

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

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♦ **OC Register Article: "Placentia Marine Helped Raise U.S. Flag in Cuba"**

We would like to congratulate Placentia's Jared Brittain, a U.S. Marine stationed in Cuba, whom carried the American flag during the official reopening of the U.S. Embassy in Havana on August 14, 2015.

As a brass band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," Sergeant Brittain and his counterparts received a new, folded banner from three now-retired Marines who last lowered the flag in January, 1961 when the embassy closed after President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced diplomatic relations with the island country were ending.

The new flag was then raised and saluted after more than half a century. To read the full article, please click on the following link:

www.ocreger.com/articles/brittain-678385-placentia-flag.html

Jared Brittan's name was added to the Placentia Veterans Monument in 2013. The City of Placentia would like to thank Sergeant Brittain for his military service and is honored to have his name engraved on the City's monument.

♦ **Local History Lecture Series - Every First Monday of the Month from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

The first Monday of the month is Local History Day at the Placentia Library! Explore Placentia's rich and diverse history along with the Placentia Historical Committee and Placentia Library History Room Staff. For more information about this free lecture series, please contact the Placentia Library at (714) 528-1906, extension 210 or information@placentialibrary.org.

September 9 (Due to Labor Day)	A Foodie History of Downtown Placentia
October 5	Placentia's Spooky History
November 2	A Salute to Placentia's Veterans
December 7	Fighting Over the Streets: How Placentia Got Its Shape
January 4	The House that Bradford Built
February 1	Love Connections: The People & Marriages that Shaped Our City

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/21 Movies in the Park featuring Toy Story
- 8/25 Economic Development Committee
- 8/25 Historical Committee
- 9/1 City Council Meeting
- 9/7 Labor Day - City Facilities Closed
- 9/8 Cultural Arts Commission

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Overview of the Concerts in the Park and the Taste of the Town Event

On Thursday, August 13, the City of Placentia Community Services Department, the Chamber of Commerce and the Placentia Community Foundation hosted the Taste of the Town Event in conjunction with the Concerts in the Park. The event was held at Tri-City Park from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. and featured a food court with a variety of food vendors and beer and wine garden . There were approximately 1,500 people in attendance and the BJ Smith Band entertained the crowd with popular R&B hits. Overall, the event was a huge success and the Community Services Department is looking forward to partnering with these organizations in the future.



◆ Movies in the Park

This Friday, August 21st, is the final Movies in the Park of the season. The final featured movie is "Toy Story." Outdoor movies have been shown on Friday nights during the summer months at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, 505 N. Jefferson. Movies begin at dusk and admission is FREE. Spectators are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable viewing.

◆ Backpacks for Success!

The City, in collaboration with the Community Action Partnership, will be distributing free backpacks with school supplies. To apply, please visit the Whitten Community Center beginning on Monday, August 3, 2015. The new backpacks are available to low-income elementary students attending school in Placentia. Applications are available at the Whitten Community Center. For additional information, please call (714) 986-2333 or click on the following link:

[Backpack for Success Flyer](#)



COMMUNITY SERVICES

♦ P.A.R.K.'s Program Excursion to Knott's Berry Farm

On Tuesday August 4 and Monday August 10, the Community Services Department P.A.R.K.'s program staff and participants had the opportunity to go to Knott's Berry Farm and Soak City. The Cathy Torres Learning Center and the Gomez Community Center were the two summer program sites that enjoyed the fun summer excursions during the month of August. There were over 30 participants that went on the excursions. All the program sites enjoyed several trips this summer including



Knott's Berry Farm, Soak City, Huntington Beach, Angel's Stadium, Cinema City and local walking excursions. The Community Services Department is looking forward to providing even more fun and exciting trips in the future to the youth of the community.

♦ The Friendly Center is Seeking Volunteers

The City's Community Services Department and the Friendly Center work cooperatively to provide valuable programs designed to strengthen families in Placentia. These valuable programs include free afterschool tutoring, food distribution, crisis intervention, and counseling. All of these services are provided at no cost to our community.



