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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 2024 3rd Quarter

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Words From Our Fire Chief

Our data continuously tells us that each year is busier than the last – more incidents, bigger fires, new dangers, growing populations, expanding Wildland Urban Interface, and on and on.

The October data is not yet complete, but in September alone, our dispatchers answered 20,597 9-1-1 calls and our firefighters responded to more than 15,000 incidents, marking yet another measurable year-over-year increase.

All the while, we fought and contained the Airport Fire alongside our local, state, and federal partners, and deployed our Urban Search & Rescue California Task Force 5 Type 1 team for the first time in 16 years.

Through it all, we did not cancel any of our community events, including our 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, our 5th Annual Girls Empowerment Camp, our Station Open Houses, and our Wildland Training Day with elected officials and media.

It is never easy to successfully execute a workload of this volume and complexity, but to do so in the wake of the hand crew rollover and sudden passing of IT Division Manager Joel Brodowski not only defies all reasonable expectations; it reveals an unprecedented depth of character.

Character that aligns with our mission to live and work “In Service of Others.”

Character that reflects our unwavering commitment to our injured, our fallen, and their families.

Character that transcends rank and responsibilities.

While our OCFA family does not seek the limelight, it is essential to recognize them because their actions inspire all of us to respond to greater adversity, higher call volumes, and growing responsibilities in ways the data cannot capture: Character-driven service.

Sincerely,
Brian Fennessy
Fire Chief



CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 5 PROVIDING AID ACROSS THE NATION



California Task Force 5 (CA-TF 5) launched on September 27 as a Type 3 team with 45 personnel and two human remains detection canine and handler teams. It deployed to the East Coast to assist with search and rescue missions in the wake of Hurricane Helene. The team arrived in the Greenville area of South Carolina and was tasked with conducting reconnaissance of damaged neighborhoods, assessing structures, and working alongside state and local Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams from Louisiana and South Carolina.

Additional personnel were later assigned to the team on the ground to form a Type 1 team of 85 personnel, which included 2 team doctors, 2 structural engineers, 6 canine handlers, and a mechanic. This was the first Type 1 team deployment for Orange County in 16 years; the last deployment was for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

Proud to serve those affected by these severe storms as part of a national response to the region, CA-TF5 is one of only 28 national US&R Task Forces that respond as a FEMA resource during national emergencies that require highly skilled search & rescue personnel. Although the US&R Task Forces are FEMA resources, OCFA is the sponsoring agency, and the team is comprised of personnel from the OCFA, Anaheim Fire & Rescue, and Orange City Fire Department.

'Tis the Season for the Spark of Love Toy



OCFA.org/ToyDrive

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TOYS
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The Orange County Fire Authority is proud to partner with KWAVE to collect toys for thousands of children within the OCFA service area, which includes 23 cities and unincorporated areas throughout Orange County.

Last year we collected over 38,000 toys for children and teens in need. In addition to collecting toys at all 78 of our fire stations, we worked with 185

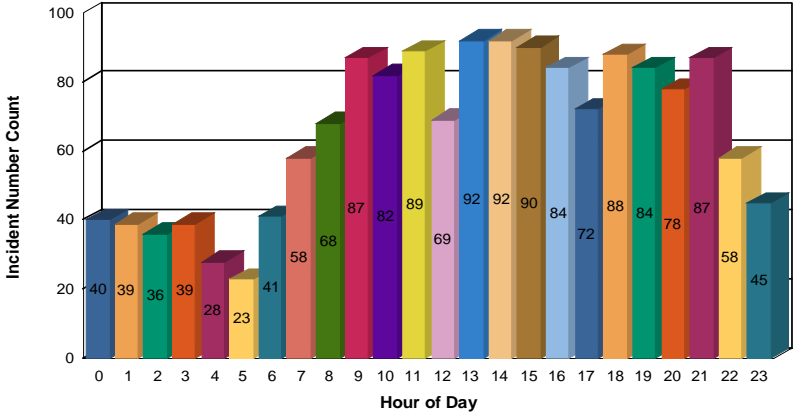
businesses and organizations within our service area to collect toys benefiting 125 non-profit agencies. We also held one Stuff-A-Bus event in conjunction with ABC7 and several toy donation events in the community.

