

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

◆ Spring Fun Day

The City partners with the Friendly Center to provide various family programs including academic tutoring for children in our afterschool program. Every year, the Friendly Center coordinates a Spring Fun Day. This event provides children in our afterschool program with baskets of eggs, a small toy/book, candy, and a hygiene item. The success of the program is based on the donations received from the community. The Friendly Center will be collecting baskets from the community on March 25th and 26th at the Whitten Community Center. Below is a link to the flyer that describes the event in detail.



[Spring Fun Day Flyer](#)

◆ Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force

To assist the City in identifying long-term solutions toward fiscal stability, the City Council appointed seven residents to the Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force. This seven-member Task Force will examine the City's structural deficit and assist the City in identifying potential cost reduction and revenue enhancement solutions. The Task Force will meet on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue. This will be one of several meetings to examine our fiscal conditions and provide sustainable recommendations to the City Council. These meetings are open to the public. To view the agenda for the meeting, please click on the link below.

[Agenda for the March 11th Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force](#)

◆ Daylight-Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday March 8th

It's almost time to spring forward. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Daylight Saving begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/9 Recreation and Parks Commission
- 3/10 Cultural Arts Commission
- 3/10 Planning Commission
- 3/11 Oversight Board to the Successor Agency
- 3/11 Heritage Festival Committee
- 3/11 Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Easter Eggcitement & Spring Carnival

The annual “Easter Eggcitement and Spring Carnival” is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Kraemer Park. The event will be fun for the whole family and will feature egg hunt areas for children of all ages, story time, crafts, face painting, merchant booths, food and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Tickets are required for food and certain activities. Please bring your own camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. The event is offered in partnership with the Rotary Club of Placentia, The Placentia Library Friends Foundation, Placentia Roundtable Women’s Club, and the City of Placentia. For more information, please call (714) 528-1906, extension 212.



◆ Volunteen Program

The City of Placentia offers a Volunteen Program for energetic teens that want to get involved with the community. High School and Jr. High School students which reside in Placentia and are in need of volunteer services hours are invited to assist Community Services staff with multiple activities throughout the City during the summer. Participants will receive on the job training and develop friendships to remember. Applications are available at the City of Placentia Community Services Department located at City Hall. The application deadline is Thursday, April 2nd.

◆ 44th Annual Festival of Whales Excursion

The Community Services Department is offering a fun-filled excursion to the Festival of Whales in Dana Point. Participants will depart from City Hall at 9:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:00 p.m. The Festival features arts and crafts exhibits, classic car and vintage boat exhibits, paddling and sailing opportunities and food. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include a whale watching excursion at 1:00 p.m. Please call the Community Services Department for more information at (714) 993-8232.



◆ Youth Basketball Championships

The 2015 Youth Basketball Championships were held on Saturday, February 28th at Oberle Gym. The final 6 teams within the league all competed for the title of Champions in their respective divisions. By the end of the day, The Warriors in the C Division, The Dragons in the B Division and The Hurricanes in the A Division emerged victorious. All the teams played great games right up to the end. A recognition ceremony was held immediately following the games and all participants received championship shirts and participation awards. Overall, the day was exciting and the league was a huge success for our youth.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ **USDA Grant Funds the Marketing Material for the Certified Farmers Market**

The USDA awarded the City a two-year grant of \$90,448 through the Farmers Market Promotion Program. The goal of this grant is to provide funds to promote the certified Placentia Farmers Market through staff support, marketing and the promotion of healthy living.

The grant funded the design of the Placentia Farmers Market brand logo and banners, which are being displayed throughout the community mainly at the City limits entrance and around the Farmers Market. In addition, the grant also provides for a free shuttle service for targeted senior apartments and low income communities.

To supplement USDA's marketing program, the Economic Development Committee approved the Placentia Green Bucks Program. The program offered discounts at local participating merchants when visiting the Placentia Farmers Market. To date, over 1,000 Placentia Green Bucks have been circulated in the community. This was the targeted goal for the Economic Development Committee. Due to funding limitations, the Placentia Green Bucks Program has been placed on hold. If you have any questions about the Placentia Green Bucks Program, please call (714) 993-8135.



