

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



PLACENTIA
California

"The People Are The City"

From: Troy L. Butzlaff, ICMA-CM

January 8, 2015

ADMINISTRATION

◆ Happy New Year! A Message from the City of Placentia

As we enter the start of a new year, it is customary for us to reflect on the past year and take stock of what our goals are for 2015. Whether your goals are to eat healthier, exercise, or just be a better you, hopefully you will also set aside some time to become involved in your community. The City has many volunteer opportunities including being a part of amateur radio communications, disaster preparedness, public safety, tutoring youth, or distributing bulk food to the less fortunate. If you would rather work with others on a commission or committee advising the City Council on various issues that may shape the future of the community, the City has several vacancies on different commissions and committees including the Senior Advisory Committee and Veterans Advisory Committee. Lastly, participating and attending City Council meetings is a great way of gaining better insight on the current issues, programs, projects, and events that are happening in the City.



While many of you have your goals for the new year, the City of Placentia also has its goals and objectives including:

- Strengthening the City's finances and working to achieve fiscal sustainability.
- Enhancing our existing public-private partnerships and forging new alliances.
- Develop plans and strategies that will help guide and deliver quality services to our residents, businesses, visitors, and stakeholders.
- Secure federal, state, and private funding for facility and park improvements, capital improvements, public safety and economic development.

While the road to reaching our goals is not easy, the City will continue to strive to keep Placentia a pleasant place that promotes the highest standards of community life. Please stay tuned for more information on our upcoming community meetings, where we will be seeking your input to assist us in accomplishing our goals.

The City of Placentia wishes you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/12 Recreation and Parks Commission
- 1/12 City Council Meeting-Study Session
- 1/13 Cultural Arts Commission
- 1/13 Planning Commission
- 1/14 Oversight Board to the Successor Agency

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at administration@placentia.org.



ADMINISTRATION

◆ City Treasurer Appointment

At the December 16th City Council Meeting, the City Council appointed Kevin A. Larson as the City Treasurer. Mr. Larson will fill the remaining two years that was recently left vacant due to the election of the former City Treasurer, Craig Green, to the City Council. Mr. Larson is a long time Placentia resident who most recently served on the Financial Audit Oversight Committee. There will be a ceremonial swearing in of Mr. Larson as the new City Treasurer at the January 20th City Council meeting.

◆ Nutrition Classes at the Whitten Community Center

The University of California Cooperative Extension Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program promotes good nutrition and physical activity as a means of maintaining a healthy lifestyle free of chronic disease. They will be offering free nutrition classes every Monday, beginning on January 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street. The goal of this class is to help adults and their families establish and maintain healthy eating habits and physically active lifestyles. Participants will learn to plan nutritious meals, increase physical activity, practice safe food handling and prevent obesity through healthy lifestyle choices. To enroll in the class, please call the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333. Please click on the [Nutrition Class Flyer](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Placentia Youth Basketball (PYB)

The 2014-2015 Placentia Youth Basketball season has now begun. There are currently 11 teams this season and over 80 participants. Registration is still ongoing. Practices began during the week of December 15th. There were no practices during the winter break. The first day of games and photo day was held on Saturday, January 3rd at Oberle Gym. All participants received a team jersey and took individual and team photos before each game. Each child will receive a team photo at the end of the season along with a participation award.

◆ Join Our Adult Basketball and Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Leagues

The winter season is scheduled to begin play in mid-January for both sports. The league includes 9 regular season games, playoffs, championships, scorekeepers, league stats, and awards for the first place team. The schedule and fee for each league is as follows:

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| Basketball | \$300 League fee / \$25 per game
Tuesday Nights www.placentia.org/basketball |
| Futsal | \$200 League fee / \$12 per game
Thursday Nights www.placentia.org/futsal |



For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ The 2015 Placentia Library Author's Luncheon

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation has announced the 2015 Author's Luncheon on Saturday, March 7th at the Alta Vista Country Club at 10:30 a.m. This year's luncheon will feature D.P. Lyle, M.D. and Jan Burke. The award-winning author, lecturer, and story consultant, D.P. Lyle, M.D. has written many non-fiction books as well as numerous works of fiction, including the Samantha Cody and Dub Walker thriller series and the Royal Pains media tie-in novels. He has worked with many novelists and with the writers of popular television shows such as Law & Order, CSI: Miami, Diagnosis Murder, Monk, Judging Amy, Peacemakers, Cold Case, House, Medium, Women's Murder Club, The Glades, and Pretty Little Liars.