With this in mind, the Friendly Center conducts several fundraising events throughout the year. The Orange International Street Fair event on September 4th through the 6th in the City of Orange is one of their largest fundraisers. The Friendly Center relies heavily on volunteers to make this event a success. For additional information or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit the link below to register.

www.friendlycenter.org/streetfairvolunteer.html

PUBLIC WORKS

♦ Temporary Road Closure at Van Buren Street

Burlington Northern Santa Fe will be replacing their railroad crossing at Van Buren Street, between Orangethorpe Avenue and Atwood Avenue, beginning the evening of Saturday, August 22. The crossing will be completely closed to traffic and will reopen on Tuesday, August 25. In addition to replacing the crossing, Burlington Northern Santa Fe will be grinding the adjacent pavement and constructing an asphalt concrete overlay to ensure a smooth ride and a long lasting result. Burlington Northern Santa Fe's traffic control contractor will be placing advisory signage adjacent to the intersection in advance of the work to advise motorists of the upcoming temporary closure of Van Buren Street. For additional information, please contact Burlington Northern Santa Fe's representative at (909) 386-4140.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Significant Events

August 12, 2015

A Police Officer arrested a man in the 300 block of Camarillo for the second night in a row.

An immigration detainer was issued and the man was later picked up at Placentia Police Department Jail by ICE Agents.

August 14, 2015

A known gang member was dropped off at Placentia Linda Hospital with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. He was transferred to UCI Medical Center. It was determined that the crime occurred in Anaheim off of Park Lane. Anaheim Police was notified and completed the investigation.

August 15, 2015

At approximately 1:00 p.m., Police Officers were dispatched to the area of All America and Georgetown regarding a solo vehicle traffic collision. When Police Officers arrived on scene, they located a vehicle on the sidewalk that collided with a sign and an irrigation control box. The vehicle was unoccupied and several witnesses stated the male driver fled the scene on foot. After an extensive search, Police Officers were unable to locate the driver.

August 16, 2015

Police Officers responded to Tri City Park regarding a female attempting to grab several children. Upon arrival, the Police Officers located the suspect who was a young woman who was under the influence of a controlled substance and subsequently arrested her. She is a known methamphetamine user.

August 17, 2015

A fight involving several people, a bat, and a possible gun was reported in the 100 block of Orange Grove. Police Officers arrested 3 older gang members at the location for terrorist threats with gang overtones. Special Enforcement Detail was notified.

An older gang member from the south end of the City arrived at Placentia Linda Hospital with facial trauma. The man clearly had been involved in a fight but refused to provide any information about the assault. He said he was in town because he heard his son had been shot.

A victim of a rape arrived at Placentia Linda Hospital. The investigation showed that the crime occurred in La Habra. La Habra Police Department was notified and opened an investigation.

August 18, 2015

A vehicle fire occurred in the early morning hours in the Placentia Lakes community. The fire was determined to be a result of arson. Orange County Fire Authority Investigators and Placentia Police Department are investigating the crime.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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

Building Division Activity

1. Building plans for a commercial tenant improvement project located at 1280 Kraemer Blvd. were approved by Planning & Building Divisions on 8/10/15. Scope of work includes adding interior office partition walls, t-bar ceilings, new mechanical and electrical systems, new plumbing fixtures, restroom renovations in accordance to ADA requirements. Cost of the construction is \$73,000.00.
2. Building & electrical plans for solar panel installation projects of nine (9) residential homes have been reviewed and approved by the City Building Division on 8/10/15.
3. Revised grading and wall plans for Beazer Homes (T-17145) @ Kraemer & Angelina were submitted and reviewed on 8/11/15. The main purpose of these grading revisions is due to changes of the floor plans. The developer is switching some of the floor plans due to market and sales results.
4. Building plans and structural calculations for a residential renovation project at Farmer Ln. were reviewed and approved by Planning and Building Divisions on 8/12/15. Scope of work includes new roof farming, new metal patio cover with steel posts, electrical, plumbing fixtures, new landscape irrigation systems.

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
Residential Alteration	3
Solar	10
Block Wall/Fence	
Storage Racks	
Patio	
Commercial Tenant Improvement	1
Sign	1
Roof	6
Pool Demo	
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	39
Total	60

PLAN CHECK TYPE	# SUBMITTED
Commercial Tenant Improvement	
Residential Alterations	2
Solar	7
Signs	1
B & Z (Building & Zoning Application)	
Home Occupation Permits	3
TOTAL	13



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

On August 18, the Orange County Fire Authority and the OCFA Foundation, joined Australian Swim School, to accept a grant award of \$10,000 from Fireman's Fund Insurance, and Take 1 Insurance. The grant, part of OCFA's drowning prevention efforts in Santa Ana, was used to provide swim lessons for more than 220 children and adults. The story was covered by the media; click [here](#) for the ABC 7 coverage. You can also read the [News Release](#).

