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

San Clemente 2021 4th Quarter

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Our annual Spark of Love Toy Drive has officially come to an end. Thanks to your support, we received 35,821 toys for children in need this holiday season and over \$40,000 in monetary donations. We partnered with 92 businesses and organizations within our jurisdiction to collect toys for 104 non-profits. We held three drive-by donation events and one stuff a bus event in conjunction with ABC7. Our events were held at The Market Place, Crossline Church, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa and Santa Ana College. The stories, donations, and “thank you’s” have been heartfelt, encouraging, and have brought positivity to our communities.



Our efforts this year would not have been possible without the help from so many internal and external contacts and organizations. We are grateful for the assistance and support of our cities, community partners, ABC7, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, The Market Place, Santa Ana College and Crossline Community Church. A special recognition to KWAVE for once again being the best partner and truly making this toy drive a success.

NEW APPARATUS TO START THE NEW YEAR

In somewhat good timing with the holiday season, 2021 ended with the OCFA taking delivery of several shiny new apparatus.

Nine Type 1 engines were received, with more to come early 2022. A replacement for Engine 60 has been received and is currently being outfitted.

Our Service Center department received its Air Utility vehicle. The Air Utility delivers supplies that the firefighters need while they are dispatched to certain calls such as working structure fires and vegetation fires. It includes much needed inventory such as a compressor to re-fill their air bottles, additional pre-filled air bottles, and portable lighting equipment for night incidents, as well as much needed supplies for hydration and cooling to help firefighters working on long incidents. These measures are also very important to rehab our firefighters to get them ready for their next call.

A new Foam Tender was also received. This vehicle applies foam to liquid fuel fires (tanker truck, gas leak, etc.). Foam is used as a firefighting agent to remove oxygen from a liquid petroleum fire by placing a barrier on top of the fuel.

All the vehicles have improved capabilities compared to their replacements. Better to serve our crews and our communities.



New Type 1 Engine

UPSTAFFING IN PREPERATION FOR WEATHER EVENTS

With a prediction of locally strong offshore winds and the stored energy potential in our vegetation, red flag warnings were issued during the months of October, November and December.

For the fire weather in October and November we bolstered our forces with an additional fire helicopter, fire dozers, handcrew firefighters, reserve firefighters and additional dispatcher. In addition, a CalOES Type 3 Strike Team was pre-positioned for all of Orange County.

In preparation for our December storms, we upstaffed with the dozer, handcrew, additional helicopter, dispatcher, swift water rescue team and an OES Strike Team. We also put on standby our Incident Management Team to be able to quickly bring command to control to any large incident that could have occurred.

We know our community takes preparedness seriously. We are proud to be by your side. As always, you can find more information to make sure you are wildfire ready at [Ocfa.org/ReadySetGo](https://ocfa.org/ReadySetGo).



SMOKE ALARMS



Almost two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. Protect your family by installing smoke alarms, inspecting them regularly, and practicing home fire drills.



Working smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%.



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Install

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways outside bedrooms or sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Make sure they are at least 10 feet from the stove and 3 feet from doors leading to the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- Keep smoke alarms away from bathrooms with tubs or showers, heating or cooling ducts or vents, and ceiling or whole-house fans.
- Check the back for the manufacture date and replace all alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- It's safest to use both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms. Ionization alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires.
- Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Inspect

- Test all smoke alarms once a month.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well.

