

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



From: *Damién R. Arrula*

August 27, 2015

"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

◆ Community Outreach Efforts

Our City is experiencing challenging fiscal times. That's why the City Council recently appointed a Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force to study the City's financial condition and recommend solutions. The Task Force's full report can be viewed at www.placentia.org/taskforce, and includes a unanimous recommendation to engage the community on these issues.

Over the coming weeks, we will be engaging residents in a Community Conversation on your service priorities. The most important input comes from YOU! Please help us by clicking this link to take our [Community Feedback Survey](#) today. In addition, engagement meetings are being scheduled at various locations throughout the community. Stay tuned for a schedule in the next weekly briefing.

We will continue to update the community on these issues. Please don't hesitate to contact us at (714) 993-8186 or administration@placentia.org with any questions. We look forward to your feedback.

◆ Local History Lecture Series - A Foodie History of Downtown Placentia

On Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, the Placentia Historical Committee and the Placentia Library History Room Staff will be hosting a "Foodie History of Downtown Placentia." Step back in time as you hear the story of how the Original Placentia Town Site was established. You'll discover part of Placentia's early history and learn how businesses and homes came to be along Bradford and Santa Fe Avenues. We will also explore the story behind one of Placentia's early Mexican Restaurants.

For more information about this free lecture series, please contact the Placentia Library at (714) 528-1906, extension 210 or information@placentialibrary.org.

[Local History Lecture Series Flyer](#)

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 9/1 City Council Meeting
- 9/7 Labor Day - City Facilities Closed
- 9/8 Cultural Arts Commission
- 9/8 Planning Commission
- 9/9 Oversight Board to the Successor Agency
- 9/9 Heritage Festival Committee

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Backpacks for Success!

On Friday, August 21st the City of Placentia distributed 200 backpacks filled with school supplies to low income children in the community. The backpacks were donated by Community Action Partnership of Orange County. Additionally, 100 backpacks were distributed to children attending the Cathy Torrez Learning Center through a partnership with the Friendly Center. The City is thankful for the generosity of our partners as the backpacks will allow children to enter the new school year ready to learn and with the right supplies needed for success!



◆ 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 scheduled from 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 following link to register.
www.friendlycenter.org/streetfairvolunteer.html

◆ Danish Days in Solvang

Join us via a full size coach bus as we travel to watch Solvang come to life as its town folks' celebrate all things Danish. Learn to bake Danish pastries or watch cloggers dance as you sample on Danish specialties such as aebleskiver (Danish pancake balls) and Medisterpølse (Danish sausage). You will see roving folk dancers, village singers and a village band to entertain you. Lunch is on your own so you can sample the local street fare or try an authentic smorgasbord at one of the popular Scandinavian restaurants. An on board continental breakfast, specially prepared by Boudin Bakery will be served in the morning on the way to the festival. On the way home we can make an optional no-host dinner stop if the group is still hungry. We need a minimum of 40 participants! Don't miss this fun-filled day!

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Return: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$59



PUBLIC WORKS

♦ OC Bridges Project - Raymond Avenue Undercrossing in Fullerton

Construction is progressing on the Raymond Avenue undercrossing in the City of Fullerton. Once complete, the bridge will separate vehicle traffic from train traffic by lowering the roadway beneath the railway crossing, enhancing safety and mobility.

As part of the Raymond Avenue undercrossing, installation of a temporary north/south bypass road will require a 40 day full closure of Raymond Avenue from just south of Truslow Avenue to Valencia Drive in Fullerton. The approximate closure schedule is from early September to mid-October, 2015. Please watch for posted changeable message signs for the latest information about the closure period.

RAYMOND AVENUE 40-DAY CLOSURE AND DETOUR

MOTORIST DETOURS:

- Orangethorpe Avenue, Lemon Street, and Commonwealth Avenue or
- Orangethorpe Avenue, Acacia Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue

PEDESTRIAN DETOUR:
 Kimberly Ave. , Acacia Ave. and Walnut Ave.

