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

San Clemente 2021 2nd Quarter

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Historic Aerial Firefighting Comes to Orange County



Wildfire season is year-round in California. On June 14th, in partnership with Southern California Edison, OCFA introduced four helicopters and ground support equipment that will help us fight these fires from the skies as part of the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) program.

This will be the first time in history that a Super Heavy lift helicopter will be hover-filling at night and includes the capability of dropping retardant at night. Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties will each have a combination of aerial firefighting resources assigned to them, supplied and operated by Coulson Aviation. The QRF consists of 2 of the world's largest fire suppression retardant dropping helicopters, each equipped with 3000-gallon water tanks. This is exactly what we need for a more rapid and significant aerial fire suppression resources that will have a substantial impact suppressing or slowing down wildfires.

The aircrafts will be on contract starting June 15th for 180 days.

FIRE GROUND SURVIVAL TRAINING

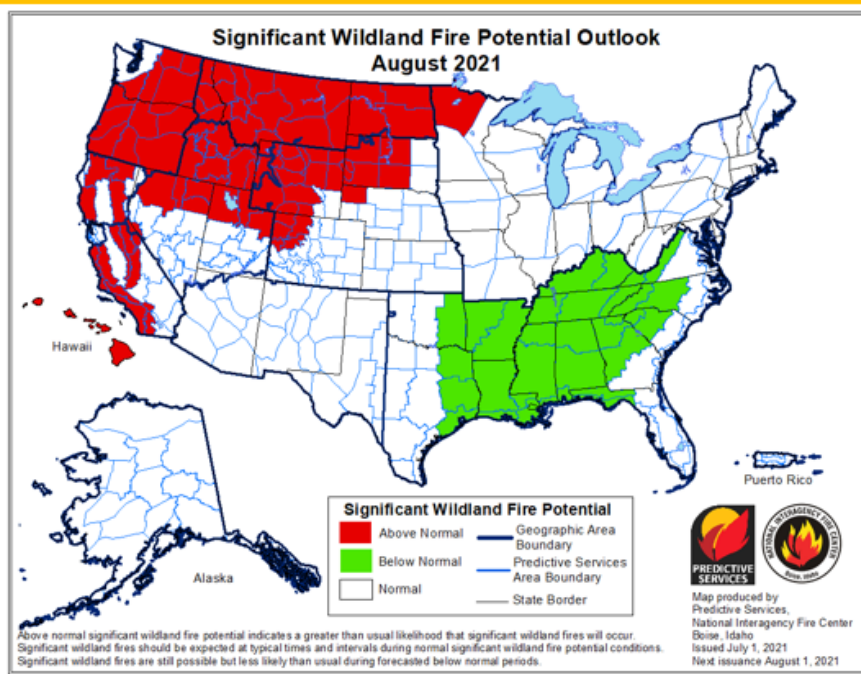


Throughout this 2nd quarter our firefighters have been participating in the International Association of Fire Fighter's Fire Ground Survival program. The program is to ensure that training for Mayday prevention and Mayday operations are consistent between firefighters of all ranks. Firefighters are trained to perform potentially life-saving actions if they become lost, disoriented, injured, low on air or trapped.

There are several scenarios the firefighters train for, disentanglement is one. This could occur when a ceiling collapses and cables entangle a firefighter. Another scenario occurs if a building's entrance is compromised due to a fire or collapse and the firefighter has to exit by another means. Window hangs and ladder bail outs is the training taught for this situation. Firefighters learn how to exit a multiple story building safely and quickly via the window or ladder.

The scenarios taught are based off of actual line-of-duty deaths. We spend a lot of time training how to save other people. The goal of this training is how to save ourselves, so we are there to save our community.