Protect

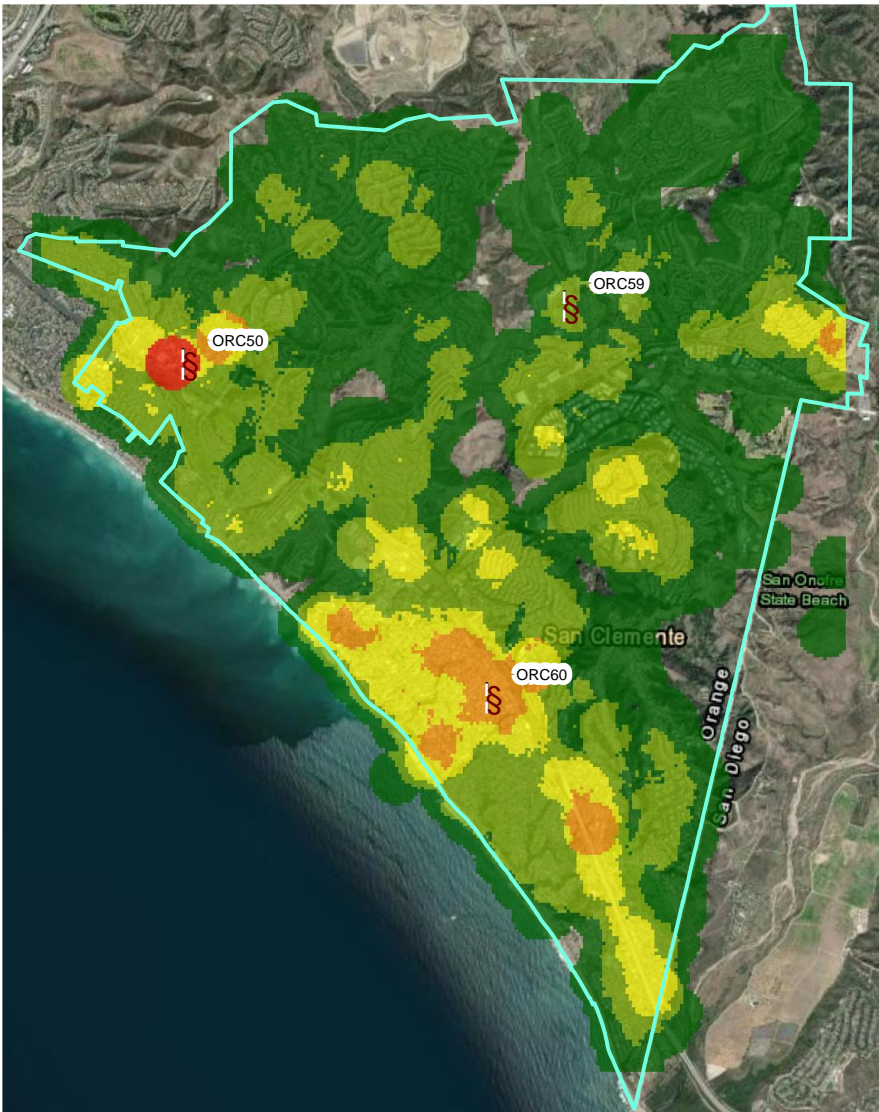
- Draw a home escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if they hear it.
- Practice home fire drills at least twice a year.

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	26	13	1	163	14
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	5	14	7	10	10	11	20	15	12	22	19	21	166	14
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	18	19	28	35	32	26	34	31	31	33	25	18	330	28
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	35	40	37	44	40	44	53	38	47	53	37	46	514	43
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	9	11	5	3	6	5	8	8	8	9	6	50	128	11
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1	0	1	0	0	18	19	42	17	28	24	8	158	13
Medical Aid- Fall	62	62	59	72	85	79	84	75	88	86	53	40	845	70
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	20	23	28	29	36	43	50	45	42	51	48	82	497	41
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	17	10	11	17	27	32	24	27	18	28	16	42	269	22
Medical Aid- Seizure	16	8	17	10	17	10	10	16	15	16	12	29	176	15
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	151	109	98	104	113	68	90	84	85	80	64	20	1066	89
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	22	13	23	37	38	24	27	24	27	35	22	64	356	30
Fire - Structure	5	1	3	6	2	3	4	3	3	9	5	29	73	6
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	2	1	1	5	2	0	2	3	2	3	3	8	32	3
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	3	3	5	4	5	8	4	5	4	7	2	62	5
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	52	47	40	44	43	56	55	45	50	48	26	68	574	48
Total Monthly Incidents	437	381	366	437	470	439	505	471	464	531	380	528	5409	451

