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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY
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A Quarterly Update of What's Going on in Division 3

San Clemente *2021 1st Quarter*

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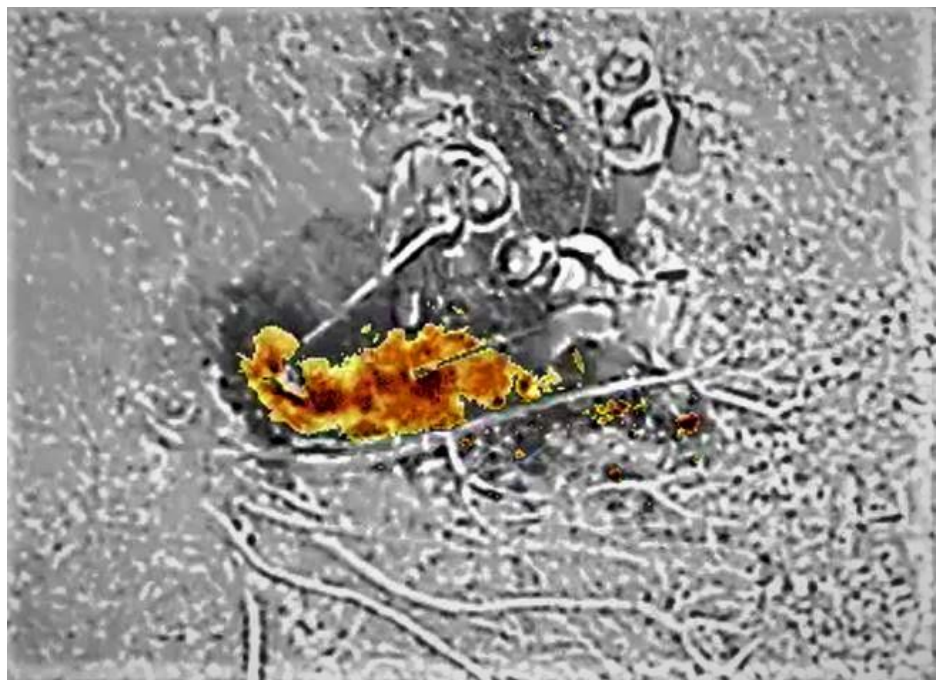
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INFRARED TECHNOLOGY FINDS HIDDEN FIRES



Because of the dangers of smoldering embers potentially causing additional fires (the Canyon 2 fire was caused by embers from the first Canyon fire that had smoldered for 10 days), firefighters must scour an extinguished fire for lingering hot spots. Aerial drones using infrared technology have proven to be tremendously useful in detecting these hot spots.

Above is an image taken from a drone that directed firefighters to a hot spot on the recent Bond fire in Silverado Canyon.

SAVE CARDS... FOR THOSE IN NEED



SAVE (which stands for Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency) cards provide victims of catastrophic loss with a starting point, whether it's buying a meal or picking up some clothes.

The SAVE program is financed through private donations to the California Fire Foundation, which helps families of fallen firefighters, firefighters, and the communities they protect.

OCFA and the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association work together to bring this program to our community.

To donate to SAVE program, visit CFF at tinyurl.com/27bm5ext.

Firefighters seen here provided several families in the Silverado Canyon \$250 gift cards through the SAVE program to assist in recovering from the recent mudslides.



Community Education Virtual Presentations

Did you know we offer virtual safety presentations to businesses, civic associations, and other community groups? We cover a variety of topics to serve our communities:

- ✓ Fire Safety (Fire Prevention, Home Escape Plans and Evacuation)
- ✓ Disaster Preparedness
- ✓ Senior Safety
- ✓ Drowning Prevention



Anyone that lives, works, or goes to school in our service area can request a virtual presentation at: bit.ly/OCFAPresentation

BBQ SAFETY



A BBQ that is too close to items that can burn is a fire hazard. Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and avoid a grilling fire.



If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.



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Grilling Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should be used outdoors only.
- Grills should be placed a safe distance from the home, deck railings, tables, overhanging branches, and areas where people gather.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below the grill.
- Never leave a heated grill, lighter, or matches unattended.