Award-winning author Jan Burke's novels of crime fiction often feature reporter Irene Kelly and include Convicted, The Anchorwoman, Caught Red-Handed, and Eighteen. Her books have appeared on the USA Today and New York Times bestseller lists, have been published internationally, and optioned for film and television.

Tickets for the 2015 Author's Luncheon are \$55 per person and will include a lunch, authors' presentation, silent auction and door prizes. For additional information, please call the Placentia Library at (714) 933-2287 or (714) 996-8682.

ENGINEERING AND CIP PROJECTS

◆ Placentia Packing House Demolition

On September 16th, the City Council awarded a contract to Unlimited Environmental, Inc. for the demolition of the packing house located east of Crowther Avenue and Melrose. The former packing house will be the future site of the south platform for the new Metrolink Station. The packing house has been removed and final sight clean up is nearly complete. It is anticipated that the demolition and clearance will be completed in early February 2015.



◆ 235 S. Bradford Avenue Parking Lot

On September 16th, the City Council awarded a construction contract to CHI Construction for a twelve (12) space parking lot at 235 South Bradford Avenue. The project will increase traffic flow and provide additional parking for visitors of the downtown area. The parking lot is paved and the final elements for lighting and landscaping are being added. The project is anticipated to be completed in late January 2015.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Placentia's New Police Chief

City Administrator Troy L. Butzlaff has announced the appointment of Ward L. Smith to serve as the new Chief of the Placentia Police Department. Chief Smith succeeds Chief Rick Hicks who retired in June. Chief Smith is a 33-year law enforcement veteran who has worked in every divisional area in the Placentia Police Department.

Chief Smith began his career in law enforcement in 1981 and worked as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and the Department's first Canine Officer. He has been a Patrol Sergeant and a Detective Sergeant overseeing the Department's Special Enforcement Detail (Gangs & Narcotics), and served as an Ad-Hoc Supervisor for the California Department of Justice overseeing a Multi-Agency Clandestine Lab Clean-up Team. As a Lieutenant, he worked as a Patrol Watch Commander and later as a Detective Bureau Commander.

In 2004, Mr. Smith was promoted to Captain in charge of the Administrative and Support Divisions of the Department. When the Captain from the Operations Division retired, Mr. Smith worked as the Department's sole Captain overseeing all departmental operations reporting directly to the Office of the Chief of Police. Under the direction of Chief Rick Hicks, Ward was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police where he continued as the Department's second in command.

With the retirement of Chief Hicks at the end of June 2014, City Administrator Troy Butzlaff appointed Mr. Smith to the position of Acting Chief of Police. During this time, Mr. Smith has been instrumental in continuing to lead the Department during difficult and challenging times. "Chief Smith is a seasoned law enforcement veteran with a tremendous record of accomplishment throughout his career. With his strong work ethic, leadership style, and passion for Placentia, I am confident that he will be a superb Chief of Police and work tirelessly to provide quality public safety to our community," said Mr. Butzlaff.

Chief Smith holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne.

Chief Smith will be formally introduced as the new Chief of the Placentia Police Department by Mayor Wanke and City Administrator Butzlaff at the January 20th City Council meeting.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Code Enforcement

	Year To Date 2014	December 2015	December 2014
Courtesy Notices	551	5	63
Administrative Citations	255	19	16
Building Permit Violations	0	0	0
Administrative Citation Fines	\$51,900	\$2,700	\$5,300
Business License Fees:	\$7,700	\$1,900	\$0
Building Permit Recovery Fees	\$360	\$0	\$0

◆ Significant Events

January 1, 2015

A kidnapping was reported in the 700 block of W. La Jolla. The victim's family called and stated that she was forced into a vehicle by her ex-boyfriend and the vehicle fled the area towards La Jolla and Placentia Avenue. The suspect and victim were located in San Bernardino County by San Bernardino Sheriff deputies. Placentia Police Detectives opened an investigation and drove to San Bernardino County for interviews. The suspect was arrested for felony domestic violence and the kidnapping was unfounded.

