

April 18, 2014

City Manager Report

"I read the news today, oh boy..." (Lennon/McCartney)



'I've Got to Admit it's Getting Better A Little Better All the Time' – Lennon/McCartney

Medal for Lifesaving



Deputy Jeremiah Prescott was working as a Special Enforcement Team (SET) Deputy in the city of San Clemente on the evening of August 9, 2013 with his SET partner, Deputy Covington. The Deputies were stopped in an alley when Deputy Prescott heard what sounded like a traffic collision. Although traffic enforcement is not part of SET duties the deputies drove over to find a terrible crash scene. A motorcycle rider had been thrown over 50 feet and was lying lifeless in the street. The victim was not breathing and there was no pulse found. Deputy Prescott along with a retired LA City Firefighter, who had witnessed the accident began CPR. The chances of restoring a pulse to a traumatic full cardiac arrest victim are estimated at about one percent. Against all odds, the man survived his life-threatening injuries. Without question, the effective and immediate CPR performed by Deputy Jeremiah Prescott and retired firefighter Gary Clark saved the man's life.

On April 17, 2014 our own Deputy Prescott was awarded a Medal for Lifesaving at the annual OCSD Medal of Valor ceremony attended by law enforcement, elected officials, and staff from supporting cities all over Orange County. The Medal for Lifesaving is awarded for extraordinary actions while affecting, or attempting to affect a lifesaving rescue or any other act, which if successful would be considered lifesaving. This award is made for actions rendered beyond normal first aid and without danger to the employee.

Thank you for your selfless act Deputy Prescott. We are proud to have you as a member of San Clemente's Police Services. Deputy Prescott will also be honored at the City Council meeting on May 6th.



All Cleaned Up

Thank You to the 264 Marines who showed up on Monday April 14th, and volunteered their service to put a fresh coat of paint on our municipal pier, cleaned up our beaches, and spruced up Park Semper Fi. Hoo-Rah!

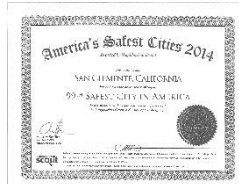


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Safe City

The success of any crime prevention strategy requires a resourceful, vigilant police force and the full commitment of a city's residents. Recently, our Police Services Department received a letter of Congratulations naming the City of San Clemente as one of the 100 safest cities in America by Neighborhood Scout.



Seasonal Ambulance

We are all set for the seasonal ambulance service to start May 2nd. The seasonal ambulance will operate out of Station 50, located at 670 Camino Los Mares. Based on demand, this seasonal ambulance will operate from 9am to 9pm, seven days a week and will significantly improve our ambulance response times to emergencies during the summer months. It's all about *Safety!*

It is Getting Better All the Time



Our Community Development Office has a Self Service Information Center. The Center provides basic information regarding, Engineering, Code Enforcement, Waste Management, Building and Safety, Planning, Housing, and Business Liaisons.

When visitors arrive, they are greeted by the Customer Service Liaison, Susan Mathieu, who assess the customer's needs. If a customer is seeking basic information, Susan directs them center and provides them the handouts. This helps the customer and staff in two ways. If the customer can find their information, they do not need to wait to speak to a staff member, reducing wait times. If the customer needs additional information, the handouts provide a basic knowledge so they can ask more relevant questions to fully address their needs. There is also a computer in the Center for customers that need to review building or planning files.

Some examples of available information are:

- Do I need a building permit?
- What to know when having a private party
- Garage Sale information
- Development standards and requirements
- Applications
- Grant information for businesses and home owners
- Information for business owners



May is Bike Month

To celebrate National Bike Month, OCTA has partnered with cities and organizations to promote a wide variety of local events. At a workshop held on April 14th, Orange County Transportation Authority officials gathered with dozens of activists and government representatives to hear their ideas regarding thousands of injuries to local cyclists and numerous deaths in recent years. For a list of events visit

<http://www.octa.net/Share-the-Ride/Bike/Bike-Month/>

On May 21st 6:30 PM-9:00 PM The Ride of Silence will begin in North America and roll across the globe in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Riders will meet at North Beach in San Clemente at 6:30 p.m. to participate in this somber ride. Make sure you have headlight, taillight, and a helmet to participate.

Please join these events and encourage everyone to *bike smart*, and *bike safe*. See you on the Road.

You've got to admit it's getting better all the time!