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**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY**  
**DIVISION 3, BATTALION 6**  
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A Quarterly Update of What's Going on in Division 3

# San Clemente – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

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## OCFA Firefighter Recruit Academy 47

February 18<sup>th</sup> was the first official day of OCFA Firefighter Recruit Academy 47. Forty-eight recruits will train for 16 weeks. Each morning begins with a physical fitness session to prepare them for the rigorous jobs of firefighting.

The Academy began its second week with all the basic firefighting tools: hose, ladders, fire control, fire behavior, reading smoke.

Saving lives is a firefighter's top priority. At times, they put themselves in dangerous situations to keep you safe. The recruits trained on how to

themselves safe with the firefighter survival techniques. They protect one another so protect you. We wish them luck through their journey.



# Fire Apparatus Engineer Promotions



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, OCFA held a promotional ceremony for our recently promoted employees, including our 16 new Fire Apparatus Engineers. They went through an eight-week academy where they learned everything about our fire engines and fire trucks, including pumping water to do our hoses, manipulating our articulating ladders, and, of course, safely driving an enormous piece of apparatus. Congratulations to all of our newly promoted employees!

## Electrical Fire Safety

Protect your family and your home by following these electrical safety tips:

- Always plug major appliances directly into wall outlets.
- Unplug small appliances when they are not in use.
- Replace any cracked, damaged, or loose cords on appliances.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.
- Never overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Insert tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.
- Extension cords are meant for short-term use only.
- Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use surge protectors, not power strips, with electrical devices that require a lot of electricity to operate.

## Electrical Fire Warning Signs

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
- Flickering lights
- Sparks from an outlet







# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



*Household hazardous waste includes cleaning products, aerosol cans, pesticides, batteries, paint, lighter fluid, and gasoline.*



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*Leftover products that are corrosive, toxic, or can catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances are considered household hazardous waste. These products require special care to prevent fire, injury, or pollution of the environment.*

## Use and Storage

- Keep flammable liquids away from heat sources and open flames, such as hot water heaters and fireplaces.
- Don't smoke while using any type of flammable product, including nail polish, polish remover, alcohol-based hair products, and similar cosmetic items.
- Follow instructions on the labels of all flammable liquids and other hazardous products carefully to prevent accidents or injuries at home.
- Keep hazardous products in their original containers, and never remove labels or instructions.
- Never mix hazardous products. They might react, ignite, or explode when combined.
- Never leave household hazardous products or waste within reach of children or pets.
- Go green! Look for environmentally friendly products or search online for simple recipes using natural ingredients.

## Disposal

- Never dispose of household hazardous waste in your regular trash. Once in landfills, these products can contaminate groundwater that may become a source of drinking water.
- Never dump household hazardous waste on the ground, down storm drains, or into toilets, drains, or sinks. It can seep into groundwater and waterways, contaminating lakes, the ocean, and local beaches.
- Orange County residents can dispose of household hazardous waste items for FREE at any Orange County House Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
  - Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
  - San Juan Capistrano: 32250 La Pata Avenue
  - Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum Street
  - Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Street
  - [www.oclandfills.com](http://www.oclandfills.com)

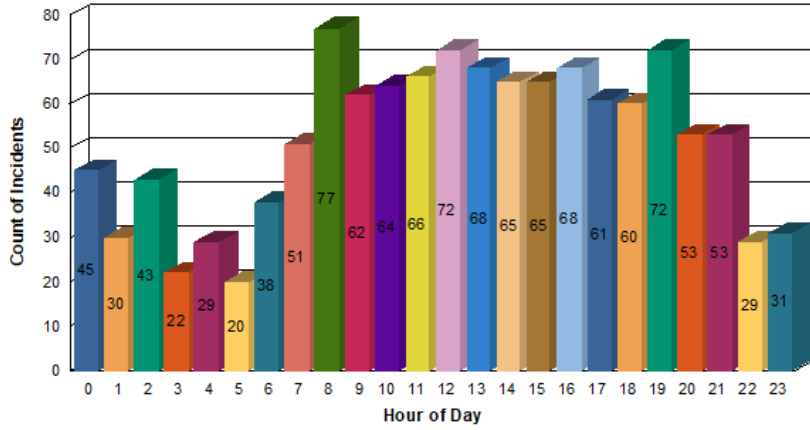
# Incident Responses

CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Monthly Average
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	27	17	8										52	17
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	8	12	9										29	10
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	30	25	41										96	32
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	60	26	41										127	42
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	9	9	9										27	9
Medical Aid- Fall	53	46	61										160	53
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	79	71	53										203	68
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	19	26	33										78	26
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	14	12	14										40	13
Medical Aid- Seizure	17	10	12										39	13
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	42	56	54										152	51
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	22	29	18										69	23
Fire - Structure	4	8	4										16	5
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	0	1	3										4	1
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	7	3	4										14	5
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	48	46	45										139	46
<b>Total Monthly Incidents</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>415</b>