ENGINEERING AND CIP PROJECTS

◆ **Habitat for Humanity Homes**

Precise grading plans for the "Habitat for Humanity" project have been submitted and reviewed by the Planning and Building Divisions. The project consists of two single family homes located at 1617 and 1621 Oak Street. Building plans and structural calculations were submitted and are currently being reviewed by the Planning and Building Divisions and the Orange County Fire Authority.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

♦ Crime Prevention

Preschool Visit

Police Officers attended Community Days at Eastside Christian Preschool in Placentia on Wednesday, February 25th. The children learned about the safety equipment that Police Officers use. Police Officers educated the children on public safety, stranger precautions, and bike safety. Each child received a sticker badge and coloring book on traffic safety.

Police Station Tour

Cub Scouts from Troop 897 came to the Police Station, on Wednesday, February 25th for a Police Station tour. A total of 17 scouts and 7 adults participated in the tour. They enjoyed learning about how the Police Department functions and how they can access help when needed. The boys asked several key questions to better understand the operations of the Police Department. Of course, the jail was the highlight of the tour and the boys received gift bags which included bike safety guidelines.

♦ Significant Events

Teacher Dies of Apparent Suicide in Classroom

On March 2nd at approximately 8:40 a.m. Placentia Police and the Orange County Fire Authority received a 911 call of a medical emergency at El Dorado High School. It was reported a teacher was down in her classroom. Upon emergency personnel's arrival they found a female, adult teacher, in full cardiac arrest. Paramedics performed CPR and other life saving measures; however after several minutes, the victim was declared deceased at the scene. Although this is still an active investigation by Placentia Detectives and the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner's Office, the initial investigation indicates the cause of death to be a suicide. There is no indication of foul play. Crisis counselors and Placentia Police Chaplains will be on campus all week to support staff and students. The victim has been identified as Jillian Rose Jacobson, age 31, of Anaheim. Jacobson was the school's photography teacher.

Man Convicted of the 1994 Murder of Cathy Torrez

On March 3rd, Samuel Agustin Lopez of Placentia, was convicted of stabbing and murdering Cathy Torrez and locking her body in the trunk of her car. He was convicted of one felony count of murder and a sentencing enhancement for the personal use of a deadly weapon. He faces a maximum sentence of 26 years to life in state prison at his sentencing on May 1st at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana.

Samuel Lopez's cousin, Xavier Francisco Lopez of Anaheim, is charged with one felony count of special circumstances murder involving the infliction of torture. He faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison without the possibility of parole and is scheduled for jury trial on March 20th.

Samuel Lopez's older brother, Armando Antonio Lope of Placentia, is charged with one felony count each of accessory after the fact and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. He faces a maximum sentence of 36 months in state prison and is scheduled for jury trial on May 15th.

On February 19, 1994, Torrez's Toyota Corolla was found by the Placentia Police Department in the parking lot of Placentia-Linda Hospital.

In 2007, the Orange County District Attorney's Task Force review aimed at catching Killers, Rapists, and Sexual offenders (TrackRS) and the Placentia Police Department began investigating this case when new DNA evidence technology linked Samuel Lopez and Xavier Lopez to the crime. Senior Deputy District Attorney Matt Murphy of the Homicide Unit is prosecuting this case.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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

Development Services Project List

Plans for a room addition on Fairway Street have been reviewed and approved by Planning and Building Divisions. The addition is 489 sq. ft. This two (2) new bed room addition is for senior assistant living purpose which will be subject to the approval from O.C. Fire Authority prior to building permit issuance.

Total thirteen (13) SFR solar panel installation plans & structural calculations were reviewed and approved by Building Division on 2/25/15.

Tenant improvement plans for an industrial building on Melrose Street to install steel fabricated storage racks were reviewed and approved by Building Division on 2/25/15. Scope of work includes installing storage racks with different heights.



