



The Arcadia Hot Sheet

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM AROUND TOWN

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Arcadia Fire Recognized for Prehospital Stroke Care

During a stroke, every second counts. Providing medical treatment before permanent damage occurs can save someone's life. For their excellence in prehospital stroke care, the Arcadia Fire Department has been awarded the Golden Brain Award by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency.

In addition to the department's recognition, the following members of the Arcadia Fire Department are individually recognized for their contributions to exceptional stroke patient care:

- **Firefighter/Paramedics:** Patrick Crook, Erik Johnson, Remington Conatser, Nik Pheng, and James Gauger
- **Fire Engineers:** Chris Klemm and Robert Clark IV
- **Fire Captains:** Richard Harvey, George Coutts, and Travis Ring
- **Ambulance Operators:** Leonard Zamora, Brandon Abboud, and Derek Colon

Presented by the leadership and Emergency Department team at USC Arcadia Hospital on behalf of the Los Angeles County EMS Agency, the award was accepted by Arcadia Battalion Chief Jacob Sutton on behalf of the department.

The Arcadia Fire Department received two awards for having the fastest times to rendering medical treatment for stroke patients, with a response time of 91 minutes for a patient who required a thrombectomy to remove a large-vessel blockage and 35 minutes for a patient who required medication to break up blood clots.



Left to Right: Firefighter/Paramedic Nik Pheng, USC Arcadia Hospital CEO Ike Mmaje, Arcadia Fire Captain George Coutts

Arcadia's Wildfire Preparedness Earns Statewide Recognition

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has released the 2026 Fire Risk Reduction Community List (FRRCL), and Arcadia has been recognized for the first time. Arcadia joins the list of 118 agencies that have demonstrated strong leadership in wildfire planning and community risk reduction. The FRRCL focuses on local agencies within Very High Fire Hazard Severity (VHFHS) Zones that meet California's best practices for wildfire planning. In Arcadia there are about 768 properties located in the VHFHS Zones, which have a greater probability of fire risk due to terrain, mountain proximity, vegetation cover, dry climate and fire history.

As part of its wildfire preparedness planning, Arcadia has conducted home hardening education, defensible space assessments, and passed strict vegetation management codes. The FRRCL serves an important role in California's wildfire resilience framework. Communities included on the list receive priority consideration for CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant funding. The designation also helps local governments coordinate regional wildfire strategies and improve access to resources. Stay Alert Arcadia! Sign up to receive emergency alerts by texting your **Zip Code** to **888777** or visit **ArcadiaCA.gov/Alert**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CITY OF ARCADIA

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TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Free household hazardous & electronic waste drive-thru collection.

Santa Anita Racetrack, Gate 3, W. Huntington Dr. 9:00AM – 3:00PM

ARCADIA POLICE - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Meet Arcadia Police Officers, first responders, & the K-9 Team. Free & open to all. Enjoy live music, games, food vendors, & more!

Arcadia City Hall Lawn, 240 W. Huntington Dr. 6:00PM – 9:00PM

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WELLNESS WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

This workshop, by Aspire Therapy, teaches middle schoolers practical strategies to help stay organized, focused, confident, and motivated.

Arcadia Public Library, 20 W. Duarte Rd. 6:30PM - 7:30PM

EXPLORE DINO DAY

Discover the fascinating world of dinosaurs and fossils and connect with paleontologists from the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology.

Gilb Museum, 380 W. Huntington Dr. 1:30PM - 3:30PM

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FREE HEALTH FAIR

Get free flu shots, doctor consultations, mammograms, dental screening, and other health assessments.

Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Recreation or call (626) 574-5113 for details.

Arcadia Community Center, 375 Campus Dr. 9AM - 12PM