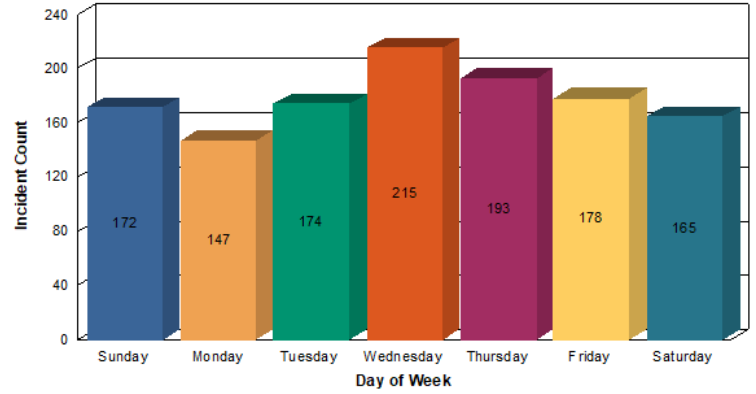
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Medical Aids	380	339	353	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1072	89
Fires	11	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3
Misc	48	46	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	12

# Incidents by Category

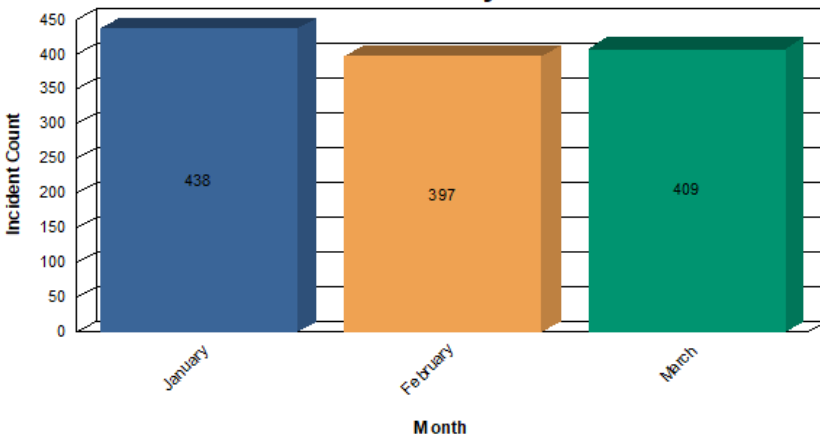
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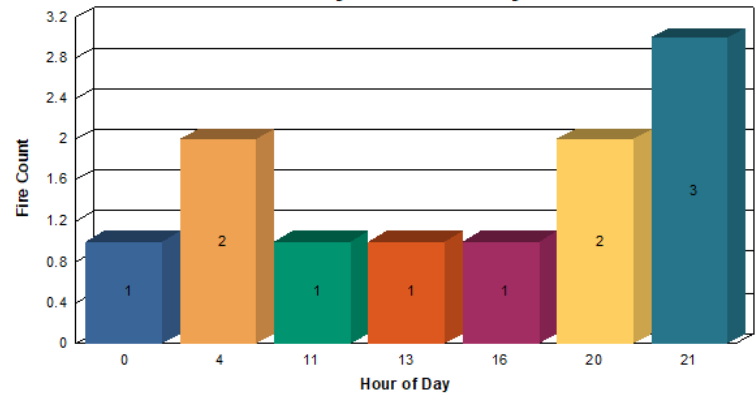
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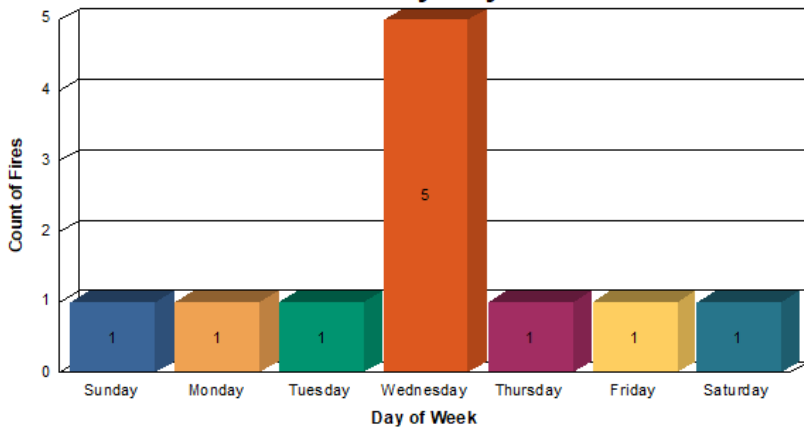
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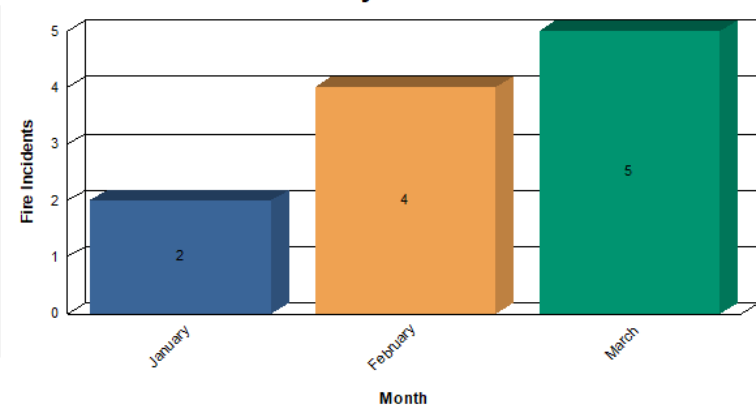
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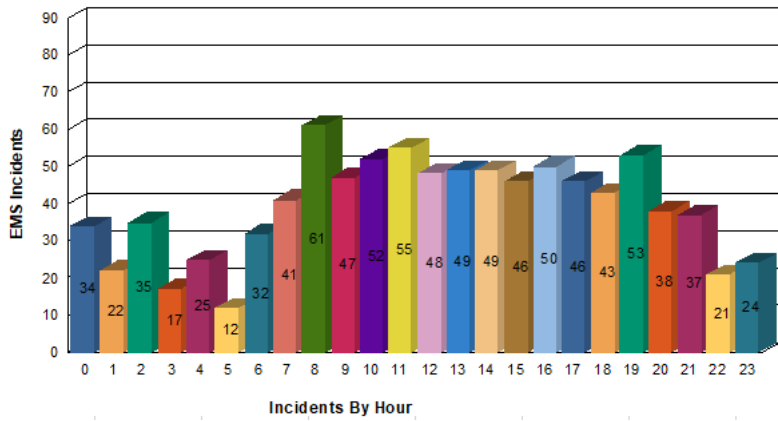
## Fire Incidents By Day of Week