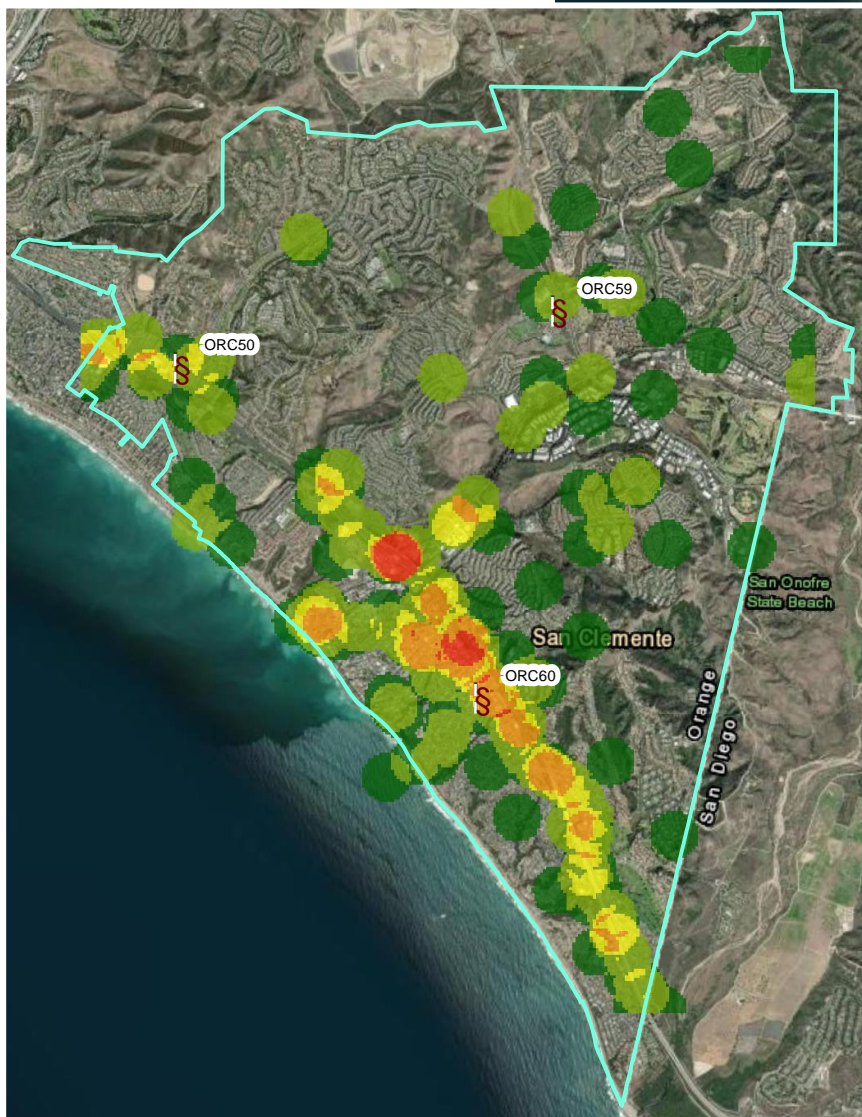
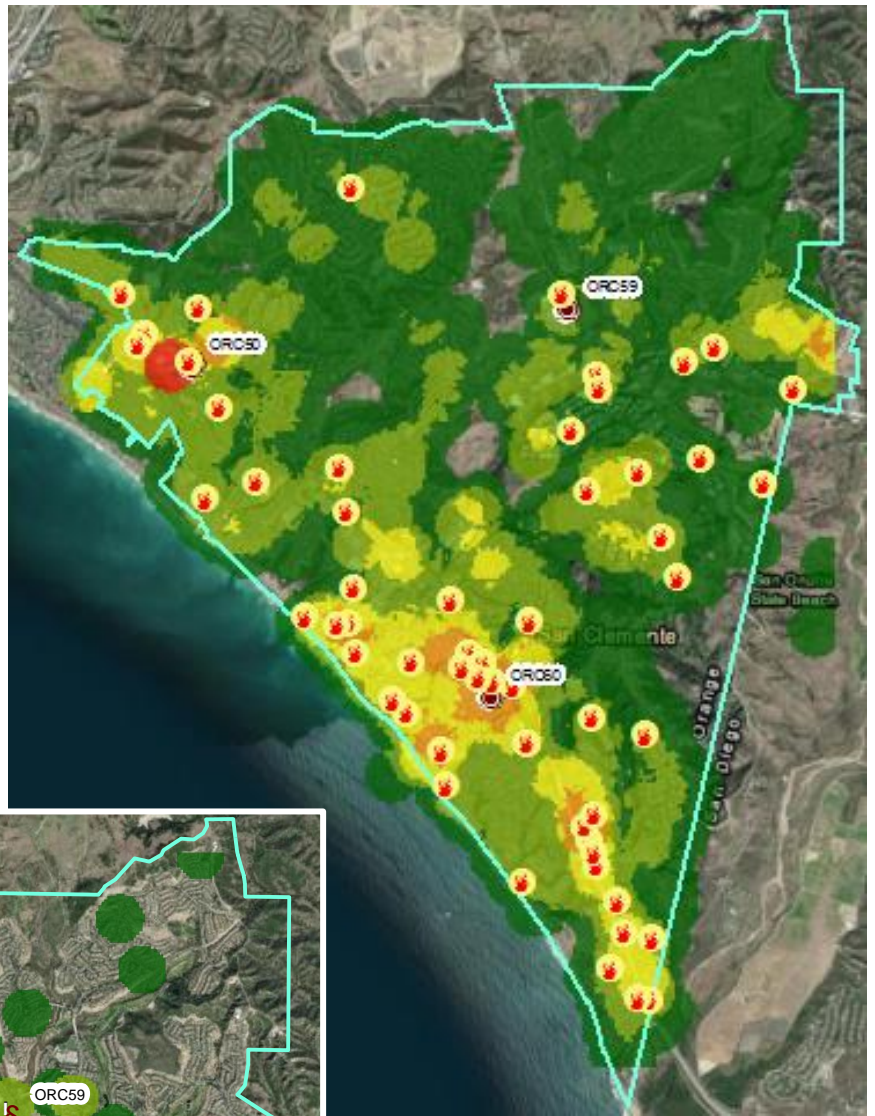
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Medical Aids	366	329	319	377	419	375	436	416	404	467	339	421	4668	389
Fires	19	5	7	16	8	8	14	10	10	16	15	39	167	14
Misc	52	47	40	44	43	56	55	45	50	48	26	68	574	48

