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San Clemente *2022 4th Quarter*

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OPENING OF STATION 67



On November 18th the OCFA opened up its newest station. Station 67 will assist in serving South Orange County, located in Rancho Mission Viejo. Station 67 is a first-of-its-kind prefabricated temporary station, until the permanent station is built along with the rest of the developing community.

A four-person crew serves the community on a Paramedic Engine and a type-3 brush engine out of Station 67.

Along with this enhancement in Rancho Mission Viejo, a Technical Rescue Truck has gone in service responding from Station 56.

MEET OUR SAN CLEMENTE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

On November 17th, the San Clemente Exchange Club hosted their annual Deputy and Firefighter of the Year luncheon. Fire Captain Corey Larson from station 50 was selected for providing the citizens of San Clemente outstanding service for the past three years.

Due to his previous expertise in the federal wildland firefighting realm, he has been heavily involved in our wildland fire fighting program since 2008, both full-time and part-time. Along with his expertise in wildland firefighting Corey, has also been a part of the Orange County Fire Authority Hazardous Material Response team for over 14 years. If that wasn't enough, Corey also was a member of our Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 5 for over 16 years. He has been heavily involved in our fire apparatus engineer academies as both a teacher and a proctor.

Corey represents the OCFA's finest and we're proud to honor him.



Captain Larson (left) with Battalion Chief Matt Schuetz

2 NEW HELICOPTERS TO JOIN THE AIR OPS FLEET

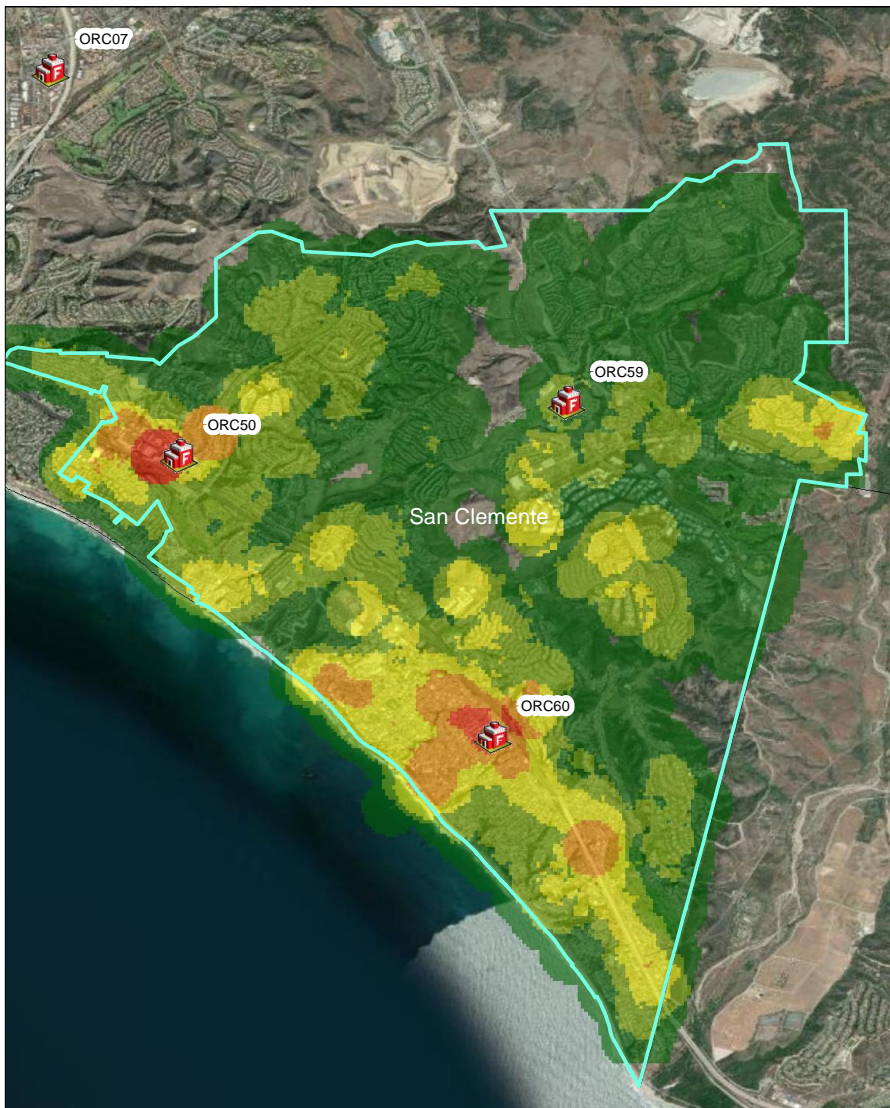


On October 27, 2022, after nearly three years of planning and assessment, the OCFA Board of Directors approved the purchase of two new Sikorsky S70 FIREHAWK helicopters. The new aircraft will replace the two OCFA 1966 UH-1H "Super Hueys" that were grounded in 2020 due to significantly increased cost of operating these legacy aircraft.

FIREHAWKS have become the industry standard across the Southern California fire service, and with this approval, the OCFA joins its surrounding peer agencies — Santa Barbara Fire, Ventura County Fire, LA County Fire, San Diego Fire, and CAL FIRE — that already have FIREHAWK helicopters in their respective fleets.

