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**OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT FIRE STATION  
“BROWN OUTS” AS COST SAVINGS MEASURE**

*Oakland, CA* – On July 1, 2012, the Oakland Fire Department began rotating fire station closures as adopted in the City’s two-year budget. It is anticipated that rotating station closures will save the City of Oakland approximately \$4 million per year through June 30, 2013. “We understand that closing fire stations could potentially impact service to Oakland residents, however we have planned for this and will do our best to continue to provide the level of service our community expects” stated Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed. All Oakland Fire Department stations (except the airport) will participate in the brown-out rotations, where two stations per day will close in the City of Oakland for a three day period.

Fire stations will brown-out on an equal rotating basis, determined by the geographical location and wildfire season. Station closures will be spread across the City to reduce the impact on any specific geographical portion of the City. Only one company per battalion will be browned-out at a time. “We gave a great deal of consideration as to how we would implement the brown-outs with minimal impact to service” said Chief Reed.

During times when fire conditions warrant, such as red flag days or high fire danger, we will provide district coverage for the hill areas.

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