PREDICTIVE FIRE SEASON: JULY - OCTOBER



Significant fire potential will be above normal across most of the Southern California region July through September. However, the San Joaquin Valley and the deserts will continue to have near normal significant fire potential. In October, the significant fire potential will remain above normal across Southern California from the mountains westward, but the rest of the region will have near normal significant fire potential. Exceptional drought remains across the deserts bordering Nevada and Arizona but has now spread to most of the Sierra and the southern San Joaquin Valley. In June, both the 1000-hr and 100-hr dead fuel moistures are below the third percentile and broke many record low values away from the coastal areas. The live fuel moisture continues to slowly dry out and is around a month and a half ahead of where it should be for this time of year. Sea surface temperatures (SSTs) have warmed across much of the Pacific Ocean including the Gulf of Alaska, the West Coast, and the Equatorial Pacific in June. Warming waters off the California Coast will cause the marine layer to become less deep across coastal areas and above average temperatures are likely for all South Ops July through October. Much of Southern California will

have above normal significant fire potential from July to September due to the expected above normal temperatures and the very dry fuel conditions. In October, central California will have near normal significant fire potential as temperatures cool. Above normal significant fire potential will continue across southern California from the mountains westward in October as very dry conditions are expected to continue along with the start of the Santa Ana wind season.

ABC's OF WATER SAFETY



Water safety starts at home. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe!



Children and adults drown without a sound. No one should ever swim alone.



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A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher, actively keeping their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts! Check the water FIRST!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries. Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool and spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.

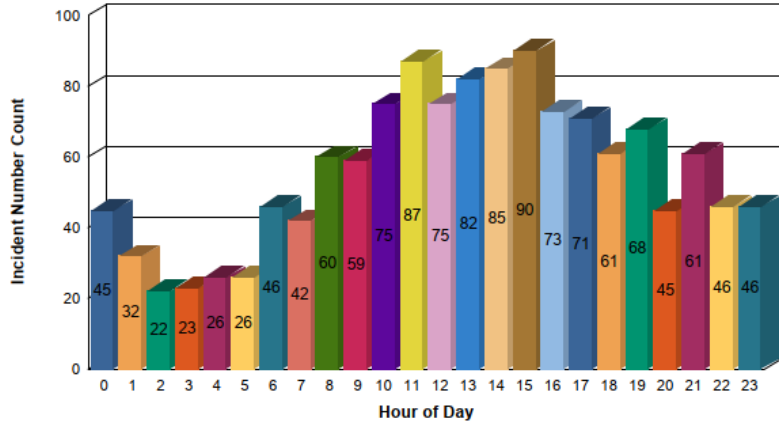
Incident Responses

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	16	15	15							81	14
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	5	14	7	10	10	11							57	10
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	18	19	28	35	32	26							158	26
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	35	40	37	44	40	44							240	40
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	9	11	5	3	6	5							39	7
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1	0	1	0	0	18							20	3
Medical Aid- Fall	62	62	59	72	85	79							419	70
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	20	23	28	29	36	43							179	30
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	17	10	11	17	27	32							114	19
Medical Aid- Seizure	16	8	17	10	17	10							78	13
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	151	109	98	104	113	68							643	107
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	22	13	23	37	38	24							157	26
Fire - Structure	5	1	3	6	2	3							20	3
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	2	1	1	5	2	0							11	2
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	3	3	5	4	5							32	5
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	52	47	40	44	43	56							282	47
Total Monthly Incidents	437	381	366	437	470	439	0	0	0	0	0	0	2530	422

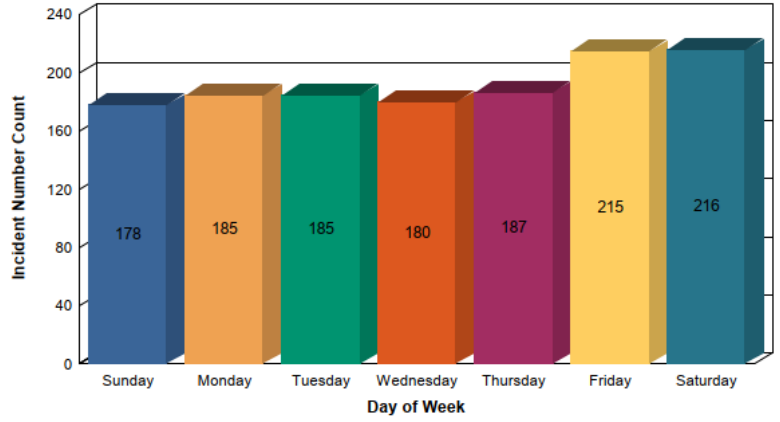
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Medical Aids	366	329	319	377	419	375	0	0	0	0	0	0	2185	364
Fires	19	5	7	16	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	11
Misc	52	47	40	44	43	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	282	47