Cyclists may use motorist or pedestrian detour.

Please note full closures at State College Boulevard at the BNSF Railway through spring 2018 and Valencia Drive east of Raymond Avenue through early 2017. To avoid delays, please plan your commute.

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- MOTORIST DETOURS
- PEDESTRIAN DETOUR
- BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
- CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN

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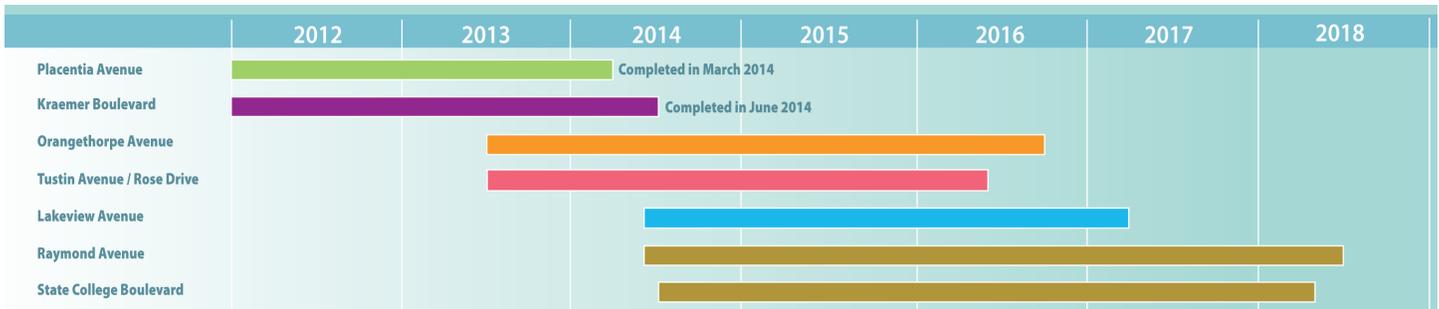
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Below is the anticipated completion schedule for the OC Bridges Project.



Schedule is estimated and subject to change.

Effective May 2015



PUBLIC WORKS

◆ Temporary Road Closure at Van Buren Street

Burlington Northern Santa Fe is currently replacing their railroad crossing at Van Buren Street, between Orangethorpe Avenue and Atwood Avenue. The crossing is completely



closed to traffic and will reopen by Friday, September 4th. 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

◆ Dog Walker Watch

Please join the Placentia Police Department at Tri-City Park on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. for a Dog Walker Watch (DWW) meeting. The meeting will take place at the picnic shelters and dogs are welcome to join in on the fun. Those who attend the meeting will be trained on what suspicious activity looks like as well as how to observe, identify and report suspicious activity to the Police Department. Dog Walker Watch is a crime awareness program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) to train dog walkers to serve as "extra eyes and ears." For more information please contact Marilyn Anderson at (714) 993-8225 or manderson@placentia.org.



◆ Pharmaceutical Collection Event September 26th and Shred Day on October 24th

Placentia residents are invited to have their unused or expired medication properly disposed of on Saturday, September 26th at the Placentia Police Department, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. No sharps will be collected.

On Saturday, October 24th, Placentia residents can have their confidential documents destroyed on-site free of charge by Shred-It at the Placentia Police Department from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Residents will be required to provide proof of residency. Please limit your documents to two boxes per household.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Significant Events

August 20, 2015

Police Officers were dispatched to a residence on the 400 block of Morse regarding a burglar alarm. As the Department's personnel were deploying around the residence, the alarm company reported several activations (motion sensor) inside the residence. Forced entry was found to a rear door. Officers entered with K9 and determined no suspects were inside. The residents were on vacation, so the loss is unknown at this time.

August 21, 2015

Police Officers stopped a stolen vehicle and arrested the gang member driver for possession of a stolen vehicle.

