

## FRANK'S WEEKLY MEMO



### City Recognized as 'Climate Action Leader'



The City of Palo Alto successfully completed all the steps in the California Climate Action Registry greenhouse gas inventory certification process for 2006, earning the Registry's "Climate Action Leader" status for the second year in a row. The City expects to complete its greenhouse gas inventory for calendar year 2007 by September 2008. The emissions inventory is for all municipal government operations and is available to the general public at the Climate Action Registry web site,

<http://www.climateregistry.org/CARROT/public/reports.aspx>

Karl Van Orsdol accepted the Award on behalf of the City from Linda Adams, the Secretary of California Environmental Protection Agency.

### Palo Alto Fire Joins Santa Clara County Wild Fire Efforts

Palo Alto Fire Department (PAFD) resources have been very involved with the Santa Clara County effort to respond to recent wild land fires. Palo Alto Engine 6 with four personnel was deployed as part of a County Strike Team. In addition, one Fire Captain was sent as a Strike Team Leader Aide. PAFD personnel were deployed on Friday afternoon and assigned to the Traban Fire in the Santa Cruz area. On Saturday, PAFD was requested to respond with a Type III wild land engine with crew to the Mount Madonna Fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Three personnel with Engine 9 responded to that incident.

PAFD Engine 6 crew returned from the Traban Fire on Sunday afternoon and an hour later was requested to respond to the Oroville area fires in Northern California, again as a part of a Santa Clara County Strike Team. A PAFD Fire Captain was sent as the Strike Team Leader Aide. Their Strike Team was initially deployed to the community of Magania, approximately 20 miles northeast of Oroville, to assist with structure protection. As of Tuesday night, they were reassigned to the Silver Dollar Fire in Butte County and are currently working on that incident. The length of their deployment is unknown at this time. PAFD currently has one Type I engine with four personnel and one Captain as a Strike Team Leader Aide committed out-of-county.



PAFD Engine 9 was released from the Mount Madonna Fire on Monday afternoon and has returned to Palo Alto.

For more information about current fires, visit the CAL FIRE Incidents Page at [http://www.fire.ca.gov/index\\_incidents.php](http://www.fire.ca.gov/index_incidents.php)

### **Community Services Summer Camps & Aquatics**

The Community Services Department began its Summer Camps & Aquatics season on Monday, June 23. Over 5,000 participants are registered in Arts, Sciences, Recreation, Aquatics and Sports programs. Nearly 150 hourly employees provide these fun and enriching experiences. These employees completed a week-long session in which they received training in first aid, CPR, customer service, leadership, decision making, problem solving, program development and rescue skills. The department continues to offer programs. Further information can be obtained by calling (650) 463-4900 or visiting [www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy)

### **Summer 2008 Internship Program**

The City of Palo Alto began its summer internship program with an orientation on Monday, June 26. Acting Deputy City Manager Kelly Morariu kicked off the event by speaking about the challenges of Preparing the Next Generation. Her comments indicated how the internship program provides opportunities for students to get practical experience in local government.

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| Library - Michelle Hyde        | Public Works - Erin Mulberg     |
| Planning - Chandana Rao        | Utilities - Pavan Tadepalli     |
| Planning - Annie Ryan          | Utilities - Jonathan Giffard    |
| Planning - Tina Kim            | Utilities - Carlo Bencomo-Jasso |
| Public Works - Stephanie Heath | Utilities - June Yee            |
| Public Works - Peter Whitford  | Utilities - Hoi Ying Cheung     |

The interns will get an insider's view into management-level work within local government. They will have an opportunity to observe firsthand the efforts of the City to resolve issues while working on a meaningful assignment. They will also have an opportunity to network with professionals in their field of interest. Furthermore, there will be several educational sessions focused on career development followed by an appreciation event at the end of the summer. Welcome and thank you interns!