Charcoal Grills

- If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire while cooking.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool (for about 48 hours) before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before grilling.
- If your grill has a gas leak, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If a leak occurs while grilling, call the fire department.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

ON AVERAGE, THERE ARE **10,200** GRILLING FIRES PER YEAR



89%
started by gas grills



57%
occur May-Aug



160
injuries per year



\$123 MILLION
property damage

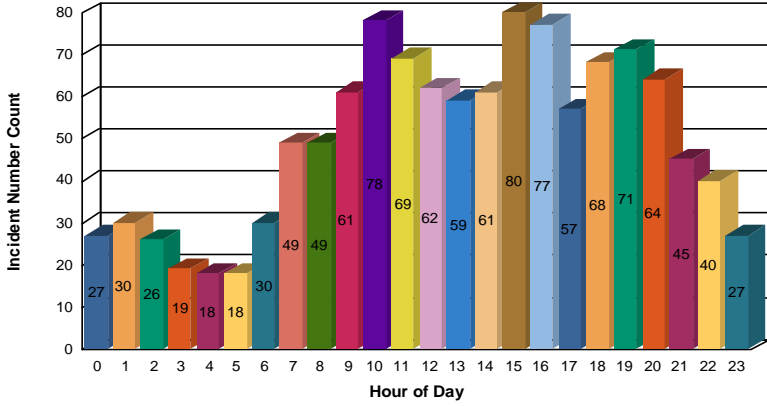
Incident Responses

CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Monthly Average
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	10	20	5										35	12
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	5	14	7										26	9
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	18	19	28										65	22
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	35	40	37										112	37
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	9	11	5										25	8
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1	0	1										2	1
Medical Aid- Fall	62	62	59										183	61
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	20	23	28										71	24
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	17	10	11										38	13
Medical Aid- Seizure	16	8	17										41	14
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	151	109	98										358	119
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	22	13	23										58	19
Fire - Structure	5	1	3										9	3
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	2	1	1										4	1
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	3	3										18	6
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	52	47	40										139	46
Total Monthly Incidents	437	381	366	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1184	395

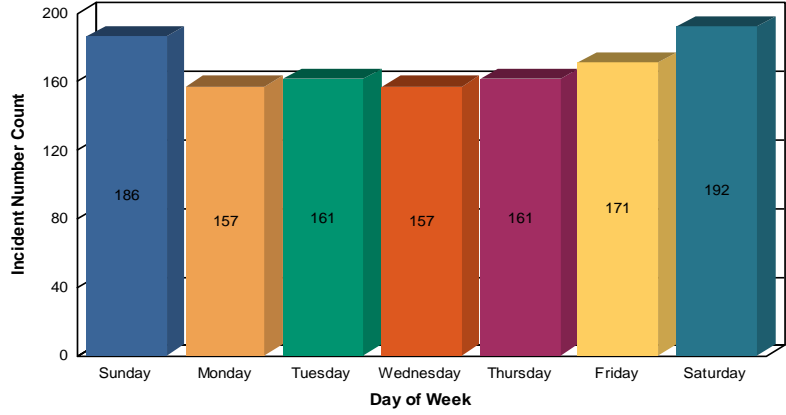
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Medical Aids	366	329	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1014	338
Fires	19	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	10
Misc	52	47	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	46