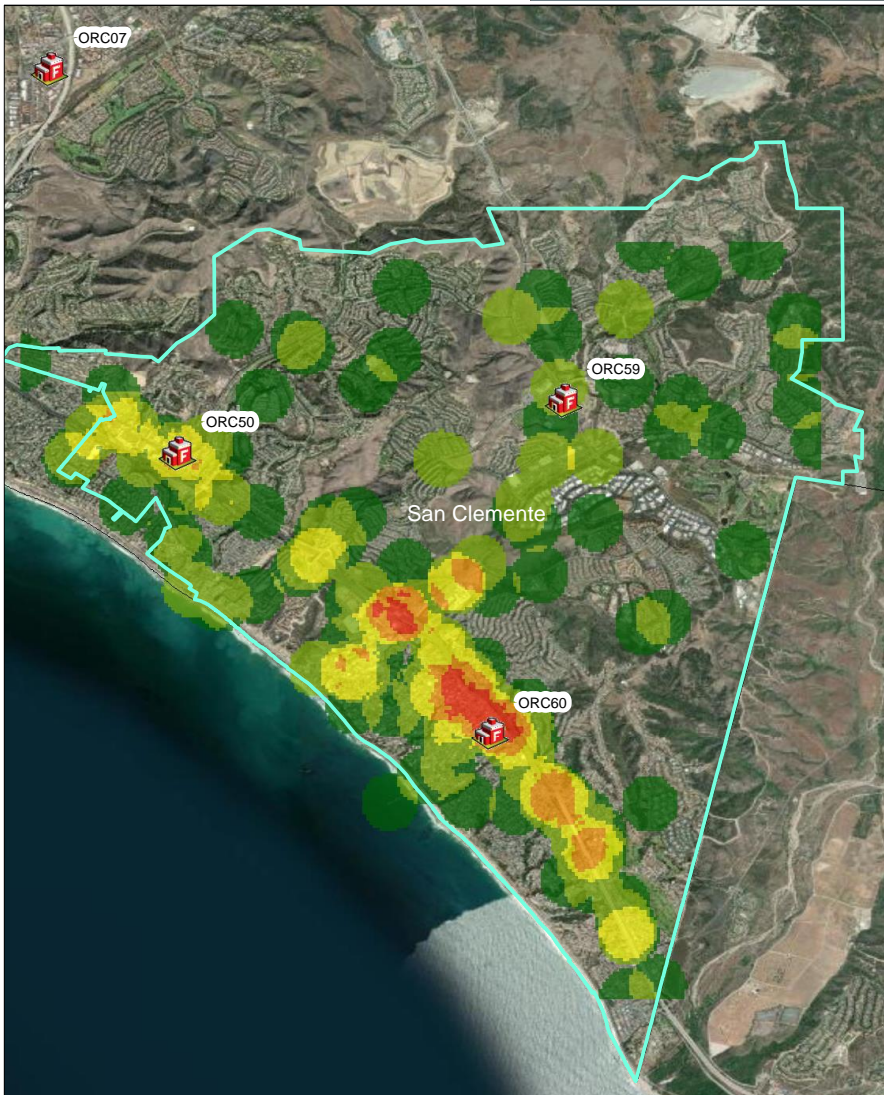
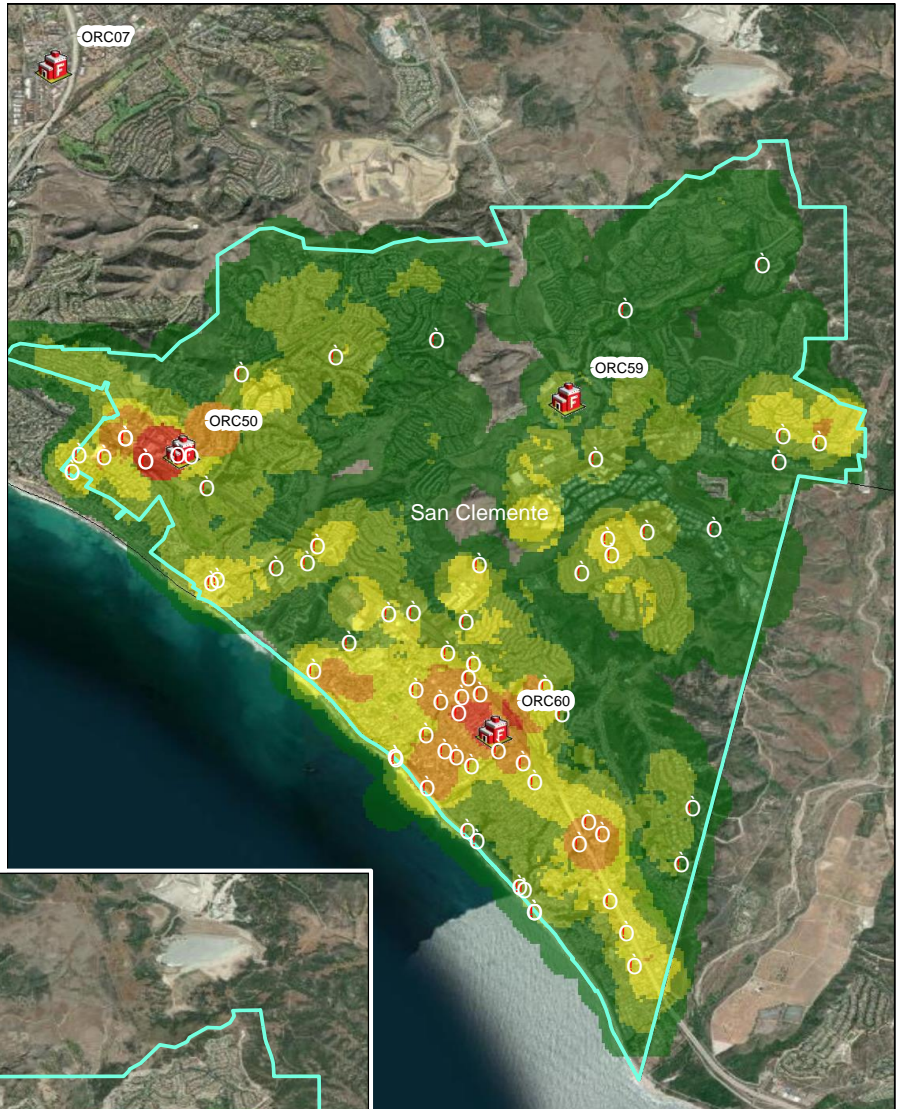
The new OCFA aircraft will join OCFA's two Bell 412EP helicopters, providing the agency with four operational helicopters for the first time since 2020 and empowering OCFA Air Operations to perform day/night aerial fire suppression, remote rescues, and other all-hazard missions at a far safer and capable level. True force multipliers in battling wildfire, the FIREHAWKS' water-dropping capabilities eclipse that of the Bell412s by 256% per tank-load (350 gallons vs. 1,000 gallons). They are anticipated to arrive at the OCFA in the fall of this year.