New, unwrapped toys are collected at all 78 OCFA fire stations and our headquarters (located at 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, 92602) starting Friday, November 8th - Friday, December 13th. To find your closest fire station to donate toys, please visit ocfa.org/AboutUs/FireStations.aspx

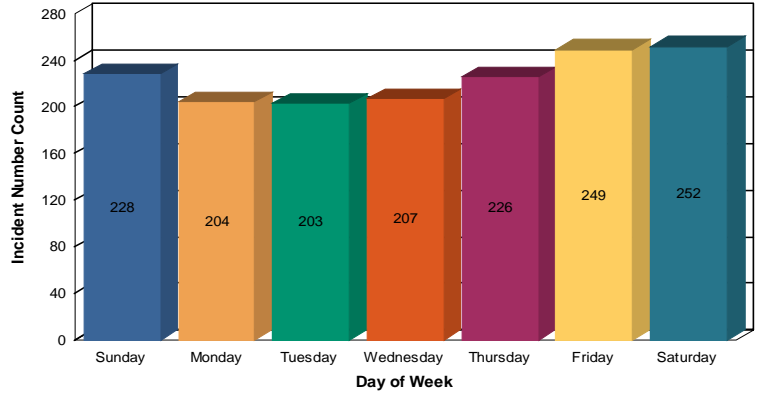
Please email toydrive@ocfa.org if you have any questions or would like to support this year's toy drive.

