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San Clemente 2021 3rd Quarter

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A PART OF CALIFORNIA HISTORY IN THE MAKING

June 2021 marked the start of the largest wildfire in California history – the Dixie fire. It burned 963,309 acres throughout Butte, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta, and Tehama counties.

OCFA dispatched its first strike team, a team of five Type-1 engines and a battalion chief, to the Dixie on August 5th as the fire not only jumped multiple containment lines but had destroyed the town of Greenville. The team was committed to the fire for 14 days straight. After those 14 days that team was sent home and another team made the trip to Northern California to rotate in for the next 14 days, continuing the strong work defending communities.

OCFA sent dedicated personnel all across the state during this time period as multiple fires raged on – both fighting fires and filling valuable Incident Command System positions. We were proud to support the state mission while our men and women kept our department staffed at full-strength and ready to serve at home.



A Valuable Regional Asset

In September our Urban Search and Rescue team (US&R) trained on utilizing various tools to breach through concrete and rebar.

Our team frequently trains on a multitude of rescue techniques. At any moment if a disaster hits the team could be activated and be sent anywhere in the country.

These techniques are frequently used in earthquake disasters, building collapses, and other emergencies.

In June one of our US&R battalion chiefs was dispatched to the Champlain Tower collapse in Surfside, FL to assist with the rescue efforts.



TIME FOR SOME NEW WHEELS

Rubber met the road at the Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania when members of our Apparatus Committee were invited to test drive our newest fire engines on the track as part of the inspection process with the manufacturer in September.

We expect the first of the 13 new Type 1 engines will be serving our community later this year. 1,000+ line-item specifications were met to fulfill the high standards of our OCFA fleet.



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COOKING FIRE SAFETY



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, fire injuries, and fire deaths in Orange County. Follow the tips below to protect yourself and others from cooking fires.



U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 173,200 home structure fires a year caused by cooking. That's approximately 470 home cooking fires a day!



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Cooking Fire Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen, even for a second, turn off the stove.
- Check food often while cooking. Use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, including, oven mitts, paper towels, paper or plastic bags, curtains, or loose clothing away from the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliances.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Turn pot and pan handles towards the back of the stove.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet from the stove.
- Always check the oven to make sure it's empty before turning it on.
- Use the oven for cooking only, never for storage.
- Keep a lid or a fire extinguisher nearby when cooking.
- Avoid cooking while tired/sleepy or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In Case of Fire

- Never pour water on a grease fire! Cover the pan with a lid and turn off the stove.
- If there's a fire in the oven or microwave, keep the door closed and turn off the appliance.
- Leave your home immediately if a cooking fire is large or spreading quickly.
- Close the door behind you to slow the spread of fire and call 9-1-1 from outside the home.
- If you choose to use a fire extinguisher, make sure the fire is not spreading, smoke and fire have not filled the room, and that you have a clear escape path.