OCFA, the Red Cross, the Cypress Police Department, West County CERT, and community volunteers partnered to install free smoke alarms at the Lincoln Center Mobile Home Park. The event took place on Saturday, August 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A total of 207 smoke alarms were installed and residents of the neighborhood received fire safety and emergency evacuation education.

The Ceremony, Awards, and Protocol Committee would like to invite you to the 2015 Length of Service and Promotion Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the OCFA-RFOTC, 1 Fire Authority Rd, Irvine, CA 92602 on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Come celebrate and support the proud members of the OCFA and congratulate them on their promotions and length of service! Please contact Olivia Covarrubias to RSVP or if you have any questions, OliviaCovarrubias@ocfa.org or (714) 573-602

OCFA is currently supporting statewide firefighting efforts throughout California. For more information regarding current fire activity within the state, please refer to the following [link](#).

*Weekly Media Clips

[OCFA Weekly Media Coverage](#)

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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 Below Normal Temperatures for August 21 – August 28.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook –Dry: Low risk of large fires in the absence of a "High Risk" event. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



Community Events

- Captain Wilkes attended the opening ceremony at Tice House Café in **Buena Park**. The event was held on August 19, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- Crews from Engine 17 and Truck 17 (C Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen participated in a smoke alarm installation event at the Lincoln Center Mobile Home Park in **Cypress**. The event took place on August 15 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Division Chief Steffen, Battalion Chief Dossey, Captain Wilkes, and crews from Station 17 (B Shift) attended the badge pinning ceremony of newly appointed Police Chief Rod Cox in **Cypress**. The event was held on August 18, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Cypress Community Center.
- Crew from Engine 4 (C Shift) participated in a Team Kids event at Vista Verde Elementary in **Irvine**. The event took place on August 20 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a fire safety presentation for a group of seniors at Aegis in **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on August 20 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Station 19 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Red Apple School in **Lake Forest**. The program was on August 20 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crews from Engine 54 and the Urban Search and Rescue team (C Shift) provided a static display for a community event in **Lake Forest**. The event was on August 14 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Crews from Engine 9 and Truck 9 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Mission Montessori in **Mission Viejo**. The program was on August 17 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 34 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to a community library event in **Placentia**. The event took place on August 15 from 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Crew from Station 59 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **San Clemente**. The program was on August 20 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Station 7 (C Shift) hosted a station dinner for a group of local **San Juan Capistrano** residents as part of a charity donation. The event was on August 20 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 2 (C Shift) attended the Kids Swap Meet at Heather Park in **Seal Beach**. The event was on August 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 44 (C Shift) participated in a Neighbor 4 Neighbor event in **Seal Beach**. The event took place on August 15 from 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.



- Battalion Chief Mattern attended “Talk on the Block” at the La Lampara Mobile Home Park in **Stanton**. The event was held on August 18, 2015 from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Battalion Chief Mattern attended “Talk on the Block” at the Beach West Mobile Home Park in **Stanton**. The event was held on August 18, 2015 from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Chief Bowman, Battalion Chief Espinoza and crew from Engine 72 (B Shift) attended a grant check presentation for drowning prevention at the Australian Swim School in **Santa Ana**. The event took place on August 18 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crews from Engine 21 and Truck 43 (A Shift) participated in the Tustin Car Show at the Enderly Center in **Tustin**. The event was on August 16 from 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Irvine

Chemical Spill – August 13- At 12:03 a.m., ECC received a 3rd hand report of an unknown type of chemical spill and dispatched a HCS response to Biological Court at UC Irvine. At 12:10 a.m., UCI PD notified there were several patients complaining of feeling ill or with pain in faces. The response was then upgraded to a CHEMIN response. Truck 4 arrived on scene at 12:17 a.m., reporting six patients, and requested a total of three ambulances. At 12:29 a.m., Battalion 5 assumed UCI Incident Command, and Medic 4 was assigned as Medical Group. The building fire alarm was activated to evacuate the building. A total of three patients were transported Basic Life Support to the hospital for evaluation. At 1:45 a.m., Hazmat personnel made a Level B entry, and determined a chemical containment box was set into self-cleaning mode, which caused off-gassing to occur.

Incident Commander:

Chief Stone, B5

Tustin

Structure Fire – August 14 - At 1:01 p.m. a structure response was dispatched to East Coronado Lane in Tustin. While en route, Engine 72 reported a header showing and requested the assignment be upgraded to a working structure response. Engine 72 arrived on scene at 1:05 p.m. with a double wide mobile home well involved with exposures. The fire was quickly knocked down and contained to the unit of origin. The Red Cross responded to assist with five displaced family members. One dog was also found deceased.

