Retiree, with Barbara Taylor, Police Administrator, presenting a letter of thanks from Attorney General Bill Lockyer.



Back, from left: Joyce Holland, R & I; Martha Diaz, R & I; Ruth Priester, R & I; and Sandra Perez, LAPD Juvenile Division. Front: Dorris Torres, R & I; Toni Martinez, Retired LAPD; Cindy Davidson, R & I; and Francine Acuna, CIMB.



Gloria Grube, current Officer in Charge of Position Control, awards Olivia with her "shadow box pins." Pictured with Olivia are her "Position Control Group" colleagues.



Back, from left: Thom Brennan, Police Administrator, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, Club member; Gloria Grube, LAPD, Officer in Charge, Club member; Commander Bob Hansohn, Personnel Group; Debora Fore, LAPD Personnel; Jaki Vernon Wagner, CAO; and Sgt. Chris Berglund, Personnel Group. Front: April Bennett, Personnel Dept., Club member; and Kathy Guerra, LAPD.

Don't Miss the Ultimate Picnic

ClubFest 2004

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retired DWP employee.

"You can't beat it," he continued. "We want to come back here [Calamigos Ranch] again next year. Please!"

You got it, Tecumseh!

Talk to your Club Counselor or call the Ticket Guy today. Don't miss out!



Here's the schedule:

Sunday, October 3, 2004, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m.

At Calamigos Ranch, above Malibu

BBQ Lunch - Noon to 2 p.m.

- Shredded Roast Beef covered in BBQ sauce served on french rolls, Calamigos BBQ Chicken, vegetarian Texas-style Chili, Iowa corn cobbettes, classic Idaho country potato salad, crispy California garden salad, seasonal fruit salad, rolls and butter

Hot dog and grilled corn bar - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Hot dogs, chili, grilled corn on the cob

Refreshments available all day!

- Soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee, popcorn and assorted frozen novelties
- Some things you may want to bring: Beach/lawn chair, swim suits, towels and sunscreen lotion
- Please, no pets or outside alcoholic beverages.

Fun Things to Do:

Air pillow, adult and children's bingo, carnival booths, clowns, DJs, dunk tank, face painting, foam machine, hayrides, human spheres, bungee run, basketball, picnic games with prizes, pony rides, farm animals, puppet show, rainbow slip and slide, horseshoes, survivor challenge, Sumo wrestling, sand volleyball, giant inflatable waterslide, merry-go-round, softball/soccer field, paddle boating, swimming and ping-pong.



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For further information,
contact Anthony at
310-200-4189.



'Service Without Self'

■ Firefighter Jaime Foster eulogized at downtown cathedral.



Friends, family and firefighters from throughout the nation gathered Friday, Aug. 20, at the memorial service for fallen firefighter Jaime Foster at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral downtown.

The service followed a traditional firefighter cortege and procession through downtown to the cathedral.

"Though she was with us only a short time, she will leave a lasting legacy," Fire Chief William Bamattre told those gathered at the cathedral, which seats 3,000 and was full.

"She is a hero in death, and she was a hero in life. She was the epitome of our motto — service without self."

Foster's badge, No. 1021, was retired from service and presented to her mother, Gloria.

The day before, at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial groundbreaking ceremony held at the Fire Museum in Hollywood, she was remembered. Her name will be the 71st to be engraved on the memorial.

During the memorial ceremony at the cathedral, Mayor Jim Hahn described Foster as being "the total package."

"She gave everything she had in everything she did ... One look at that picture of her smile tells you all you need to know of what kind of wonderful person she was."



The coffin of Firefighter Jaime Foster is carried through downtown to the Cathedral in this fire engine.

LAFD's Jaime Foster Dies While on Duty

Firefighter

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inated firefighting tactics confined the fire to one of three bedrooms in the northeast corner of the home.

When leaving the fire, there was a single vehicle accident near the scene, which caused traumatic injury to Jaime. Despite the combined efforts of firefighters, paramedics and hospital emergency department personnel, she was declared dead at Tarzana Hospital.