Incidents by Category

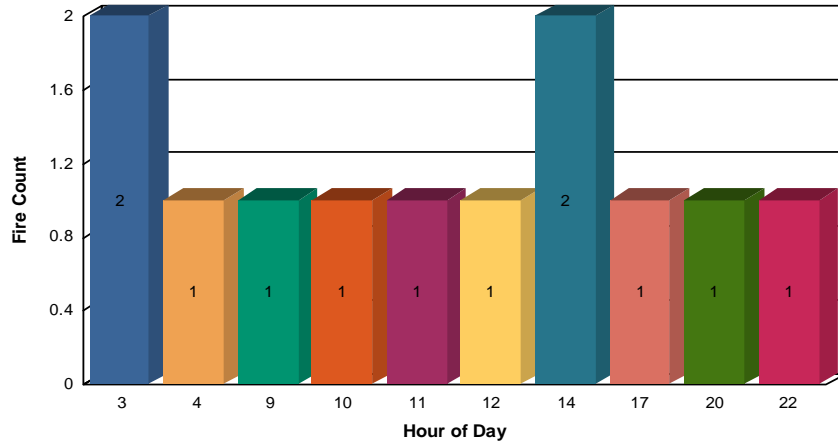
Incident Count by Hour of Day



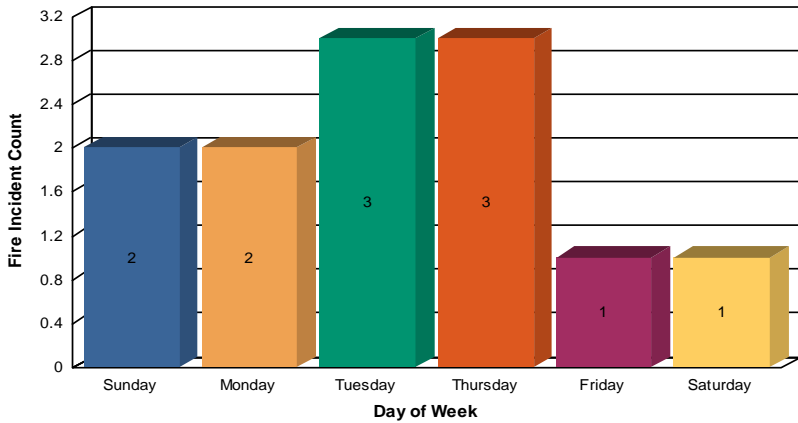
Incident By Day of Week



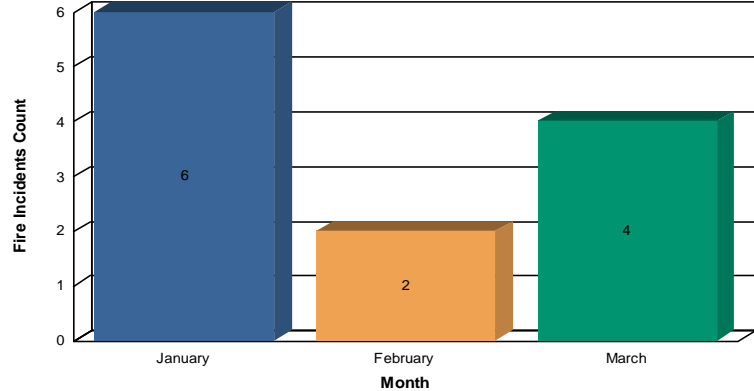
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month



Your Firefighters in Action



Engine 60 gave a fantastic socially distanced school visit at Serra Preschool on March 18th. The crew was highly engaging and captivated the 30 preschool students and 15 adults who were present.

Incident # 21-018663 February 11th

Truck 59 and Engine 60 responded to a trash truck fire near Avenida Pico and Alicante at 1245 hours. Our crews extinguished the fire until a cleanup crew from CR&R arrived and put the debris into a new trash truck. The only damage was to the paint of the trash truck that, ironically, just received a new paint job days before.





On January 2nd Truck 59 practiced aerial and ground ladder placement on buildings. Truck companies are responsible for cutting holes in roofs during a structure fire to provide vertical ventilation for the engine crews inside. They practice “sounding” roofs in order to find structural members to stand on and become familiar with the building construction of buildings they may respond to in the event of a fire.

Incident # 21-028377
March 6th

First alarm commercial structure fire dispatched 400 block of N. El Camino Real. Initial call was for a dumpster fire with extension to building. Engine 60 reported large flames from dumpster involving wood roof of building. Exterior fire knocked down in less than 2 minutes. Firefighters seen here are checking for extension and performing overhaul (making sure fire is out and making access to all hidden spaces that may be hot) between interior and roof.