2021 Incidents Overview



2021 Incidents Density

2021 Incidents Density w/ Fire Overlay



2021 Traffic Collision Incidents

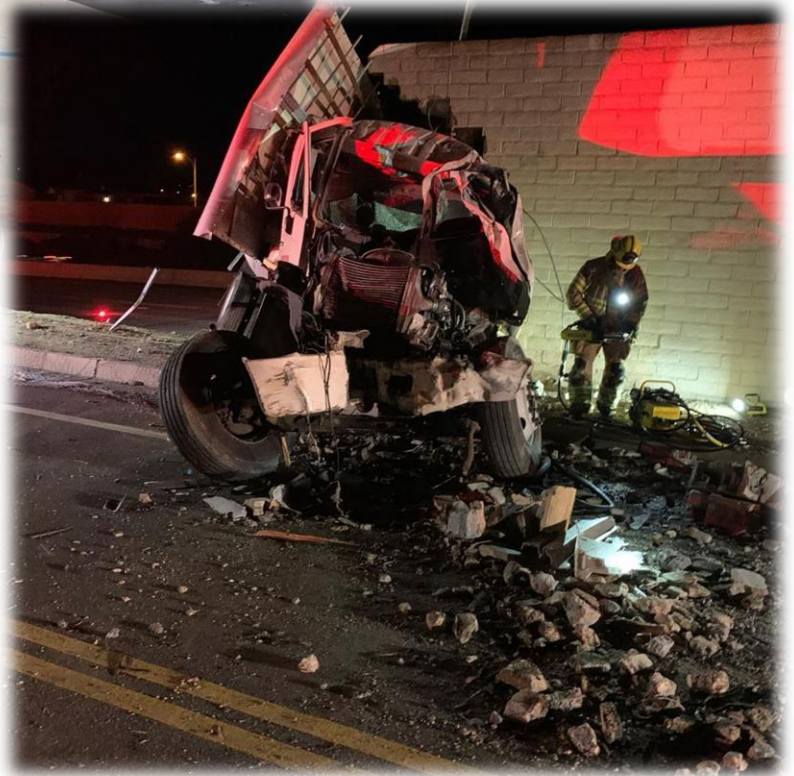
Your Firefighters in Action



On October 22nd Engine 60 took part in a birthday drive by for Jim Knaus, who was turning 100. Jim is a WWII veteran. We were honored to meet Jim on this special day.

Incident # 21-156883 December 18th

The crews from Engine 60 and Truck 59 responded to a traffic collision at I-5 near Cristianitos Rd. involving 2 vehicles. The driver was trapped in this truck. Firefighters quickly sized up the situation and got to work on extricating the driver. It took the crews about 10 minutes to disentangle the driver.



Incident # 21-162471 December 29th

Firefighters responded to a call of a male that had fallen from a bridge in the area of W Avenida Vista Hermosa & Avenida Costa Azul. They made contact with the victim at the bottom and initiated care. The victim was raised in a stokes basket by our technical rescue truck and was prepared for transport. Then flown to the hospital by our helicopter.