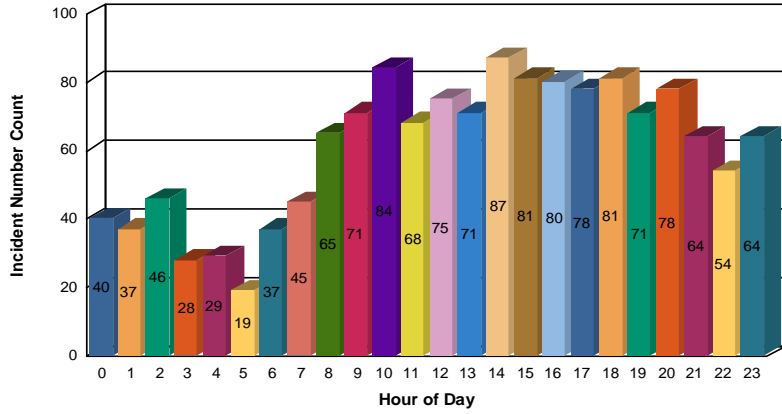
Incident Responses

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	17	11	14				123	14
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	5	14	7	10	10	11	20	15	12				104	12
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	18	19	28	35	32	26	34	31	31				254	28
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	35	40	37	44	40	44	53	38	47				378	42
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	9	11	5	3	6	5	8	8	8				63	7
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1	0	1	0	0	18	19	42	17				98	11
Medical Aid- Fall	62	62	59	72	85	79	84	75	88				666	74
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	20	23	28	29	36	43	50	45	42				316	35
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	17	10	11	17	27	32	24	27	18				183	20
Medical Aid- Seizure	16	8	17	10	17	10	10	16	15				119	13
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	151	109	98	104	113	68	90	84	85				902	100
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	22	13	23	37	38	24	27	24	27				235	26
Fire - Structure	5	1	3	6	2	3	4	3	3				30	3
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	2	1	1	5	2	0	2	3	2				18	2
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	3	3	5	4	5	8	4	5				49	5
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	52	47	40	44	43	56	55	45	50				432	48
Total Monthly Incidents	437	381	366	437	470	439	505	471	464	0	0	0	3970	441

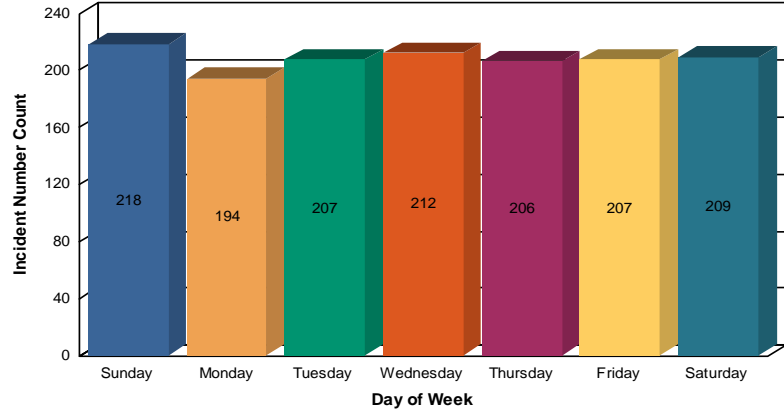
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Medical Aids	366	329	319	377	419	375	436	416	404	0	0	0	3441	382
Fires	19	5	7	16	8	8	14	10	10	0	0	0	97	11
Misc	52	47	40	44	43	56	55	45	50	0	0	0	432	48

Incidents by Category

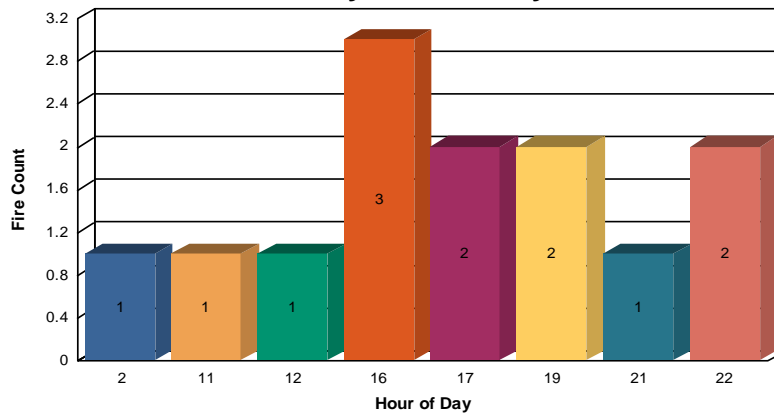
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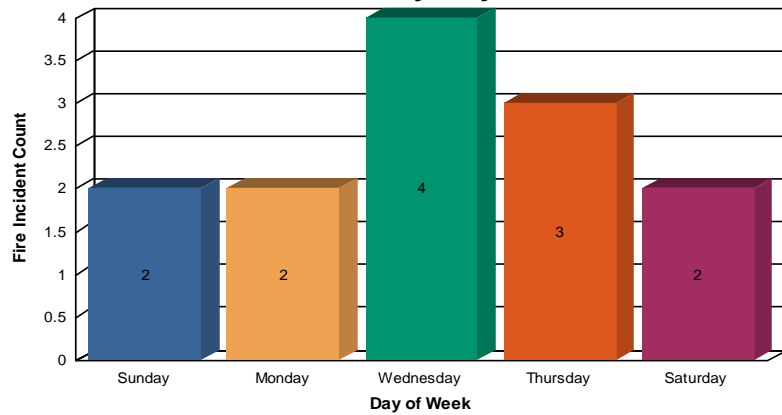
Incident By Day of Week



