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A Quarterly Update of What's Going on in Division 3

San Clemente 2020 1st Quarter

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Our Response to COVID-19

The OCFA has maintained our continuity of operations during the threat of Covid-19 here in Orange County. At the direction of Executive Management, an Incident Management Team (IMT) was established early in March to meet the challenges presented by the pandemic. The OCFA saw a sharp rise in our employees testing positive for the virus, which led to a quick response from our team to keep our workforce healthy. The IMT focused on creating new policy, securing our supply chain for PPE and supporting the medical needs through treatment and testing of our members. This event created a level of fear and anxiety in our workforce and their families like we have never experienced. A support network was put into place to keep our people mentally healthy and working. The aggressive planning and support from the IMT proved to be successful, with the return of all 9 sick employees and no positive tests since March. We are better prepared for any challenges we may face from this pandemic in the future.

OCFA IS READY • CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Our Emergency Command Center 911 call takers are the first line of screening for potential Coronavirus patients.

If these patients meet certain risk criteria then...

...the dispatcher information is relayed to the responding firefighters and paramedics.

This allows them to don the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

The receiving hospital will be given notification of the "at-risk" patient and appropriate isolation protocols will be implemented.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

The graphic features three images: a 911 call taker wearing a headset, two paramedics in full PPE (gowns, masks, and gloves) standing on a fire truck, and a hospital hallway with a patient on a gurney being moved.



Thank you...

Our Communities

Hospital Staff

*We are all in
this together*

Second Annual Girls Empowerment Camp

Our second annual Girls Empowerment Camp was a hit! More than 70 girls (and a few lucky boys) woke up early March 7th and 8th to get exposed to what it takes to be a firefighter. Our dedicated firefighters did a tremendous job training the kids, encouraging them, installing confidence, and really having a great time. Hoping to spark their interest in the fire service.

Some of the fun activities included: ropes and knots, rappelling, ladder climb and safety, a confidence course, hose handling, EMS (CPR, first aid, trauma and wound care) and ventilation.



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



When a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move all people and pets outside immediately. Once outside, call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.



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Install

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments, and workplaces.
- Install alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- In the workplace, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in areas where gas appliances are located, as well as areas with identified hazards.
- It is best to use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, all of them sound.

Inspect

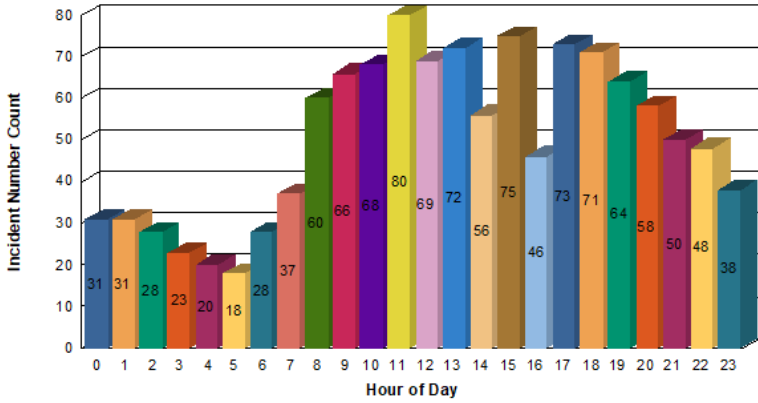
- Test carbon monoxide alarms once a month.

Prevent CO Poisoning

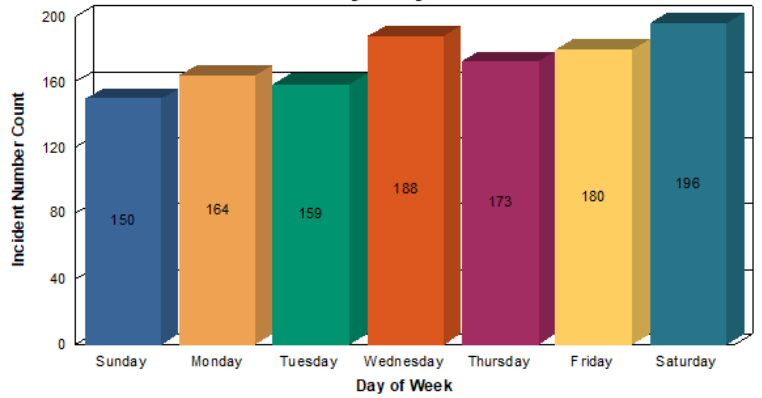
- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas grills, charcoal grills, and generators can produce carbon monoxide. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.