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

Deputy Fire Chief Craig Kinoshita is retiring! Chief Kinoshita's career with the Orange County Fire Authority encompasses over 30 years; during that time, his positions have included Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Division Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief. Please join us for Chief Kinoshita's [retirement luncheon](#) on March 19, 2015 at the RFOTC Museum (OCFA Headquarters) from 11:30 - 1:00 - \$15 per person. Follow [this link](#) to RSVP or contact Olivia Covarrubias @ 714-573-6023.

*Weekly Media Clips

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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: *Above Normal Temperatures for March 9 – March 16.* 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 Engine 57 (C shift) participated in a Read Across America event at Community Roots Academy in **Aliso Viejo**. The event was on February 27 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 63 (C Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at San Marino School in **Buena Park**. The event took place on February 27 from 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 63 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Christy Watson participated in Read Across America at Buena Terra Elementary in **Buena Park**. The event was on March 2 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 61 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a local high school student from **Buena Park** and his parents. The program took place on March 5 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Christy Watson provided a fire extinguisher presentation and demonstration to a group of employees in **Cypress**. The presentation took place on March 3 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 30 and Truck 49 (B Shift) hosted a charity dinner for a group of local auction winners from **Dana Point**. The event was on March 4 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 4 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of ESL students from UCI in **Irvine**. The program was on February 27 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 55 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Irvine**. The program was on March 1 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 55 (A Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at Canyon View Elementary in **Irvine**. The event was on March 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Station 6 (A Shift) hosted a station dinner and station tour for winners of a local charity auction in **Irvine**. The event took place on March 1 from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 47 (A Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at Alderwood Elementary in **Irvine**. The event took place on March 2 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 13 (A Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at Los Coyotes Elementary in **La Palma**. The event took place on March 2 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 39 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on February 27 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 19 (A Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at a local elementary school in **Lake Forest**. The event was on March 2 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 2 and Medic 17 (C Shift) attended the City of Los Alamitos Joint Forces Race on the Base event in **Los Alamitos**. The event was on February 28 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a disaster preparedness presentation to a group of seniors at Lake Park in **Placentia**. The presentation was on March 2 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 50 (C shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a Daisy Scout Troop from **San Clemente**. The program was on February 28 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.



- Crew from Station 60 (C Shift) hosted a station dinner and station tour for winners of a local charity auction in **San Clemente**. The event took place on February 28 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 59 (C Shift) provided an engine visit for a local children’s baseball game in **San Clemente**. The event was on February 28 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 59 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Talega Life Church Preschool in **San Clemente**. The program was on March 3 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 77 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Mitchell Fundamental School in **Santa Ana**. The program was on February 20 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 79 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Ricca Children’s Learning Center in **Santa Ana**. The program took place on March 5 from 10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 37 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to a group of students at Nelson Elementary in **Tustin**. The program was on March 2 from 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 72 (B Shift) participated in a Team Kids event at Heideman Elementary in **Tustin**. The event took place on March 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 37 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Tustin Preschool in **Tustin**. The program was on March 3 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 32 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a Daisy Troop from **Yorba Linda**. The program was on March 2 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Medic 32 and Engine 32 (B Shift) participated in a Career Day event at Esperanza High School in **Yorba Linda**. The event took place on March 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 10 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Linda Vista Preschool in **Yorba Linda**. The program was on March 4 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Irvine

Single Engine Aircraft – February 27 - At 1:05 p.m., a Category 1 response was dispatched to Runway 20L at John Wayne Airport. At 1:08 p.m., Crash 1 reported “Can handle with crash units” and the balance of the assignment was cancelled. Crash units removed a single engine light aircraft (Mooney 201) from the runway utilizing Crane 33 after the pilot made an unexpected gear up landing. There were no injuries. The runway was cleared and reopened with full flight services restored within 50 minutes.