Incidents By Category

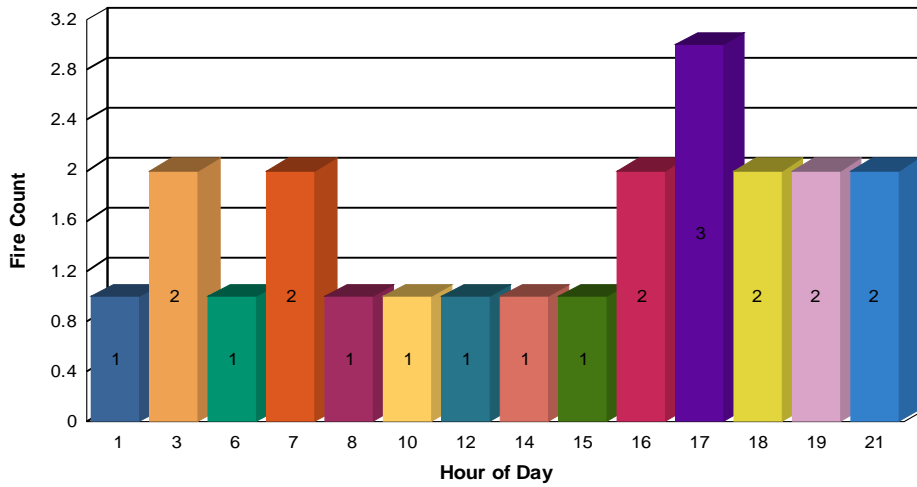
Incident Count by Hour of Day



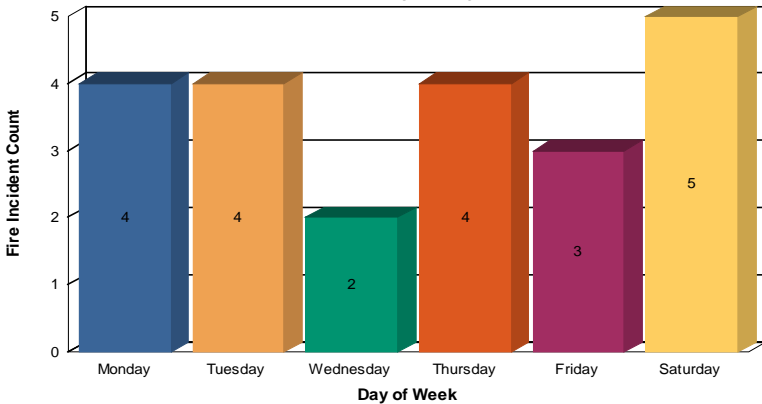
Incident By Day of Week



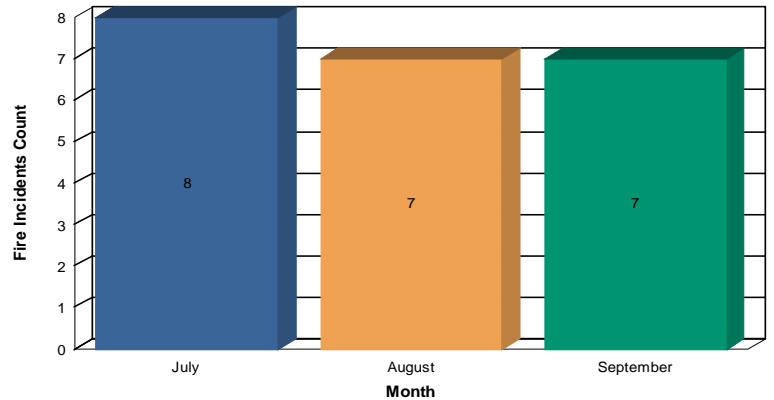
Fires by Hour of Day



Fires Incidents by Day of Week



Fires Incidents by Month



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

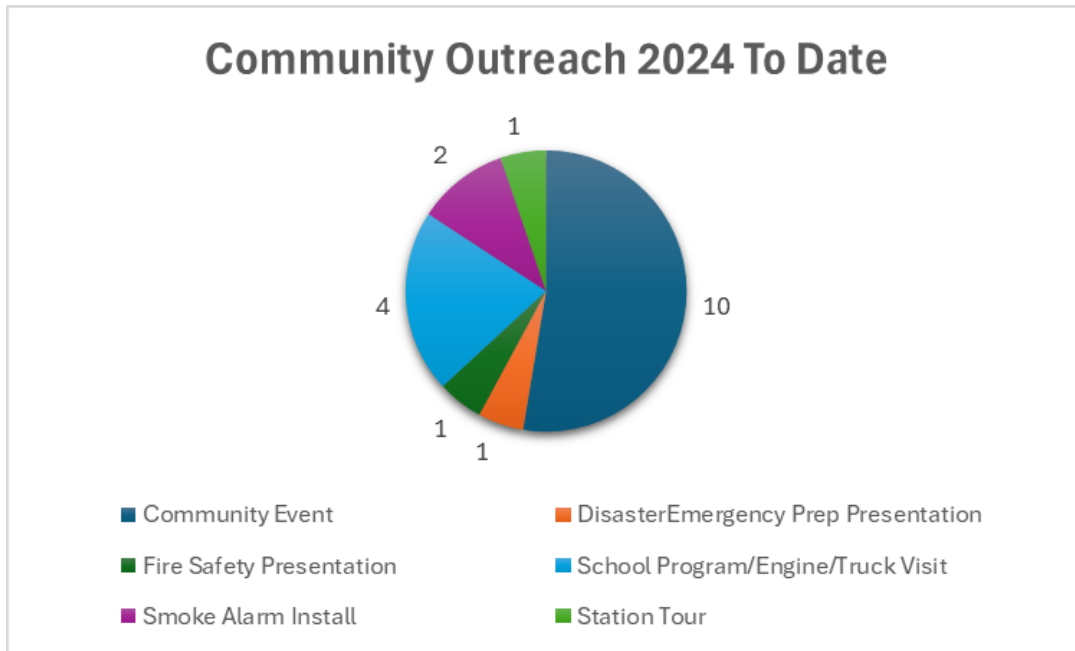
- Draw a home escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if they hear it.
- Practice home fire drills at least twice a year.

Incident Responses

INCIDENT RESPONSES

CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total	Monthly Average
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	13	17	13	11	8	14	18	13	23				130	14
Medical Aid- Back to Bed/ Lift Assist	11	14	20	18	18	14	7	15	10				127	14
Medical Aid- Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	34	33	40	29	34	30	32	39	38				309	34
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental State)	62	62	59	63	59	66	57	54	56				538	60
Medical Aid- Diabetic Emergency	8	8	6	5	2	7	10	10	9				65	7
Medical Aid- Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	41	37	48	46	40	38	29	36	22				337	37
Medical Aid- Fall	93	87	77	93	87	80	106	101	79				803	89
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Injury, Illness)	37	52	48	46	48	49	50	59	45				434	48
Medical Aid- Abdominal Pain	25	26	26	21	20	29	27	24	28				226	25
Medical Aid- Seizure	14	14	9	9	8	9	15	20	18				116	13
Medical Aid - Misc. (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	41	42	40	49	54	61	72	71	57				487	54
Medical Aid- Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	25	35	27	19	27	24	30	31	22				240	27
Fire - Structure	3	8	4	6	4	1	4	2	2				34	4
Fire - Vehicle/ Dumpster	2	4	2	2	1	6	4	5	2				28	3
Fire- Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	6	3	4	5	4	9	5	5	14				55	6
Service Call- Misc. (Odor Check, Stuck Elevator, Automatic Fire Alarm)	56	58	44	58	52	51	69	64	60				512	57
Total Monthly Incidents	471	500	467	480	466	488	535	549	485	0	0	0	4441	493
CALL TYPE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	MO. AVG.
Medical Aids	404	427	413	409	405	421	453	473	407	0	0	0	3812	424
Fires	11	15	10	13	9	16	13	12	18	0	0	0	117	13
Misc	56	58	44	58	52	51	69	64	60	0	0	0	512	57

Community Outreach



Some 3rd Quarter Events:

- On September 21st Engine 50 visited to approximately 60 children at Community Seedlings Preschool.
- On September 18th Engine 60 visited with the children at Our Saviors Lutheran School.
- On September 6th our Public Educator assisted with a family residing on S. La Esperanza in need of a smoke alarm installation.

Our Education & Outreach Programs request forms are found on OCFA.org under the Safety tab.

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Education & Outreach Programs

The Orange County Fire Authority is proud to offer a variety of educational programs to the communities we serve. These programs include safety presentations, fire station tours, school programs, and community events.

If you would like to request one of our programs, fill out a request form below. Please submit your request at least two weeks prior to the event and ensure that your request meets the requirements listed.

Online educational videos and handouts are available in multiple languages at the link below.