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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 2022 1st Quarter

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TIMES ARE CHANGING

The Emerald Fire started northeast of Laguna Beach on February 10th. It quickly threatened dozens of structures and drew comparisons to the 1993 Laguna Fire that destroyed more than 400 homes – many in the same neighborhood. A robust fire department response (which included ground and aerial resources) combined with new standards in fuel modifications around structures and fire-resistive building construction, helped firefighters stop the fire at 154 acres with no structures lost.

Less than a month later, the Jim Fire started on March 2nd. The fire started in steep terrain within U.S Forest Service jurisdiction in the Cleveland National Forest. Although not an immediate threat to Orange County residents due to the wind direction, the fire was closely monitored by the OCFA due to the close proximity to our county line. The fire was eventually stopped at 553 acres with no structures lost.

Both of these fires occurred outside of the traditional “fire season” we have come to know in Orange County (September to January). This concept of a “fire season” is no longer relevant in today’s environment. A significant wildfire can occur any time of the year due to lingering drought conditions and one or two days dry, northeast wind conditions. These two fires serve as a reminder that firefighters and Orange County residents need to remain in a state of “wildfire readiness” year-round in order to effectively address the new “year-round” threat posed by these inevitable events.



IT'S COMPETITION TIME



In late March, members of our technical rescue team partook in a multi-day event where teams from all over the world were challenged. The teams performed multiple challenging rescues on the Battleship USS Iowa.

The goal of the competition was to “foster learning and collaboration within the global rescue community, knowing that as teams work to sharpen their skills and response capabilities, rescues become safer and increasingly successful for everyone involved.”

GET READY FOR...

**Saturday, May 14 &
Sunday, May 15, 2022
8 am - 5 pm both days**

**1 Fire Authority Road
Irvine, CA 92602**

**The Girls Empowerment Camp!
The camp exposes teens to all aspects of the fire service, teaching life skills and professional guidance that empowers them to pursue a career in public safety. The free 2-day camp will feature hands-on stations for the campers to gain familiarity and experience with fire service functions.**

**Register at:
ocfa-gec-2022.eventbrite.com**

ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY



Home electrical fires are responsible for an estimated 80,000 fires and \$1.3 billion in property damage each year. Protect your family and your home by following these electrical safety tips.



Inspections by qualified electricians reduce fire risk and are required by many home insurance policies.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

(714) 573-6200
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Appliances

- Always plug major appliances directly into wall outlets.
- Unplug small appliances when they are not in use.
- Check electrical cords on all appliances regularly. Replace any cracked, damaged, or loose cords. Never try to fix them yourself.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.
- Always use bulbs that match the recommended wattage for each lamp or fixture.

Outlets

- Never overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.

Extension Cords, Power Strips, and Surge Protectors

- Replace worn, old, or damaged extension cords right away.
- Only use extension cords for a short period of time.
- Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use surge protectors, not power strips, with electrical devices that require a lot of electricity to operate.

Electrical Fire Warning Signs

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery odor coming from an appliance
- Flickering lights
- Sparks from an outlet

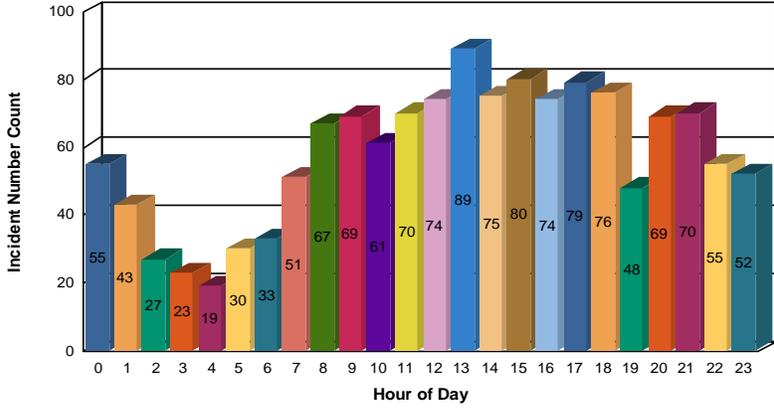
Incident Responses

CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Monthly Average
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	17	8	11										36	12
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	11	9	9										29	10
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Paint, Cardiac Arrest)	40	28	39										107	36
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	52	37	51										140	47
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	13	12	11										36	12
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	33	19	30										82	27
Medical Aid- Fall	72	89	91										252	84
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	46	41	36										123	41
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	18	24	29										71	24
Medical Aid- Seizure	20	13	19										52	17
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication)	107	50	48										205	68
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	25	31	30										86	29
Fire - Structure	6	2	5										13	4
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	3	2	3										8	3
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	4	5										21	7
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	43	42	42										127	42
Total Monthly Incidents	518	411	459	0	1388	463								