Incident Commander: Captain Van Auken, Crash 1

Fullerton

Structure Fire – February 28 - At 5:55 a.m., METRONET requested Battalion 2, Engine 35, Truck 34 and Engine 34 to assist with a multi-alarm fire located on East Nutwood Avenue in Fullerton. The fire was located at Dillon’s Bar and Grill, near several commercial buildings. The fire was held with 4 alarms.

Incident Commander: Metronet

Laguna Hills

Person Down – March 2 - At 11:27 a.m., a working structure response was dispatched to Napoli in Laguna Hills. Battalion 7 arrived on scene with heavy fire and smoke showing from a two story single family residence with exposures to the adjacent residence and requested a 2nd alarm. At 11:39 a.m., Battalion 7 reported both residences were 50% involved and at 11:46 a.m., a 3rd alarm was requested. The fire was reported under control at 12:27 p.m. Units remained on scene for significant overhaul. The Red Cross responded to assist with displaced residents.

Incident Commander: Chief Harrison, B7

Santa Ana

Structure Fire – March 2 - At 3:06 p.m., a structure response was dispatched to West Walnut Street in Santa Ana. Engine 73 reported smoke showing while en route and requested a working structure response. Engine 73 arrived on scene at 3:10 p.m. with a working detached garage fire with no extension. The fire was quickly knocked down and was reported under control at 3:28 p.m.

Incident Commander: Captain Moon, E73

Westminster

Structure Fire – March 3 - At 4:26 a.m., ECC dispatched a working structure fire to Magnolia Street in Westminster. At 4:35 a.m., Engine 25 arrived on scene to a mobile home with heavy smoke showing. At 4:37 a.m., the assignment was balanced to a working structure response. At 4:43 a.m., Battalion 1 declared a primary all clear. At 4:53 a.m., Battalion 1 reported the fire knocked down.

Cause: Accidental/Electrical

Tustin

Remote Rescue – March 4 - At 1:16 p.m., ECC dispatched a Remote Rescue to Albee Avenue and De Sutter Drive in Tustin. Initial report was a 44 year old male feeling weak. At 1:36 p.m., Utility 3 made contact with the patient and cancelled all units with the exception of Medic 31 and the ambulance.

Incident Commander: Chief Ferdig, B3

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 2/16/2015 - 2/22/2015**

3/5/2015

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	2	0	36	0	6	4	8	0	1	57
BUENA PARK	1	0	72	0	3	8	4	0	25	113
CYPRESS	0	1	47	1	4	3	0	0	1	57
DANA POINT	0	1	44	0	2	7	4	0	2	60
IRVINE	2	0	162	3	16	13	35	0	5	236
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	6	0	0	1	8	0	1	16
LA PALMA	0	0	20	0	0	2	0	0	1	23
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	30	0	1	1	5	0	0	37
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	48	0	3	7	1	0	0	59
LAGUNA WOODS	1	0	83	0	5	1	2	0	6	98
LAKE FOREST CITY	2	0	64	0	7	4	8	0	3	88
LOS ALAMITOS	1	0	23	1	0	3	3	0	0	31
MISSION VIEJO	0	0	121	0	7	6	4	0	5	143
PLACENTIA	0	0	40	0	8	10	1	0	11	70
RANCHO SANTA MARGARI	0	0	32	0	5	3	3	0	2	45
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	53	0	6	11	5	0	1	76
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	47	0	4	1	0	0	1	53
SANTA ANA	8	1	290	2	14	40	8	0	54	417
SEAL BEACH	0	0	51	1	6	3	1	0	4	66
STANTON	1	0	37	0	4	7	0	0	6	55
TUSTIN	0	0	67	0	6	3	3	0	6	85
VILLA PARK	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	9
WESTMINSTER	1	0	109	0	1	11	4	0	5	131
YORBA LINDA	1	1	47	1	3	5	4	0	5	67
UNINCORPORATED	1	0	85	1	8	9	6	0	11	121
TOTAL	21	4	1621	11	119	163	117	0	157	2213