A Placentia Police K9 Officer and K9 Habo assisted Anaheim Police Department at the end of a vehicle pursuit in the area of La Palma and Tustin. K9 Habo was used to search for an outstanding suspect who was ultimately taken into custody after a search.

January 3, 2015

A man down was reported on the 700 block of W. Chapman in the alley. He was found to be intoxicated and arrested for public drunkenness.

January 6, 2015

An elderly person passed away at home in the 1500 block of Potomac from what appeared to be natural causes.

Residential and auto burglaries reported in the 200 block of Appalachian.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Development Services Project List
- ◆ Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary

Building Division Activity

- Tenant improvement plans for an existing gas station located at the corner of Imperial and Rose were submitted to the Planning & Building Division for review & approval. Work includes removal of existing dispensers, exterior remodeling, new signs, new LED lighting fixtures, repair and renovation of existing exterior framing structures due to termite damage.
- Residential room addition plans and structural analysis were approved for a single family house located on Appling St. on 12/8/14. Work includes a 425 sq. ft. master bedroom addition and bathroom remodeling work.
- Solar panel installation plans and structural analysis were reviewed and approved for three (3) single family residences on 12/8/14.
- Tenant improvement plans for a new 4,500 sq. ft. furniture store “Roma Furniture” at 300 E. Orangethorpe Avenue were reviewed and approved by Building Division on 12/9/14. Scope of work includes interior rest room remodeling (ADA compliance), a new 3-hour firewall, new electrical & HVAC fixtures and exterior remodeling including new stucco walls.
- New revised cell site improvement plans for AT & T at Koch Park were reviewed and approved by Planning and Building Divisions on 12/10/14. Scope of work involves three metal buildings. Two of them are picnic buildings and the other is a metal enclosure for cell site equipment.
- Room addition plans for a single family home at Fairway Lane were submitted on 12/10/14. Scope of work is to add two (2) additional bedrooms of 479 sq. ft. in total and new bathroom remodeling as well as new plumbing and electrical fixtures.



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

Assistant Chief of Support Services Brian Stephens will be retiring after 35 years of fire service. A retirement luncheon will be held at OCFA headquarters on January 15, 2015 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes lunch and a gift. Please contact Olivia Covarrubias at 714-573-6023 to RSVP and/or to add a presentation to the program. Additional details can be found [here](#).

The [7th Annual Best and Bravest Awards Dinner](#) will be held on January 29, 2015 at the Irvine Marriott. Please join the OCFA in recognizing the Best & Bravest. Your support is greatly appreciated! RSVP by 01/27/2015 to Olivia Covarrubias at oliviacovarrubias@ocfa.org or call 714-573-6023.

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Board Action

For Board agendas, please visit <http://www.ocfa.org> and click on “Board Agendas/Minutes.”

Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

Weather Outlook: *Normal to Above Normal Temperatures for January 10 – January 17.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook – Little/No Risk: No fire activity is expected through the period. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



Community Events

- Crew from Truck 61 (A Shift) provided a life and fire program and station tour to a group of Cub Scouts from **Buena Park**. The program was on January 7 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 17 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Cypress**. The program was on January 7 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 47 (C Shift) attended the Team Kids Kick-Off Assembly at Alderwood Elementary in **Irvine**. The event took place on January 6 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 27 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Irvine**. The program was on January 6 from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 26 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Brywood Elementary School in **Irvine**. The program was on January 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Truck 6 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Irvine**. The tour was on January 8 from 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 58 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Stony Brook Preschool in **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on January 7 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 19 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Daisy Scouts from **Lake Forest**. The program was on January 8 from 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 25 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Starview Elementary School in **Midway City**. The program was on January 6 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 24 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Bathgate Elementary in **Mission Viejo**. The program took place on January 8 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 60 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Concordia School in **San Clemente**. The program was on January 7 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 71 and Truck 71 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local students from **Santa Ana**. The program was on January 8 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 and Medic 21 (A Shift) attended the Memorial Ceremony for Waldron Karp of Tustin Police Department. The ceremony was on January 7 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in **Tustin**.
- Crew from Engine 65 (A Shift) provided two life and fire safety programs and engine visits to students at Finley Preschool in **Westminster**. The programs were on January 7 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 10 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Yorba Linda**. The tour was on January 7 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Laguna Niguel

