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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 *2023 3rd Quarter*

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Preparing for Tropical Storm Hilary



With the approach of Orange County's first tropical storm in nearly a century in August, the Orange County Fire Authority took the precautionary steps necessary to ensure that we could best serve the citizens of Orange County. With 1-3 inches of rain anticipated to occur in

a short time span, staffing was increased, which included additional firefighters on duty and additional resources available to deploy if needed for any type of emergency that presents itself. These resources included 3 different types of Swift Water Teams, 2 Type II Dozers, 1 Type I Hand Crew, 2 Type II Helicopters with rescuers and hard cover of all Reserve fire stations.

With the advanced warning, the OCFA provided citizens with tools and tips with how they can protect themselves and make their home safe in advance of the rain. Sand and sandbags were made available from several stations throughout the county. And the OCFA Dozers delivered sand throughout the county.

With predicted winds at 15-25 mph, we were ready as we are accustomed to dealing with strong winds from the Santa Ana winds. But fortunately, the storm did not wreak much havoc on our beautiful county.

A JOINT EFFORT TO KEEP ALL SAFE



On August 30th, members of the OCFA, OCSD, Highway Patrol, OC Parks, and other agencies came together to collaborate and train on how we will respond to and manage a brush fire.

Training sessions like this are held often and cover a wide variety of topics including but not limited to earthquakes, floods, bomb threats, active shooter incidents, hazardous materials calls, and so many more.

The joint sessions enable each of us to operate efficiently, collaboratively, and under the umbrella of being one team to keep our communities safe.



CONGRATULATIONS FIRE CHIEF FENNESSY... NAMED IAFC'S CHIEF OF THE YEAR

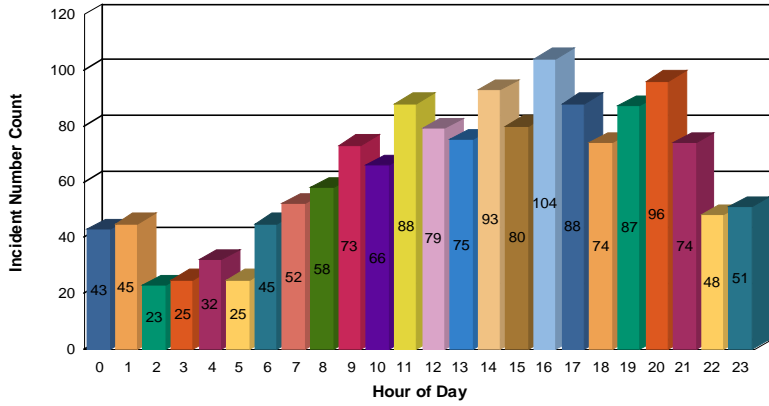
On August 16th, OCFA Fire Chief Brian Fennessy was named “Chief of the Year” by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), becoming the first OCFA Fire Chief and only the third career fire chief in state history to receive this international recognition. Presented to Chief Fennessy at IAFC’s Fire-Rescue International Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, the IAFC Fire Chief of the Year Award recognizes “leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, public service, and contributions to the fire service,” attributes used to describe Chief Fennessy throughout his nomination letter.

“For nearly 50 years, Chief Fennessy has been a constant advocate and change agent for the fire service — from his humble beginnings as a hotshot, helitack captain, and crew superintendent for the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management to his ascension to one of the most revered and impactful fire chiefs in the nation,” wrote nominator Mark Niemeyer, fire chief of the Boise Fire Department.