A commercial burglary occurred at Maki Yaki Sushi, on the 1400 block of N. Kraemer at about 4:00 am. Unknown loss at this time.

August 22, 2015

Two arrests were made (1 for domestic violence and 1 for narcotics/probation violation).

August 23, 2015

A Police Officer stopped a vehicle on Bastanchury that was driving slowly and without headlights. The driver was found to be severely under the influence of drugs. He was arrested for DUI.

Approximately 1:30 a.m., Police Officers were sent to the 700 block of W. La Jolla for a stabbing. Security Guards at the location located the victim and detained a possible suspect in the parking lot, who was later arrested.

August 24, 2015

At approximately 3:00 p.m., an Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief was involved in a minor-injury traffic collision at the intersection of Rose and Alta Vista; the Traffic Bureau is handling the investigation.

Fullerton Police Department had a triple stabbing in the Gem Street area. The victims were Wicked Minds gang members. The 4-5 suspects yelled "Plas" several times during the crime. They fled the area in a maroon 4 door pickup truck. Placentia Police Department Officers checked the area for the truck throughout the night but were unable to locate the vehicle.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- ◆ [Development Services Project List](#)
- ◆ [Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary](#)

Building Division Activity

1. Architectural plans and structural calculations for an existing apartment complex renovation project at 310 S. Jefferson Street were reviewed and approved by Planning & Building Divisions on 8/17/15. Scope of work includes stairway repairs, new foundations for the existing patio/balcony structures. Each phase consists of 4-5 buildings (3-4 units in each building) and the whole complex has more than 50 buildings.
2. Solar panel installation plans and structural calculations for six (6) residential homes were reviewed & approved by Building Division on 8/19/15. All of these projects are single family detached homes.
3. Grading operation for the new temple project at 1022 Bradford Ave. will be started within next week; grading permit, perimeter property line block wall building permits were all issued by both Building & Engineering Division. Building permits for the two main buildings will be issued when grading operation is completed.
4. Tennant improvement building and structural plans @ 1055 Ortega Way were submitted & reviewed by Building & Planning Divisions on 8/21/15. Scope of work includes interior renovations, doorways in between offices and warehouse, new HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems and fixtures. Cost of the construction is \$45,000.00

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
Residential Alteration	9
Solar	3
Block Wall/Fence	
Storage Racks	
Patio	
Commercial Tenant Improvement	
Sign	1
Roof	6
Pool Demo	
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	15
Total	34

PLAN CHECK TYPE	# SUBMITTED
Commercial Tenant Improvement	2
Residential Alterations	4
Solar	3
Signs	
B & Z (Building & Zoning Application)	2
Home Occupation Permits	
TOTAL	11



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

Prepared by Communications and Public Affairs

Gene Hernandez, Board Chairman

Elizabeth Swift, Vice-Chair

Jeff Bowman, Fire Chief

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News & Events

Current and former OCFA employees from FEMA's California Task Force Five, gathered last week at OCFA Station 43 for the ten year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Keith Sharon, a reporter with the Register, was imbedded with the task force during their deployment and is now doing a follow-up story on all the victims they rescued and saved. In attendance were: Assistant Chief Brian Young, former Battalion Chief Terry Scottt, Captains Mark Mollet and Shane Munson, former Captain Dave Boyd, Engineers Dan Goodwin, Tom Hobbs, Rob Reed, Firefighter Tom Schenk and Dr. Peter Czuleger. Read more about the reunion [here](#).

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](#).

