

# Fun in the Field!

LAFD



Smokey and me after naptime! Well, naptime for Smokey.

## More Fun in the Field!

Club Counselor Gedina Bergstrom continues her tour through the City's Fire Stations.

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With more than 70 Fire Stations under my belt, the phrase "soda pop" has become a regular part of my vocabulary. But until this week I thought that it meant "meet in the kitchen." I was very wrong. It means there is a lady in the



station! Can you believe that? The department has a code word for ladies in their house.

I thought it was pretty cool, so I wanted to share that little detail! I can say "thank you" to Station 1 for that bit of information.

Also, I was very honored to meet one of the two dogs in the LAFD. Meet Smokey. He lives in Station 69 and is a rock star!

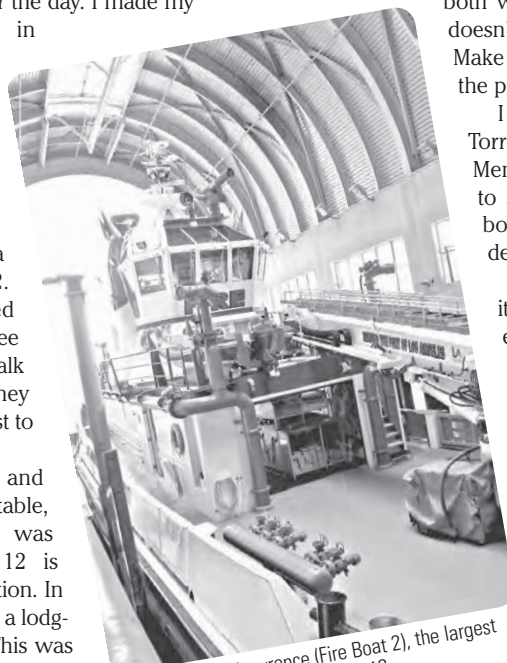


Meet Smokey from Station 69!

### Harbor for the day

Boy, did I get lucky on Aug. 24! I had planned to be in the Harbor for the day. I made my appointments, checked in with the Captains and headed down. Once I reached Fire Station 40 with Capt. Marquez, I realized that Fire Stations 111 and 110 weren't going to be able to meet me because they had a dive gear fitting at 112. Capt. Marquez suggested that I reach out to 112 to see if I could come by and talk about the Club, and they kindly accepted my request to stop by.

Capt. Lambert and McElroy were very hospitable, and when I arrived I was stunned. Fire Station 112 is amazing, truly an epic station. In the middle of the station is a lodging place for their boat. This was not just any vessel, but it had all the bells and the whistles: tanks of foam for oil spills, massive pumps, ladders, kitchen, engine rooms, and get this, it can go in either direction! There are



The Warner L. Lawrence (Fire Boat 2), the largest LAFD boat in the harbor, at FS 112.

two command centers facing both ways so that the boat doesn't have to turn around. Make sure to check out all the pics!

I want to thank Abel Torres, a longtime Club Member, who was happy to show me around the boat and get in to all the details about the vessel!

Now, here's where it gets even more interesting: After my tour, guess who showed up? Fire Stations 111, 110, and 49 on the smaller boats! So not only did I get to talk with all the guys and fill them in on the Club, but I was able to see all of the apparatuses that the Department

uses in the water! Big thanks to all the stations for showing me the ropes in the Harbor and for becoming Club Members.



Looking through to the inside of Fire Boat 2.



The first of the smaller LAFD fire boats arrives to get fitted with dive gear.



The boat on top of the boat!



The three smaller LAFD fire boats arrived from FS 110, 111 and 49.



The massive machinery on Fire Boat 2.

### Fireman Cookbook

On Aug. 30, I learned two things visiting Fire Stations 7 and 87.

First, did you know that the LAFD has a chef? Well, at Fire Station 87, I met the ever-talented Firefighter Cruz Macias. Some people call themselves a chef, but he actually has a cookbook! Can you believe it! He shared his favorite recipe, enchilada casserole, which most Fireman find delectable. His cookbook is for the busy Fireman who has very little time to make a lot happen in the kitchen. His recipes are simple to make, fun to eat, and taste amazing! You can get your own copy for \$10 at [www.FiremanFavorites.com](http://www.FiremanFavorites.com)

Secondly, did you know that back in the 1950s when Fire Stations were being built in Los Angeles that they were created as houses with separate garages so that they would blend in with the surrounding neighborhood homes? Well, it is true, and I found this out when I visited Fire Station 7. The C Platoon explained this to me; I was awestruck when I showed up to find the Engine in a garage rather than in the station. Check out the pic!

Big thanks to all whom I visited in August, and especially to Firefighter Cruz Macias and the C Platoon at FS 7.



Chef Cruz

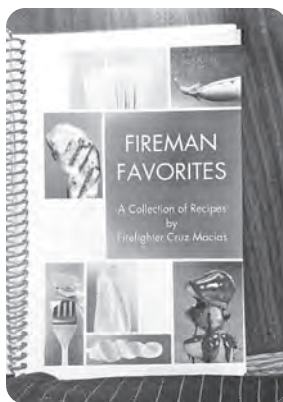
Fire Fighter/ Chef Cruz Macias, FS 87.



An enchilada casserole, one of the favorite dishes of Firefighter/Chef Cruz Macias.



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Fire Station 7: The only LAFD station with an unattached garage.