2022 Incidents Overview



2022 Incidents Density

2022 Incidents Density with Fire Overlay



2022 Traffic Collision Incidents

HOME HEATING SAFETY



For many residents, the high cost of home heating has increased the use of portable space heaters, fireplaces, and wood burning stoves. Unfortunately, using these devices can also increase the risk of home fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.



Space heaters cause 85% of all home heating fire deaths.

Home Heating Safety Tips

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources.
- Hire a professional to clean, inspect, and service your home's heating equipment, fireplace, and chimney annually.
- Purchase space heaters that have an automatic shut off.
- Always plug space heaters directly into wall outlets and unplug them when they are not in use.
- Keep space heaters away from children and pets.
- Turn space heaters off before leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent sparks and embers from escaping.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly. Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, weakness, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get outside to fresh air and call 9-1-1.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions if a wood stove is used to heat the home.
- Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool.



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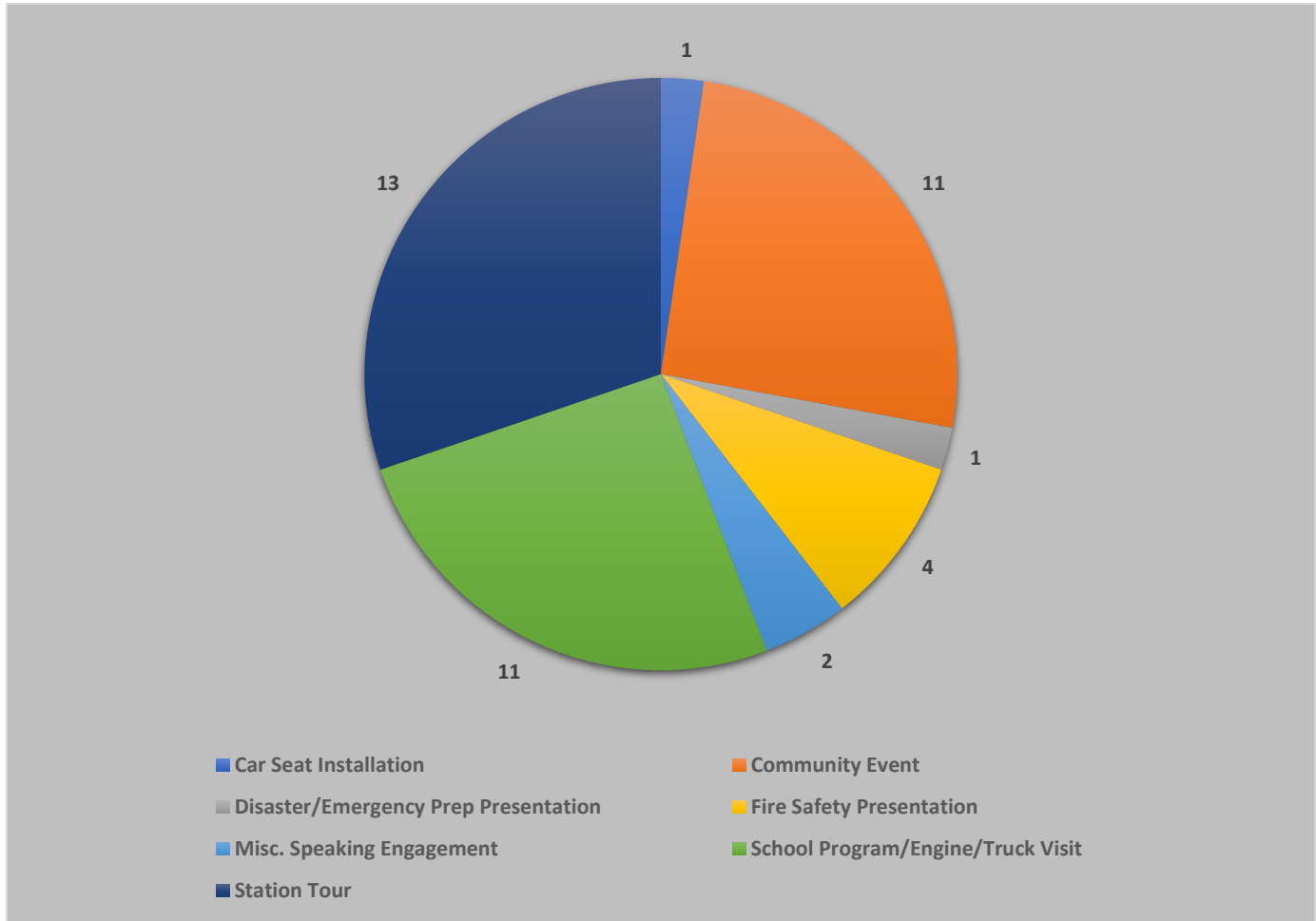


