



# CITY OF LODI

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation Of Plaque From Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera Systems To The Lodi Fire Department For Saving A Life Utilizing Its Equipment And Recognition Of Fire Department Personnel By Fire Chief Pretz

**MEETING DATE:** January 15, 2003

**PREPARED BY:** Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On December 4, 2002 at 03:16 hours, Engine 2034 (Station 4) was dispatched to an unknown fire at 820 N. Lower Sacramento Rd. While en-route, Engine 2034 received additional information confirming a structure fire in an apartment with persons trapped inside. Upon arrival, Engine 2034's initial report was of flames coming from the front of the structure and lapping over the roof through the front door and window. Engine 2034 went into service with an 1 3/4 inch hand line and attempted to effect rescue. With the arrival of Battalion 2011 (incident commander) a second alarm was called. A second alarm initiates the response of additional fire equipment from Woodbridge and Mokelumne, as well as off duty Lodi Fire Department personnel. Firefighting crews were advised the victim may be located in the front bedroom. Truck 2051, with its four person crew, split into two teams; one to perform ventilation and the other to search and rescue duties. The rescue team entered the apartment under heavy smoke conditions with the Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera. The victim was located in the dining room area and removed within one minute of being found. It was estimated that without the Thermal Imaging Camera, it would have taken several more minutes to locate the victim. When found, the victim was not breathing and first aid was immediately begun. Once the victim began breathing, the patient was turned over to AMR for further treatment and transport to the hospital. The fire was contained to the apartment of origin. However, several apartments were evacuated due to dense smoke and proximity to the fire.

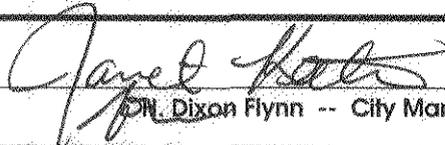
On November 24, 2002, engine 2032 and was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 1649 Victor Road. Upon arrival, crews found a single family dwelling well involved with flames coming through the roof and rear of the structure. Engine 2032 made entry and found flames rolling across the ceiling. The living room, kitchen, dining room and bedroom were all burning at this time. In a coordinated attack, the firefighters from Engines 2032, 2033, 2034 and 2051 attacked the fire, ventilated the building, searched for victims, and established a rapid intervention team. During the primary search, two deceased pets were found. However, all human occupants escaped unharmed.

In both fires, all fireground duties were performed quickly and professionally due in part to training, discipline, and hard work. The men and women of the Lodi Fire Department, especially "B Shift," are to be commended for their efforts.

**FUNDING:** None required

  
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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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