Incidents by Category

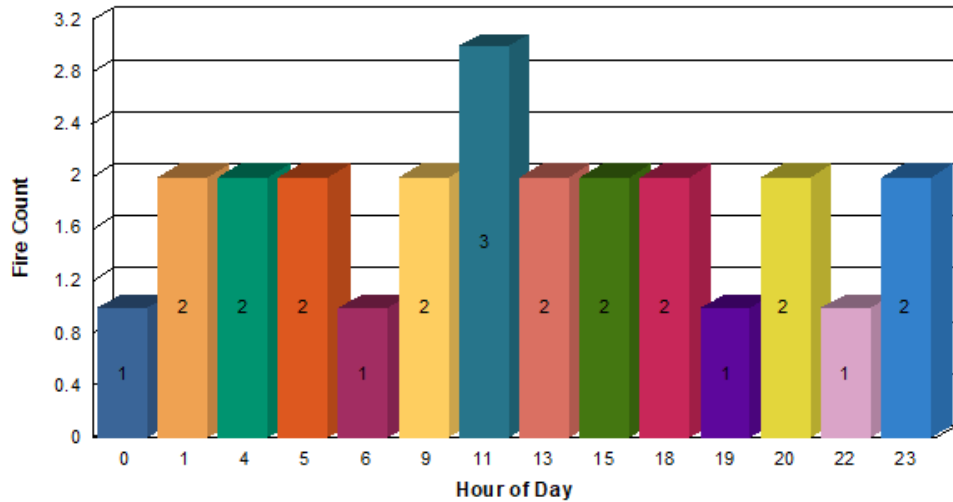
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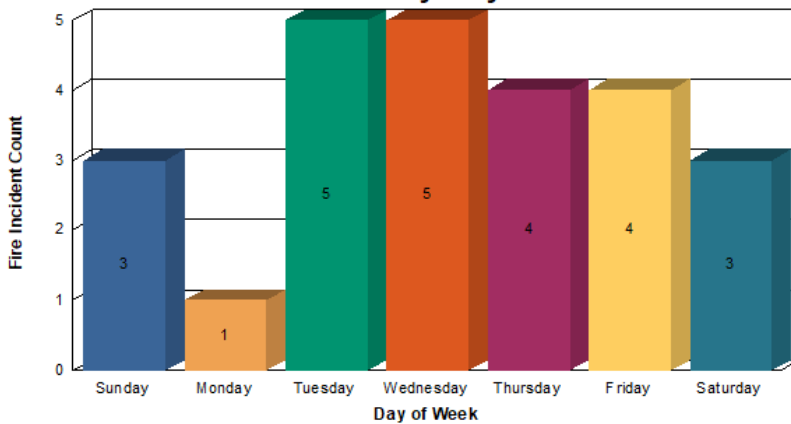
Incident By Day of Week



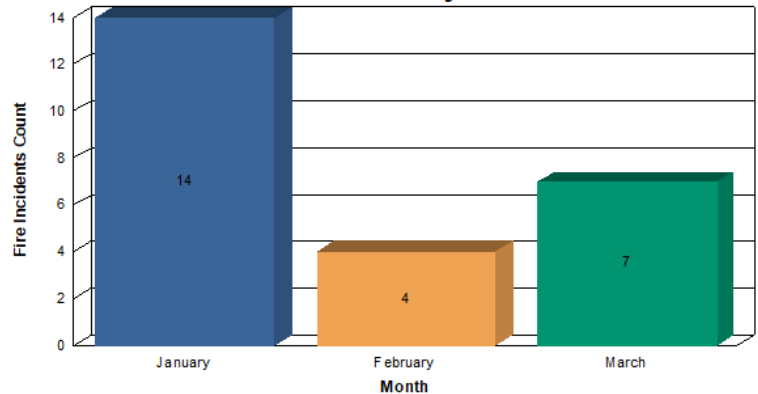
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month



Firefighters in Action

January 8th – Incident # 20-003667

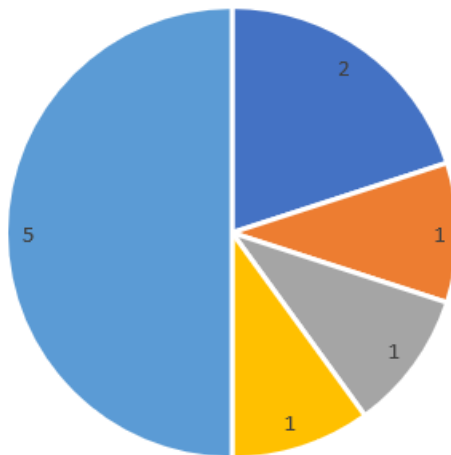
At 2039 hours, units were dispatched to 104 Avenida Mateo #C in San Clemente for an oven fire in a 3-unit apartment. At 2048 hours, Engine 60 reported onscene with light smoke investigating. At 2051 hours, Engine 60 confirmed this was an oven fire that had spread to the kitchen. At 2053 hours, Engine 60 established Mateo Command and advised he could handle with the units onscene. At 2055 hours, B6 took Mateo Command advising this was a 2 story MFD (Multi Family Dwelling) with fire also in the garage. The fire was reported out at 2057 hours. At 2059 hours, MCP T277 had secured the utilities and ECC started both the gas and electric companies. At 2104 hours, B6 reported all clear on the 2nd floor and primary and secondary all clear on the 1st floor; also put the fire under control. The Red Cross was requested for one displaced adult. All units were clear by 2250 hours. *Assisting Agencies: MC Camp Pendleton Fire, Orange County Sheriff, So Cal Gas, San Diego Gas & Electric, and the American Red Cross.*

March 29th – Incident # 20-038644

At 1932 hours a vegetation response was dispatched to SB 5 @ Cristianitos Rd., San Clemente. At 1942 hours MCP Battalion 2707 went on scene of a small vegetation fire, approximately a 20 x 20 foot spot in medium to heavy fuels, no structures threatened, potential of increasing to a 100 x 100 foot spot. Hand Crew 2 was dispatched at 1933 and then canceled enroute at 1954 hours. At 1950 hours Battalion 6 went onscene and established the San Mateo IC. Fire was contained to a 20 x 20 spot. At 2006 hours, all OCFA units cleared and left the scene with MCP Fire.

Community Events

On March 9th the crew from station 60 hosted a dinner for members of the community that purchased the dinner from the PierPride Foundation fundraiser. They had a great time, enjoying steak, brussel sprouts, salad, bread and a s'mores bake for desert. A good time was had by all.



■ School Program/ Engine/ Truck Visit ■ Smoke Alarm Install ■ Community Event ■ Ride Along ■ Station Tour