Incident Responses

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	13	21	14	21	14	12	14	20	13	178	15
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	11	9	9	6	6	8	16	7	12	10	10	8	112	9
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Paint, Cardiac Arrest)	40	28	39	39	32	38	39	33	33	22	27	40	410	34
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	52	37	51	52	48	52	59	62	63	54	48	66	644	54
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	13	12	11	2	11	13	13	6	8	5	8	10	112	9
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	33	19	30	22	31	32	26	29	30	42	41	44	379	32
Medical Aid- Fall	72	89	91	82	84	69	84	84	84	83	92	94	1008	84
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	46	41	36	47	39	46	55	45	48	41	39	48	531	44
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	18	24	29	20	17	19	16	29	28	21	31	36	288	24
Medical Aid- Seizure	20	13	19	13	20	25	19	18	19	17	10	15	208	17
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	107	50	48	74	59	62	81	106	78	57	50	62	834	70
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	25	31	30	29	32	19	23	30	35	32	38	31	355	30
Fire - Structure	6	2	5	4	3	2	7	2	4	4	3	5	47	4
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	6	4	0	35	3
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12	4	5	7	6	8	8	4	7	4	5	4	74	6
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	43	42	42	45	45	50	60	70	61	60	53	52	623	52
Total Monthly Incidents	518	411	459	458	458	460	530	541	524	472	479	528	5838	487
CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	MO. AVG.
Medical Aids	454	361	404	399	400	397	452	463	450	398	414	467	5059	422
Fires	21	8	13	14	13	13	18	8	13	14	12	9	156	13
Misc	43	42	42	45	45	50	60	70	61	60	53	52	623	52

Community Education

Year End Community Outreach Totals



Some 4th Quarter Events:

- On December 3rd Cadet Engine 59 and our Community Educator operated a booth at the San Clemente Holiday Street Fair.
- On November 30th the crew from station 60 gave a station tour to 14 members kinder-aged young ladies of the Daisy Troop.
- On October 25th our Public Educator conducted a Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training presentation to the 60 employees at FlavorChem.

Your Firefighters in Action



Incident # 22-165134 December 7th

Firefighters knocked down a residential garage fire extending into the attic in the 200 block of Via San Andreas in just 23 minutes. Residents were able to evacuate safely and nobody was injured. Cause determined to be an unattended candle.



It was a busy night during National Night Out on October 24th. The crew from station 60, Fire Cadets, our Division Chief and Battalion Chief and even Freedom, our Accelerate Detection Canine, participated in the evening's fun. We loved educating families and having a great time visiting the community!

