



LAFD Chief Douglas L. Barry addresses the graduating class.

Fire Graduates

■ Fire Dept. graduates its latest training recruits.

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FIRE DEPT. — Thirty-eight members of the second 2006 Fire Dept. training class graduated at a ceremony held Feb. 28 at Drill Tower 40 on Terminal Island.

The class motto is "Stay Strong, Stay True." Master of Ceremonies was Capt. Steve Owens. The Presentation of Colors was handled by the LAFD Color Guard with Firefighter John Keys. The National Anthem was sung by Tammy Fortune-Irby. The Invocation, Closing Remarks and Benediction were conducted by LAFD Chaplain George Negrete. The actual Badge Presentation was by Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry.

Also in attendance were Jill Furillo, Vice President of the Board of Fire Commissioners; Deputy Chief Emile W. Mack; Section Commander of Recruit Services Section Brian L. Cummings; Arif Alikhan, Deputy Mayor of the Homeland Security and Public Safety Office of the Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa; and Drill Master Capt. II Craig H. Jackson.

Class honors went to:

- Academic Achievement:** Kristofer Jorgensen
- Top Overall Recruits:** Ryan Miller and Jordan Purrington
- Golden Cross Award:** Michael Walton
- Golden Rung Award:** Eric Lugo and Casey Ketelsleger
- Golden Gasket Award:** Eric Lugo
- Jaime Foster Inspirational Award:** David Bradley

Congratulations to all the graduates! And thanks to Lee Keebler for assisting us with this article.

The graduates were:

- Alfred S. Balestra
- Bradley J. Barrett
- Chad J. Bernhardt
- Ryan W. Boswell
- David W. Bradley
- Brian M. Buehler
- Patrick C. D'Arrigo
- Mike E. Fyhrie
- Aaron A. Guggenheim
- Kyle H. Halstead
- Gregory D. Harvey
- Matthew Hennessy
- Austin J. Herrington
- Tahj Jakins
- Kristofer B. Jorgensen
- Casey E. Ketelsleger
- Brett G. Klemme
- Dennis A. Lefevre
- Scott R. Loveless
- Eric A. Lugo
- Evan T. McDevitt
- Enrique Mercado
- Chad A. Miller
- Ryan S. Miller
- John J. Molina
- David J. Narvaez
- Corey W. O'Bryan
- Miguel H. Pacheco
- Shawn A. Phillips
- Jordan I. Purrington
- Matthew C. Quealy
- Carlos R. Risco
- Luke D. Russell
- Christopher Sandoval
- Aaron M. Sheiern
- David A. Steinman
- Michael R. Walton
- Jonathan J. Wong

Academic Achievement Award



Academic Achievement Award Recipient Kristofer Jorgensen.

Jaime Foster Inspirational Award



Jaime Foster Inspirational Award Recipient David Bradley.

Golden Rung Award & Golden Gasket Award



Golden Rung Award and Golden Gasket Award Recipient Eric Lugo.

Golden Cross Award



Golden Cross Award Recipient Michael Walton.

Top Overall Recruit Award



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Golden Rung Award



Golden Rung Award Recipient Casey Ketelsleger.





Shawn A. Phillips.



Austin J. Herrington.



Brett G. Klemme.



Chad J. Bernhardt.



David W. Bradley.



Jonathan J. Wong.



Carlos R. Risco.



Alfred S. Balestra.



Eric A. Lugo.



Ryan W. Boswell.



Chad A. Miller.



John J. Molina.



Connections to the Grads



Patrick D'Arrigo.



Aaron M. Sheiern.



Enrique Mercado.



Michael R. Walton.



Matthew Hennessy.



Jordan I. Purrington.



Matthew C. Quealy.



Gregory D. Harvey.



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