As dictated by Fire Department policy, a formal and detailed multi-agency investigation is under way to determine the exact cause and manner of her death.

Her family, friends, and the members of the Los Angeles Fire Department are mourning this tragic loss.

Two services paid tribute to her: a candlelight vigil Aug. 19 at Fire Station 73 in Reseda, and a funeral Mass Aug. 20 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels downtown.

See related story at left.

Expressions of support and sympathy through cards and correspondence may be forwarded to the following address:

*The Foster Family
Los Angeles Firemen's
Relief Association
2900 West Temple Street,
Suite 102
Los Angeles, CA 90026*

The family has requested that donations be made in Jaime Foster's honor to the LAFD Historical Society - Fallen Firefighter Memorial:

*LAFD Historical Society
Fallen Firefighter Memorial
1355 North Cahuenga Blvd
Hollywood, CA 90028*

The Los Angeles Fire Department has received a tremendous outpouring of support during this difficult time. Your Firefighters wish to thank you and express our deepest appreciation for all the kind words and gestures that have been provided.



LAFD Memorial Groundbreaking Honors Jaime Foster, Others

A special tribute was constructed Thursday, Aug. 19, in time for the groundbreaking ceremony at the LAFD Historical Museum in Hollywood. During the ceremony, there was a moment of silence for Jaime. Guest speakers included Mayor Jim Hahn, Councilman Tom LaBonge, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners Jay Grodin, and LAFD Chief William Bamattre.



Welcome to the Port

By Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

■ Port of LA continues with its new employee orientation.

The Port of LA held another in its series of new employee orientations July 20, in the Harbor Administration Building.

The day included a boat tour of the harbor aboard the Angelina II.

As in past orientations, the City Employees Club hosted a Continental breakfast for the new and transfer employees.

Welcome to the Harbor, new employees!



Container ships along the port.



From left: Shokoufe Marashi, Environmental Specialist II, 3 months; and Sher-lynn Davis, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 months.



From left: Kim Yapp, Environmental Specialist, 3 months; and Jeff Dash, Power Trouble Operator, 3 months (11 years with DWP).



From left: Mike Galvin, Real Estate Officer, 1.5 months; and Sharon Tatel, Management Assistant, 2 months.



From left: Guillermo Martinez, Transportation Engineering Associate, 3 months; Kathleen Bautista, Dispatcher Port Pilots, 18 months at the Port of LA (19 years with the City); and Shawn Ivers, Labor Supervisor, 2 months at the Port of LA (15 years with the City).



From left: Edward Kim, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, 2.5 months; Donni Gray, Secretary, 2 months; and Ramon Orona, Groundskeeper, 3 months.



From left: Felix Santa Cruz, Roofer, 3 months; Leslie, Washington, Roofer, 3 months; and Jim Bozarth, Roofer, 18 months.



From left: Anthony Espinoza, Sr. Gardener, 1 month; and Paul Irving, Deckhand, 3 years.

Refunds Will Come at Holiday Time

Refund Check

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"The actual Plan Period for the Life Insurance Products (Member & Spouse), which the refund check is based upon, covers August 1 through July 31 of each year," Trent explains. "Historically, the calculation of the Experience Rating Refund took at least two months. Add another two months to prepare checks and distribution procedures. Voilà, a December refund."

The past few years, Trent continues, the disbursement was moved forward two months, but that caused distribution errors, mostly lost or mis-directed checks.

"This way, the Board Of Directors, which ultimately determines the actual refund amount, does not feel rushed into a decision on limited information. It has time to access the needs of the Association and Membership before the specific amount is declared," he says.

"This year the Board has committed to giving back one of the largest refunds in recent times. The extra time will allow a thorough assessment of the Association's finances so that every possible prudent dollar is given back to the membership."



John Curtin celebrates his 50th birthday.

Happy Birthday, John

Club member John Curtin turns 50 years old on September 9.

He has been working for the City for 18 years. John's 16-year-old son is putting together a scrapbook of his dad's appearances in *Alive!* Make sure you include this one!

Happy birthday, John. Many more.



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