Incident Commander

Captain McCann, E72

Trabuco Canyon

Traffic Collision Cut & Rescue – August 14 - At 9:55 p.m., a Traffic Collision Cut & Rescue response was dispatched to the area of Trabuco Canyon Road/Trabuco Creek Road. Engine 318 arrived on scene and declared a Multi-Casualty Incident with multiple victims. The assigned was augmented with three additional medics and five ambulances. A total of eight patients were transported to area hospitals.

Incident Commander:

Chief Morganstern, B7

Ladera Ranch

Remote Rescue – August 15 - At 8:47 a.m. a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to the area of Antonio Pkwy and Benjamin Drive in Ladera Ranch. As ground units were attempting to make access to the reported area of the patient Helicopter 2 arrived over the scene and was able to assist getting units into the area. Once on scene ground units were able to make a quick evaluation of the patient and determined that the helicopter was not needed and it was canceled. They were able to walk the patient out of the area.

Incident Commander:

Chief Morganstern, B7

Silverado Canyon

Vegetation Fire – August 15 - At 8:31 p.m. a Vegetation Fire response was dispatched to the area of Black Star Canyon Road and Baker Canyon Road. Ground units arrived in the area and were unable to locate anything. Helicopter 2 arrived overhead and made an extensive search of the area and was also unable to find anything. Ground units after a bit were able to find a very small spot of grass that was burned. With nothing else being found in the area all units were cancelled.

Incident Commander:

Chief Roberts, B3



San Juan Capistrano

Remote Rescue –August 16 - At 5:10 p.m. the Orange County Sherriff's Department contacted OCFA to get the assistance from our helicopter to hoist out some stranded hikers in the area of Ortega Hwy and the county line. Helicopter 1 flew to the area and with the assistance of the ECC, on the phone with the hikers; they were able to locate them. Helicopter 1 inserted the rescuer who started getting the hikers ready for hoisting. After getting two of the hikers onboard the helicopter, the helicopter experienced a mechanical issue and was forced to land, without incident, at Casper's Park. ECC immediately began contacting South Ops to determine what the next closest hoist capable ship would be to complete the rescue. Due to the amount of fire activity in Southern California it was determined that ORC Helicopter 2, at the Cabin Fire, was the closest ship equipped with a hoist. The Air Attack for the Cabin Fire was contacted by Angeles Forest Dispatch and Helicopter 2 was released. Helicopter 2 arrived in the area of the incident at 7:20 p.m. and was able to hoist out the rescuer and the last hiker. All of the hikers were evaluated by paramedics at Casper's Park and one was transported by ambulance Basic Life Support to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo.

Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 7/27/2015 - 8/2/2015

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	2	0	25	0	3	4	9	0	1	44
BUENA PARK	2	0	84	0	1	5	4	0	13	109
CYPRESS	2	0	38	2	4	5	4	0	0	55
DANA POINT	0	0	50	0	6	6	5	0	1	68
IRVINE	3	0	167	2	17	25	24	0	11	249
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	7	0	0	2	5	0	0	14
LA PALMA	0	0	22	1	1	0	1	0	1	26
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	36	0	2	4	7	0	3	52
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	55	0	6	6	4	0	4	75
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	93	1	20	2	0	0	9	125
LAKE FOREST CITY	1	0	62	1	7	7	4	0	10	92
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	22	0	3	1	1	0	0	27
MISSION VIEJO	1	1	89	0	12	6	6	0	6	121
PLACENTIA	0	0	38	0	5	3	7	0	3	56
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	40	0	1	3	4	0	4	52
SAN CLEMENTE	1	0	66	0	7	9	7	0	7	97
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	4	0	55	0	3	3	2	0	4	71
SANTA ANA	7	1	298	3	5	41	11	0	38	404
SEAL BEACH	0	0	67	0	12	3	4	0	1	87
STANTON	2	0	59	2	1	7	1	0	7	79
TUSTIN	1	1	86	0	3	9	3	0	2	105
VILLA PARK	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
WESTMINSTER	3	0	113	1	3	9	3	0	6	138
YORBA LINDA	2	0	35	2	7	5	2	0	12	65
UNINCORPORATED	1	0	101	5	4	5	8	0	6	130
TOTAL	32	3	1717	20	133	170	126	0	149	2350