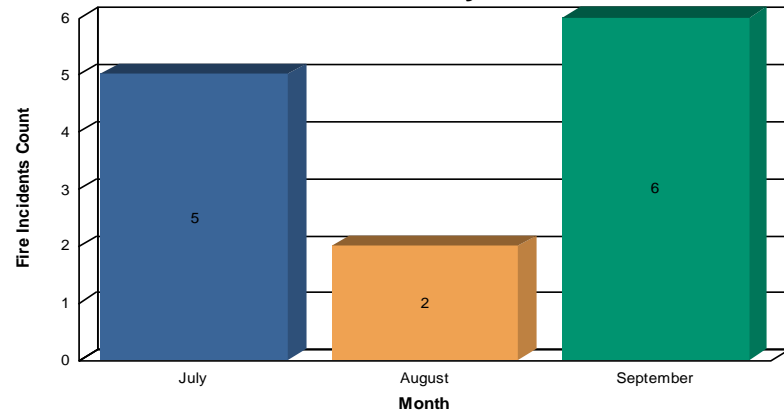
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Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month



Your Firefighters in Action

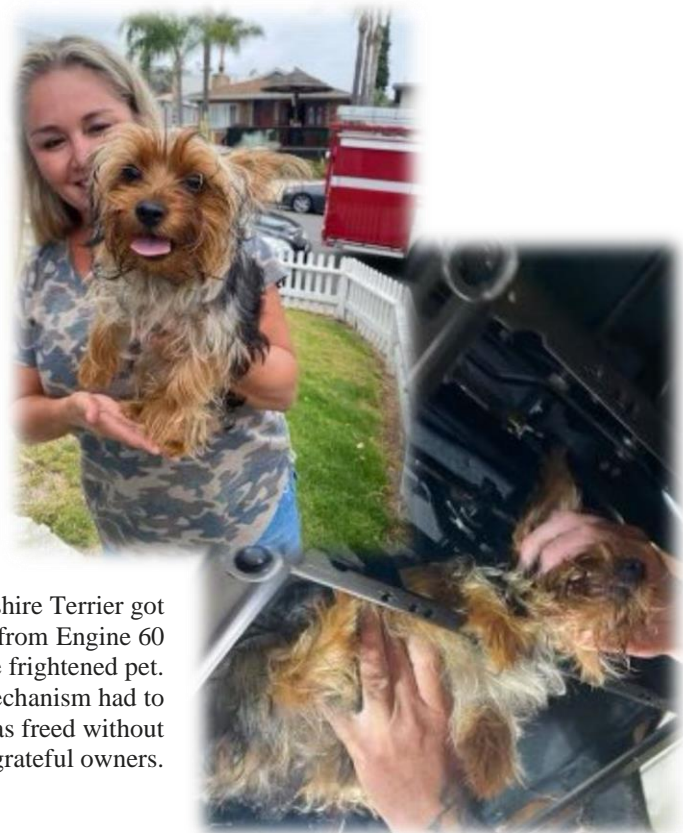
Incident # 21-104260
August 27th



ECC received a report of a ringing alarm from 18 Cresta del Sol, a 3-story vacant house. Firefighters on scene quickly called for a 2nd alarm when they realized there were 2 floors at street level and 1 floor below them with the fire/heat. Firefighters are at very significant risk when there is fire beneath them and a 2nd alarm gives us the resources we need to mitigate these challenges. Every firefighter on scene went to work with some engines and trucks having to work from a completely different street to access the fire hidden inside the walls. Firefighters secured knockdown and performed a heavy-duty overhaul operation to assure no hotspots remained by using saws and hand tools to access challenging void spaces.



Engine 60 lead a 4th of July parade for residents of Vista Del Oceano. They took time afterwards to chat with the community.



On August 22nd a little Yorkshire Terrier got stuck in a recliner. The crew from Engine 60 worked patiently to free the frightened pet. Ultimately, part of the chair mechanism had to be cut away. The dog was freed without injury and released to grateful owners.