Incidents by Category

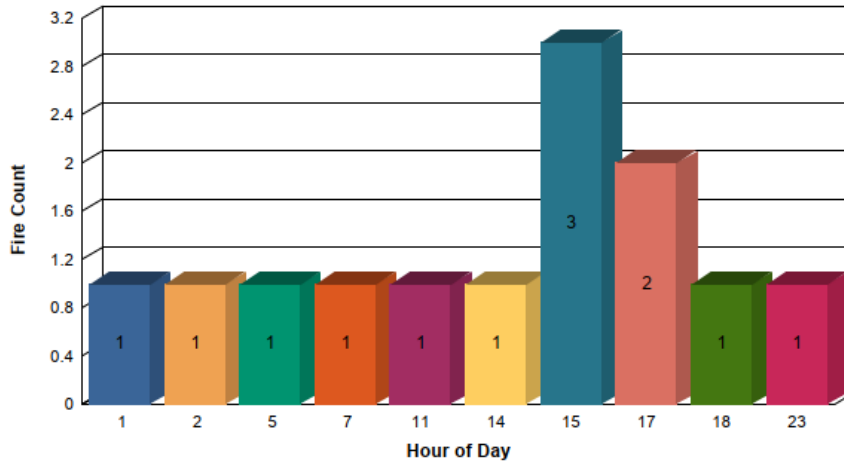
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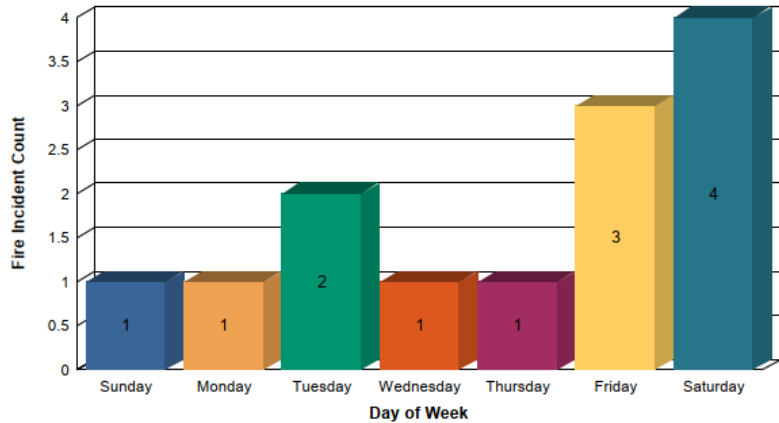
Incident By Day of Week



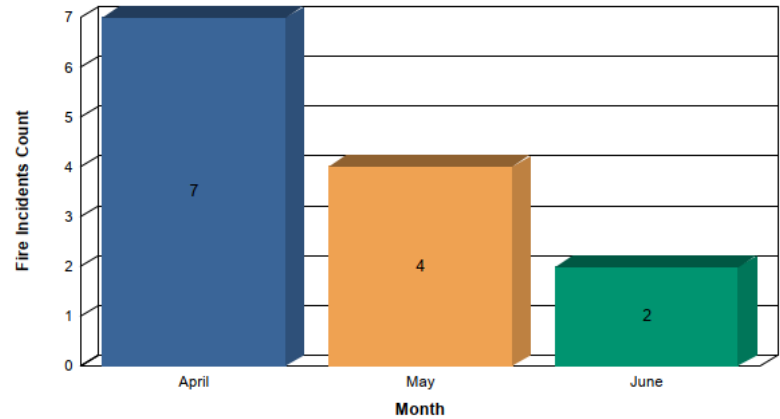
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month

