



Honoring Sacramento Fire Reserve's 50th Anniversary

HEREAS, in 1953, the Reserves began as the Sacramento Fire Auxiliary for Civil Defense; and

HEREAS, on December 1, 1953, the first class of 29 volunteer reserve trainees graduated after the completion of 27 hours of drill under Captain Lawrence Davis; and

HEREAS, during the past 50 years, the volunteer Reserves have grown to 837 members, past and present, and have assisted at over 4,500 fires; and

HEREAS, Reserve firefighters are trained and certified by department personnel to the Firefighter I level, as well as Medical First Responder, and are dispatched to multiple alarm fires, Level 3 Haz-Mat incidents and other emergencies and events whenever additional resources are required; and

[] HEREAS, Reserve firefighters provide supplemental staffing and EMS standby at the scene of emergencies and have a direct role in decontamination at Haz-Mat incidents and water rescues county-wide; and

HEREAS, firefighters, who believe that qualified people committed to service can greatly benefit the community that they serve, volunteer over 43,000 hours annually toward community service activities and support to the Sacramento Fire Department; and

/HEREAS, the Fire Reserve has been an important element of the fire protection service provided to the City of Sacramento.

JOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby honor and congratulate the Sacramento Fire Department Reserve on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

ISSUED: This 20th Day of May 2003.

DAVE JONES, DISTRICE