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[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 28 – September 4.* 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

- Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt participated in Super Senior Saturday at Ehlers Community Recreation Center in **Buena Park**. The event was on August 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Battalion Chief Capobianco and crews from Engine 30, Patrol 30, Engine 307, Truck 6 and the Swift Water Rescue Team (A Shift) and Community Education Specialists Polly Bowen and Martha Espiritu participated in the Dana Point Emergency Expo at Dana Hill High School in **Dana Point**. The event took place on August 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 51 (C Shift) participated in a “Bring your Kids to Work Day” at a local business in **Irvine**. The event was on August 21 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Patrol 26 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to kids at the Children’s Program at the Irvine Ranch Conservancy in **Irvine**. The event was on August 23 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 51 (C Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen participated in “When I Grow Up Day” at Pretend City in **Irvine**. The event was on August 27 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Station 22 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a Woman’s Group from **Laguna Hills**. The program was on August 22 from 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- Crew from Truck 49 (A Shift) participated in a community chili cook off in **Laguna Niguel**. The event was on August 22 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu participated in a Career Fair at Access High School in **Mission Viejo**. The event was on August 27 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 51 (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 26 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 73 (A Shift) participated in a community health street fair in **Santa Ana**. The event was on August 22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Station 65 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Westminster**. The program was on August 22 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 34 (B Shift) participated in a ball drop event for the Anaheim Lady Duck Hockey fundraiser at the Yorba Linda Country Club in **Yorba Linda**. The event took place on August 24 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crews from Station 10, Engine 32 and Engine 10 (C Shift) participated in a flag burning ceremony at Fire Station 10 in **Yorba Linda**. The event took place on August 26 from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Station 32 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of first responders visiting from out of state. The tour took place on August 27 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in **Yorba Linda**.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Dana Point

Technical Rescue – August 20 - At 7:56 a.m., ECC received a report of a male stuck on the side of a cliff, and dispatched a Technical Rescue response to Dana Point Harbor Drive in Dana Point. Further reports of a male attempting to climb the cliff above the Ocean Institute were received, and Helicopter 1 was assisted to the incident. Engine 29 arrived on scene at 8:04 a.m., located the patient, and reported he appeared to be attempting to finish the climb to the street above. The patient made it safely to the street, where he was later detained by OC Sheriffs for questioning.

Incident Commander:

Chief Sanchez, B6

San Clemente

Rescue Confined Space – August 20- At 8:40 a.m., ECC received a report of a male buried in a collapsed trench at a construction site, and dispatched a confined space rescue response to Avenue Vista Hermosa and Avenue Pico in San Clemente. Further reports confirmed the male was trapped up to his legs in a semi-shored ditch, and other workers were attempting to dig him out. Engine 60 arrived on scene at 8:48 a.m., and reported the patient had self-extricated and they could handle with Engine 60.

Incident Commander

Chief Sanchez, B6

Tustin

Traffic Collision with Injuries – August 21 - At 11:22 a.m. a Traffic Collision with Injuries response was dispatched to the area of the Northbound 55 near Red Hill Avenue. First arriving units found a multiple vehicle accident involving two vans containing school students and a gravel truck. The Incident Commander requested a total of three medic units and four ambulances and declared the incident a multi-casualty incident. A total of nine patients were transported to four area hospitals. The ECC worked with CHP, personnel from Station 21 and Care Ambulance to get the parents of the children routed to the correct hospitals.

Incident Commander:

Engine 21

Lake Forest

Structure Fire – August 21 - At 7:15 p.m. a Structure Fire response was dispatched to Crescent Bay Drive in Lake Forest. First arriving units found an approximate 200' x 300' concrete tilt up two story commercial building with light smoke showing from the rear of the structure. Investigation did reveal that the sprinkler system in the building had been activated. At approximately 7:23 p.m., the Incident Commander requested that the incident be balanced to a Second Alarm and the additional units were dispatched. At 7:40 p.m. the incident commander reported that the forward progress of the fire had been stopped.

Incident Commander:

Chief Casario, B4

Preliminary Cause:

Accidental

Ortega Highway Unincorporated

Remote Rescue – August 22 - At 1:51 p.m., ECC received a report of a horseback rider down in Caspers Park on Juanino Trail and dispatched a REMOTE response to Ortega Highway. At 2:07 p.m., Helicopter 1 made visual contact of the patient, and made a nearby landing. The patient was packaged and transported via Helicopter 1 to Mission Community as a trauma for hip injuries.



