

LAFD Station 69 to Host Fire Service Day

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*Center, Robert Glassman and Captain Thomas Kitahata
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Fire Service Day, an annual event since 1957, will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Station 69, located at 17821 Sunset Blvd. This year's event will be sponsored by law firm Panish Shea Boyle Ravipudi, LLP. The firm started sponsoring the event in 2018, Palisadian and partner Robert Glassman told the *Palisadian-Post*.

“It really was a partnership that was born out of what we do at work and when we first learned about the fire department putting together these events, we thought it was such a great cause to get behind,” the Alphabet Streets resident said. “We owe a debt of gratitude to the entire Los Angeles Fire Department and for us in ... the Palisades, to our local firefighters at Station 69 for putting on these important community events to educate folks on how to prevent the spread of wildfires and what to do ... when it is approaching your home, your family and your community.

“We hope people take advantage of it and come and learn about fire safety.”

Glassman litigates large and complex personal injury, wrongful death and product defect cases on behalf of individuals, and said he has worked in cases that encompass wildfires that have devastated communities.

“There have been more than 1,000 wildfires in California this year already,” Glassman said. “In our representation of wildfire victims, we’ve seen firsthand the serious physical and emotional injuries, as well as millions of dollars in property damages and destruction that wildfires can cause.

“This is one of the big issues we face in the Palisades. The Station 69 crew is so important to us and our families and we want to do everything we can to support them.”

This weekend’s event marks its return to the Palisades since the coronavirus pandemic.

Firefighters invite the public to stop by during the all-day open house, which will include Firehouse Subs at lunch. Tours will be available and T-shirts and hats will be sold to raise funds for LAFD.

In years past, visitors have had the opportunity to tour the station and engines. The firemen have also demonstrated what their equipment does and how they respond to a fire, educated groups on how to protect themselves and their homes, and given a Jaws of Life demonstration.

“Given how important fire safety is for us in the Palisades, it really is an important community event to have every year. If it were up to me, I’d have it more than once a year,” Glassman said. “I’m really excited about bringing everyone back together and having a fun, safe, family-filled day.”