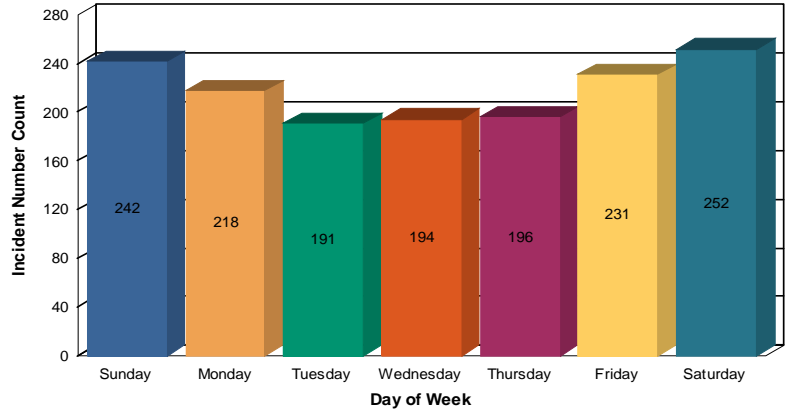
Now in his sixth year at the OCFA, Fennessy’s nomination touted the agency’s emergence as a national model in multiple arenas, including reaching an 85% goal for OCFA Pension Funding; launching an annual Girls Empowerment Camp; transitioning the Firefighter Recruit Academy to an Accredited Local Academy; adding a fourth Firefighter/Paramedic position for enhanced responses; adding an additional fully-staffed second handcrew; facilitating a four-year process to purchase two new FIREHAWK helicopters; spearheading both the FIRIS and QRF programs; and hiring the first Diversity/Inclusion Coordinator, the first Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator, and the first Peer Support K-9 & Canine Peer Support Specialist in agency history.

Incidents By Category

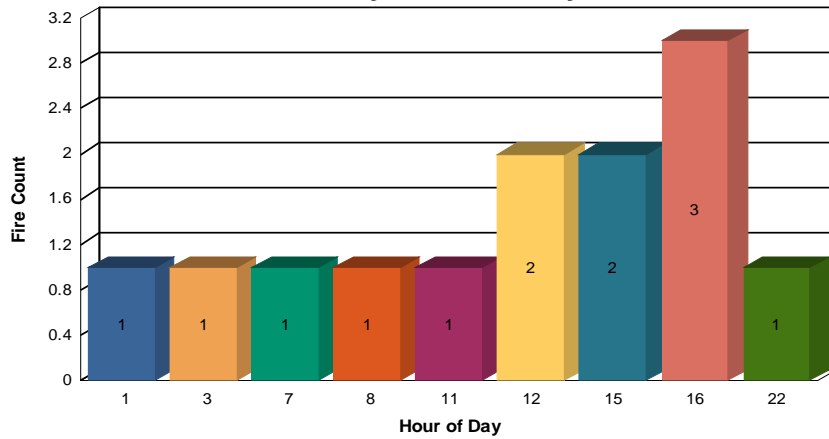
Incident Count by Hour of Day



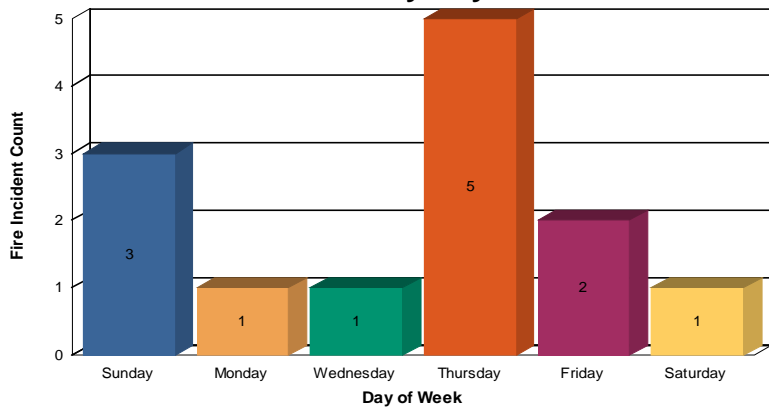
Incident By Day of Week



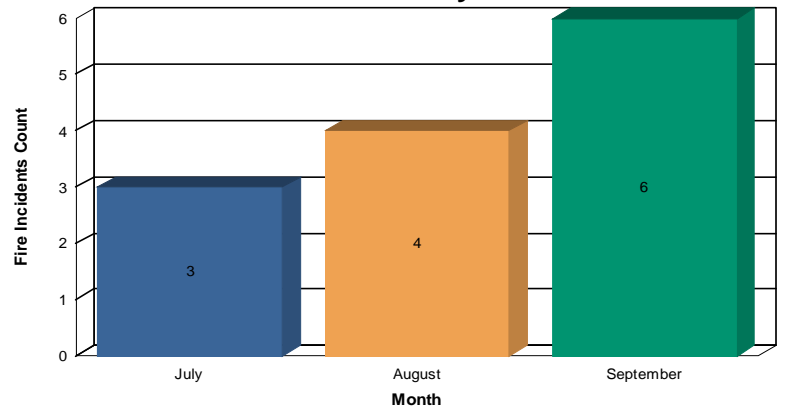
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month





Vegetation Management is controlling plant material to prevent wildfire spread. It requires a constant commitment to follow the 4 R's of Vegetation Management to reduce the threat.



