



# EL CERRITO-KENSINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**DATE:** March, 2024

**TO:** Tim Barry: General Manager

**FROM:** Eric Saylor: Fire Chief

**RE:** **Fire Chief's Report for the March 2024 Fire District Board Meeting**

## Administration

Captain/Paramedic Thomas Wade was presented with the Firefighter of the Year award from Chief Saylor. All department personnel vote on the annual Firefighter of the Year. 2023 was Wade's first full year as a Captain--he made quite an impression! Congratulations, Captain/Paramedic Wade!



## Operations

On February 3, Captain/Paramedic Renshaw was picked up by the CHP from Kensington Park for a rescue mission. The helicopter rescue program is a partnership between ECKFD and CHP that provides medical care and extrication from areas in the region that are inaccessible by vehicle. The ongoing collaboration assures we can rescue our citizens from areas in the East Bay parks that are out of reach from our vehicles.





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On Saturday, February 3, ECKFD assisted Contra Costa Fire in suppressing a residential house fire. At 4:16 am, dispatchers received multiple phone calls reporting a single-family residential home was on fire on Mifflin Avenue in El Sobrante. The first units on the scene confirmed heavy fire was visible from the front of the house. Firefighters immediately conducted a primary search and found one person in the home. The fire was contained to the single home. Medics on the scene transported the occupant to an area hospital in critical condition. Additional assistance came from the Richmond Fire Department and Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District.



### Public Outreach

On February 16, E 51 A shift (Captain Gagne, Captain/Paramedic Ciappara, and FF/Paramedic Williams) visited Fairmount School for public education and outreach. The children enjoyed hearing from the firefighters and instructions on how to exit a house safely.





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## Training

New fire recruits from the joint El Cerrito/ Richmond academy spent two days training in a real house on 945 King. The training included fire hose advancement, victim search, and victim removal. The academy currently has three firefighters from ECFD and nine from Richmond. The academy comprises 14 weeks of intense training from joint staff.