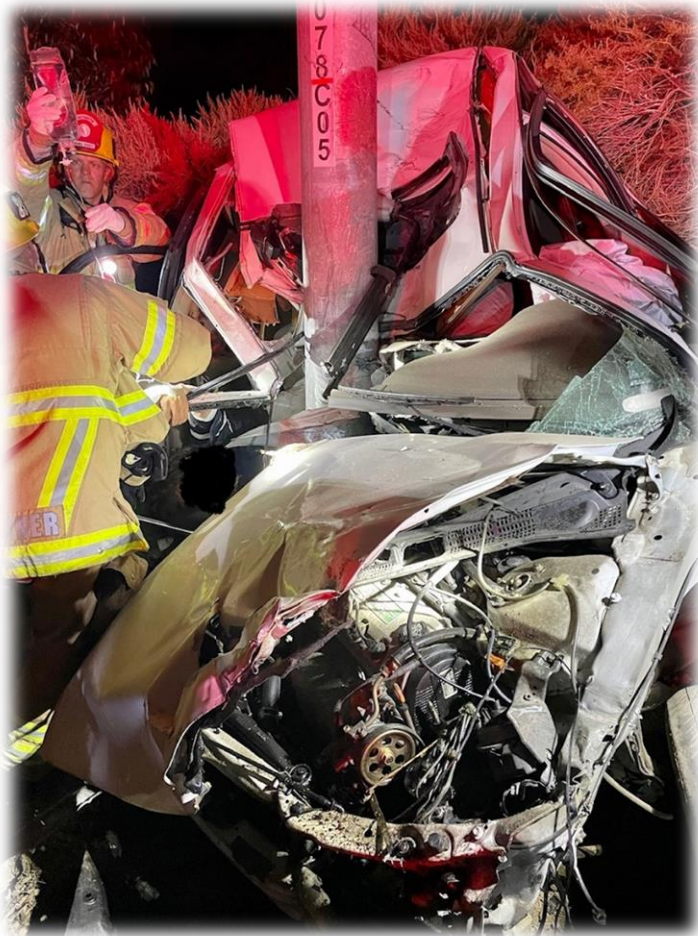


Your Firefighters in Action



April 17th
Incident # 21-045664

At 1803 a structure fire on 1214 Puerta Del Sol was reported to our dispatch center. Truck 59 arrived at 1808 and established Del Sol IC. Fire was in the warehouse area under a table. The table and a trash can burned. The business, Riffe, is a speargun company. The fire started in the manufacturing area and was extinguished by a sprinkler. The fire started in the area where the wooden guns are varnished.



June 7th
Incident # 21-066739

Engine 50 responded to a traffic collision at 0156 hours on the southbound 5 just south of Estrella. Upon arrival incident was upgraded to a cutter as the patient was miraculously still alive but really trapped. The solo driver ran off the road on the right shoulder striking a large sign pole. His pelvis was trapped between the pole and the front passenger seat with his head hanging out the passenger door area and his legs still in the driver's area. It was a fairly complex extrication as there was no easy access to the parts of the car that were pinning him. After removing the doors and roof and cutting away enough other parts of the car, spreaders were used against the rear seat and pole to provide enough separation to free his pelvis and legs. It took about an hour to free him. Patient went in and out of consciousness during rescue.

April 19th
Incident # 21-046248

Engine 60 arrived on scene at northbound 5 Fwy Ave. Presidio off-ramp of a tanker truck fire with the tractor fully involved in fire. The driver was safely out of the vehicle prior to our arrival. The truck carried diesel fuel but fortunately, the tank was empty. Engine 60 pulled a 2.5" attack line to extinguish the fire and cool the tank.



May 31st
Incident # 21-063849

At 0703 hours, ECC received report of a vegetation fire at 753A Erskine Dr. At 0720 hours, Engine 60 arrived on scene to a small fire outside in the rear yard, looked like the homeowner had it out, and continued the assignment while investigating. At 0721 hours, Engine 60 confirmed fire out. BBQ woodchips had caught fire.

June 22nd
Incident # 21-073429

At 1128 hours, ECC dispatched a structure fire response to the address of 162 Avenida Florencia. At 1136 hours, Engine 60 went on scene reporting a three-story multi-family residence with nothing showing, investigating. At 1136 hours Engine 60 reported a fire in an exterior wall. At 1147 hours, Battalion 4 went on scene, established the Florencia IC and reported units were in offensive mode and to upgrade the fire to a working structure fire. At 1148 hours, Battalion 4 advised fire in exterior wall, secondary all clear. At 1214 hours, Battalion 4 advised fire was under control.