Vegetation Management isn't a one-time fix. It's an ongoing commitment.



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Removal:

- Remove all dead and dying plants within 100 feet of your home
- Identify and remove plants found on OCFA's Undesirable Plant List
- Remove dry leaves, bark and pine needles from the yard, roof, and rain gutters

Reduction:

- Prune and thin plants within 100 feet of your home, including your plants within 100 feet of your neighbor's home
- Provide 4 feet vertical separation between shrub tops and lower tree branches to reduce "ladder fuels"
- Use Horizontal Separation Guidelines for plants over 2 feet in height (15 feet minimum or 3 times the tallest plant)
- Keep all shrubs within 10 feet of your home trimmed to 2 feet or lower
- Prune or remove plants near windows
- Remove all tree branches or plants within 10 feet of chimney outlets
- Move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home, or to the property line
- Keep annual grasses and weeds cut to 4 inches or less

Replacement:

- Replace fire-prone plants with fire-resistant and drought tolerant plants. See the OCFA Planting Guide for recommendations
- When putting in new plants, leave enough space for them to grow to mature size

Resistant:

- Use fire-resistant plants whenever possible
- Keep in mind that even plants listed on the Planting Guide must be maintained using Spacing Guidelines for both vertical and horizontal separation. Plant separation is an important part reducing wildfire threat

For more information, please visit the OCFA website or call **(714) 573-6774** to schedule a wildfire home assessment.

Incident Responses

INCIDENT RESPONSES

CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Monthly Average
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	8	13	12	15	9	15	15	17	17				121	13
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	16	10	13	7	8	7	14	8	15				98	11
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	42	39	29	28	37	40	27	45	27				314	35
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	58	58	47	43	56	48	63	62	56				491	55
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	7	6	6	8	6	8	8	8	7				64	7
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	43	38	38	27	29	44	27	25	25				296	33
Medical Aid- Fall	93	61	70	68	95	100	109	97	83				776	86
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	25	37	38	38	34	35	51	48	40				346	38
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	32	24	25	26	20	35	29	24	30				245	27
Medical Aid- Seizure	10	14	12	33	16	18	9	15	14				141	16
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	51	43	49	52	42	54	59	61	48				459	51
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	25	32	39	22	38	25	32	34	33				280	31
Fire - Structure	3	2	5	6	4	3	3	0	5				31	3
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	0	6	4	2	2	2	2	4	3				25	3
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	6	7	4	3	10	3	12	10	5				60	7
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	60	47	51	44	53	70	65	78	55				523	58
Total Monthly Incidents	479	437	442	422	459	507	525	536	463	0	0	0	4270	474
CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	MO. AVG.
Medical Aids	410	375	378	367	390	429	443	444	395	0	0	0	3631	403
Fires	9	15	13	11	16	8	17	14	13	0	0	0	116	13
Misc	60	47	51	44	53	70	65	78	55	0	0	0	523	58

Your Firefighters in Action

September 17th
Incident # 23-126447

Truck 59 rushed to the scene to quickly extinguish a street sweeper that had caught fire on Camino Flora Vista. Fortunately, the sweeper was in the middle of the street and not near other vehicles. A big thank you to all of the citizens who quickly called in the fire so we could promptly arrive.



August 28th
Incident # 23-116449

Engine 50 took incident command at the Esteban vegetation fire, occurring in a drainage area off Calle Esteban. Three engine companies safely held the fire to 1/8th of an acre, protecting the nearby homes about 100 ft. away.



Community Outreach

Some 3rd Quarter Events:

- On July 22nd crews from stations 50, 59 and 60 rotated through San Clemente High School to show support for the Educational Foundation's fundraising event, Triton Summer Slam Pickleball Tournament.
- On August 16th, our Community Educator gave a Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher presentation to the 30 employees of Archive Rentals.
- On September 22nd, the crews from Engine 60, Truck 59 and our Battalion Chief attended and participated in the SCHS Homecoming Parade.