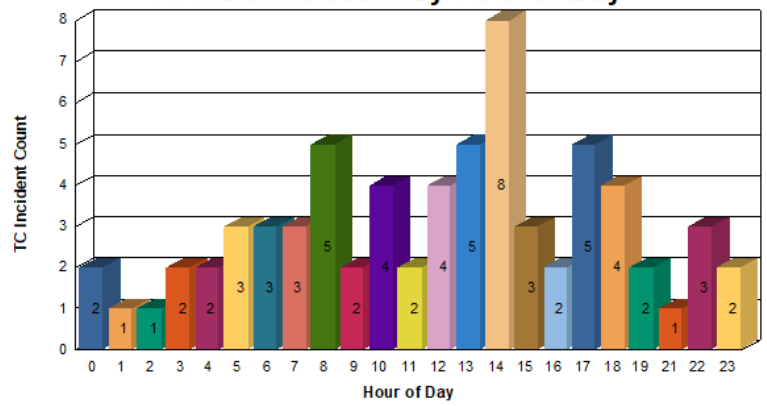
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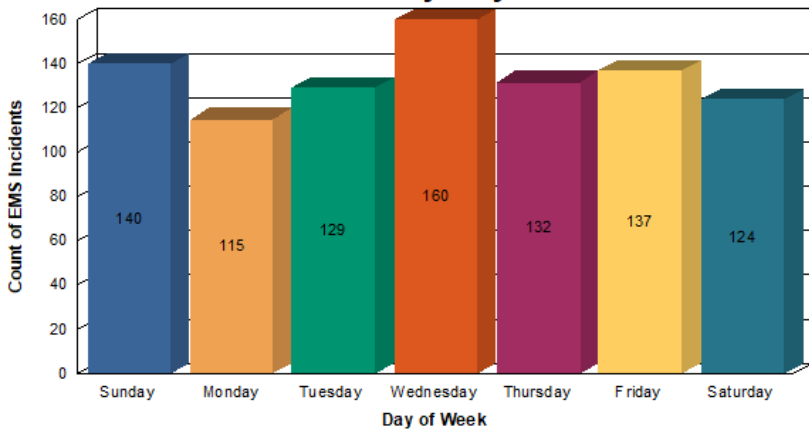
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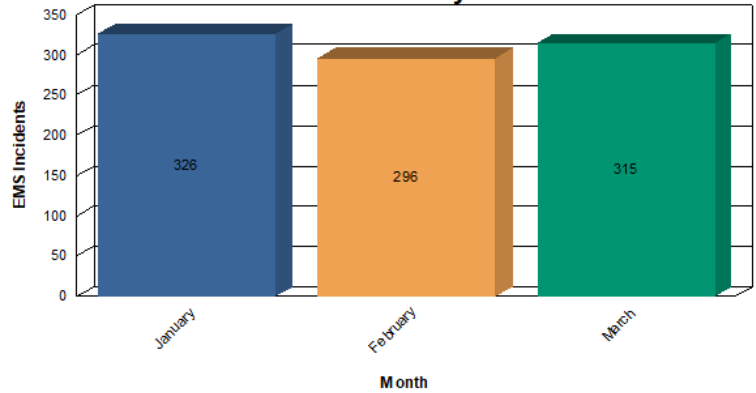
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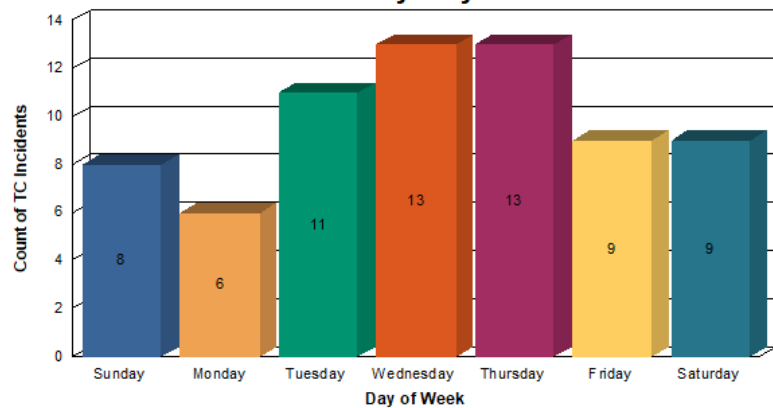
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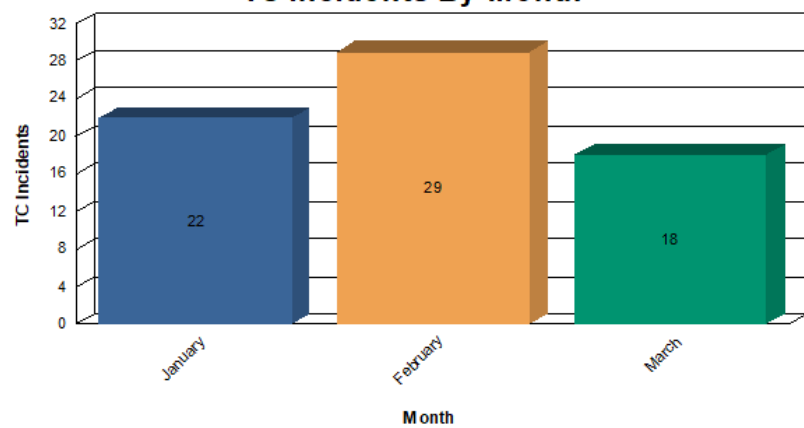
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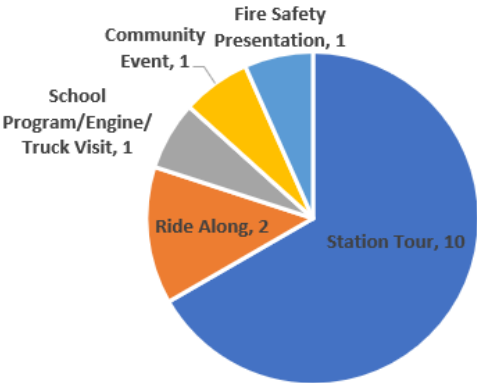
# In the News



Battalion 6 units from Dana Point, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and Rancho Mission Viejo participated in a swift water exercise on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Crews worked on victim rescue with throw bags.



## Jan. - Mar. Community Outreach Events



### Incident # 006287 – January 16<sup>th</sup>

At 1117 hours, a TCCR response was dispatched to Camino Del Rio/ Avenida La pata. Truck 59 arrived on scene at 1122 hours with a vehicle down a ravine approximately 200 yards. Truck 59 requested a technical truck for a low angle rescue and Copter 1 for a hoisting operation. Battalion 7 arrived on scene and reported one mild patient at the bottom of the ravine. Truck 59 assumed rescue group and Engine 56 medical group. Copter 1 arrived on scene, inserted a rescuer and hoisted the patient into the aircraft. The Patient was transported via Copter 1 to Mission hospital.