Incident Commander:

Chief Dossey, B6

Silverado Canyon

Drowning –August 22 - At 5:45 p.m., ECC received a report of a possible drowning in the Irvine Lake, and dispatched a drowning response to Santiago Canyon Road in Silverado Canyon. Further reports were received that a male had gone over the side of his boat and under water, but rescue attempts by other boaters were unsuccessful. Due to the nature and terrain of the incident, the response was upgraded to a water rescue response at 6:08 p.m. In addition to OCSO DUKE, Helicopter 1, Swift Water 6, Swift Water 9, and Swift Water 61 were assisted for recon and to begin a search of the lake. At 6:45 p.m., Truck 6 and Truck 9 personnel entered the water to begin a surface search. At 7:55 p.m., the surface search was suspended. OCSO Dive Team Personnel took over search efforts and made entry at 8:28 p.m. and assumed incident command at 9:20 p.m.

Incident Commander:

Chief Kovacs, B3

Santa Ana

Structure Fire – August 22 - At 7:37 p.m., ECC received a report of smoke inside the structure at the Weinerschnitzl's restaurant and dispatched a structure response to East Dyer Road in Santa Ana. Engine 79 arrived on scene at 7:45 p.m., reporting the electrical sign on the exterior of the building had shorted out, with a possible outlet fire. With ventilation efforts, the fire was located in the drop space of the attic. Health and Building officials were dispatched to the scene.

Incident Commander:

Chief Espinosa, B9

Cause:

Pyrolysis of wood

Westminster

Structure Fire – August 25 - At 10:47 p.m., ECC received a report of a house on fire, and dispatched a structure fire response to Stengal Street in Westminster. Engine 66 arrived on scene at 10:54 p.m., reporting smoke and fire showing, assumed Stern Incident Command, and upgraded the response to a working structure fire response. At 10:58 p.m., Engine 66 reported pack rat conditions inside the residence, complicating efforts to force entry and search the residence. The fire was knocked down at 11:13 p.m., contained to the eaves of the residence.

Incident Commander:

Chief Gomez, B1

Cause:

Under Investigation

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 8/3/2015 - 8/9/2015**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	2	0	24	0	3	2	6	0	6	43
BUENA PARK	2	0	93	1	2	12	2	0	20	132
CYPRESS	1	0	35	1	1	3	5	0	0	46
DANA POINT	0	0	41	1	3	8	2	0	8	63
IRVINE	4	1	169	2	8	20	22	0	17	243
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	7
LA PALMA	0	0	16	0	4	1	0	0	0	21
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	33	0	2	4	3	0	2	44
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	44	0	5	7	2	0	5	63
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	60	0	5	6	4	0	25	100
LAKE FOREST CITY	2	0	61	0	4	7	6	0	6	86
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	20	0	0	3	0	0	2	25
MISSION VIEJO	1	1	62	1	12	1	11	0	23	112
PLACENTIA	0	0	23	0	2	4	1	0	21	51
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	24	2	2	3	3	0	4	38
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	68	1	11	13	5	0	18	116
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	1	0	53	2	5	7	5	0	6	79
SANTA ANA	4	0	268	2	6	37	7	0	85	409
SEAL BEACH	2	0	69	0	7	4	1	0	1	84
STANTON	1	0	52	0	2	6	0	0	9	70
TUSTIN	0	0	80	1	4	10	11	0	9	115
VILLA PARK	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	5
WESTMINSTER	3	0	121	0	4	16	4	0	12	160
YORBA LINDA	1	0	36	1	4	8	5	0	12	67
UNINCORPORATED	1	0	59	1	11	13	2	0	15	102
TOTAL	25	2	1516	17	109	196	109	0	308	2282