Traffic Collision Cut & Rescue – January 4 - At 6:25 p.m., a traffic collision cut & rescue response was dispatched to Ivy Glen Drive in Laguna Niguel. The solo motorcycle rider lost control sliding along the roadway behind the motorcycle and becoming lodged on the underside of a Toyota Corolla. Additional resources were requested including Heavy Rescue 6 and the patient was extricated at 6:58 p.m. and transported to a local hospital. No further information was available.

Incident Commander:

Chief Contreras, B4

Irvine

Roof Fire - January 6 - At 1:50 a.m., ECC dispatched a roof fire assignment to Kelvin Avenue in Irvine after receiving multiple reports of water flooding and collapsing the roof of an apartment building. Engine 28 arrived on scene at 2:01 a.m., reporting a partial 20x50 ft. spot of a false ceiling in a 4-story apartment building that had collapsed due to significant water flooding. Battalion 5 assumed Kelvin Incident Command at 2:18 a.m. Multiple apartment units were determined to be uninhabitable, and Red Cross was requested to assist with approximately 64 displaced persons. City of Irvine building officials were requested to assess structural damage and integrity. One civilian patient sustained a fall and was evaluated and transported Basic Life Support to Hoag Hospital Irvine.

Incident Commander:

Chief Edwards, B5

Santa Ana

Structure Fire – January 7 - At 8:08 a.m. a structure fire response was dispatched to West Camille Street in Santa Ana. While units were en route the ECC continued to receive calls of a working fire. This information was relayed to Battalion 9 and he confirmed with a building header in the area that the call should, and was, balanced to a structure fire response. First arriving units found a single story single family dwelling that was fully involved and went into fast attack. General safety announcements were made for the incident: power lines down and for the collapse of the roof. The all clear was given at 8:19 a.m. and the fire was declared under control at 8:56 a.m. A civilian was treated and released at the scene for possible anxiety symptoms. Red Cross, Animal Control, Edison and City Building Officials were all requested to assist at the scene.

Incident Commander:

Engine 78

Cause:

Under Investigation

Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 12/22/2014 - 12/28/2014

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	0	0	35	0	4	3	10	0	2	54
BUENA PARK	2	0	76	1	2	7	6	0	26	120
CYPRESS	1	0	36	1	1	3	3	0	7	52
DANA POINT	0	0	50	0	8	10	1	0	2	71
IRVINE	4	0	153	2	19	19	28	0	24	249
IRVINE - UCI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA PALMA	0	0	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	15
LAGUNA HILLS	1	1	38	0	2	8	2	0	3	55
LAGUNA NIGUEL	1	0	56	0	3	7	2	0	5	74
LAGUNA WOODS	1	0	72	0	5	5	3	0	22	108
LAKE FOREST CITY	3	0	49	1	3	10	4	0	5	75
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	15	0	2	4	2	0	2	25
MISSION VIEJO	2	0	124	0	7	6	6	0	6	151
PLACENTIA	0	0	36	2	1	2	3	0	2	46
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	41	0	5	2	3	0	2	54
SAN CLEMENTE	2	1	54	3	11	10	2	0	5	88
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	42	0	6	4	3	0	2	57
SANTA ANA	8	1	286	4	15	27	11	0	42	394
SEAL BEACH	1	0	58	1	1	3	2	0	3	69
SEAL BEACH - NVW	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STANTON	1	0	51	1	2	6	0	0	10	71
TUSTIN	0	0	70	2	8	10	12	0	5	107
VILLA PARK	1	0	9	0	2	1	1	0	1	15
WESTMINSTER	3	0	95	2	7	5	0	0	15	127
YORBA LINDA	1	0	59	2	11	9	7	0	10	99
UNINCORPORATED	1	0	82	3	8	11	10	0	13	128
TOTAL	34	4	1602	25	134	172	121	0	214	2306