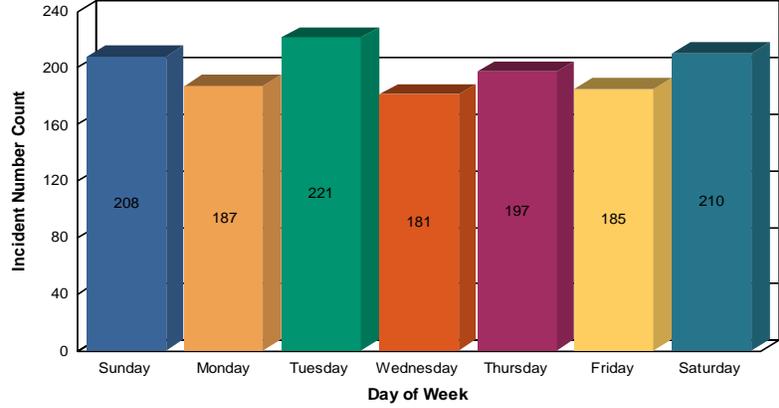
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Medical Aids	454	361	404	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1219	406
Fires	21	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	14
Misc	43	42	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	42

Incidents by Category

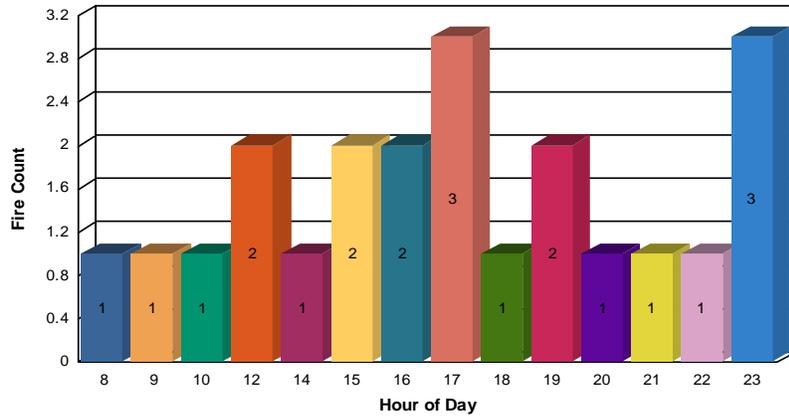
Incident Count by Hour of Day



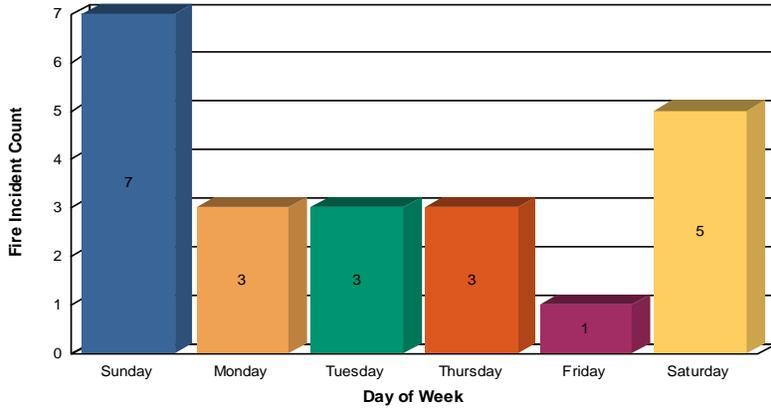
Incident By Day of Week



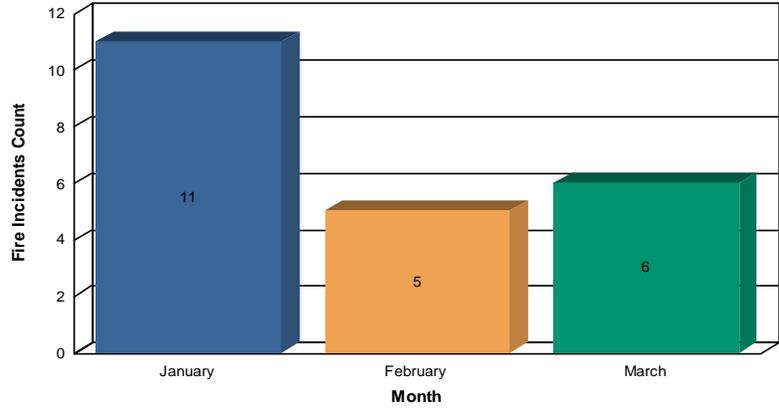
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month



Your Firefighters in Action

March 26

Incident # 22-040012

An E-mountain biker had crashed due to a jump on the Ricky Bobby trail near the dog park. Truck 59 used a Utility vehicle to make access as the clouds were too thick for Duke helicopter to assist. The firefighters, along with the CARE ambulance crew and 2 State Parks employees carried the injured rider to the ambulance. Injury sustained was a compound lower leg fracture.



March 25

Incident # 22-039649

The crews from Engine 60 and Truck 59 received a call of a vehicle vs. structure at 724 S. El Camino Real. An elderly driver accidentally drove into a medical building. The driver was ok. One employee had a very minor laceration from the broken glass.

