

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

City Initiated Investigation Leads to Arrest: Former Employee Charged with Embezzling City Funds

Michael Minh Nguyen, the former Finance Services Manager for the City of Placentia was arrested on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 for embezzlement and misappropriation of \$4.3 million of public funds, of which \$1.5 million has already been recovered. The City and the Orange County District Attorney's Office are working to recover the remaining \$2.8 million. It is important to note that Mr. Nguyen's actions are not expected to impact the City's projects, programs and services.

Immediate Actions Taken Upon Learning of Misappropriation

- The City immediately locked Mr. Nguyen out of all financial and electronic controls and he was suspended.
- The City immediately contacted the DA's Office to conduct an independent investigation.
- The DA investigated and arrested Mr. Nguyen within 24 hours, and he was subsequently terminated by the City.
- The DA's initial investigation has shown Mr. Nguyen acted alone.
- The City's internal financial controls were immediately strengthened to provide additional security.
- The City is in the process of retaining an independent Forensic Auditor to conduct its own comprehensive review and make recommendations for additional financial controls. These recommendations will be presented publicly at a future City Council meeting.

Sophisticated Effort to Conceal Theft of Funds

- Mr. Nguyen created a sophisticated system to conceal his actions.
- In conjunction with the City's annual auditing process, an independent, outside auditing firm recently reviewed the City's accounts and no irregularities were identified.

Follow Us At:



Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| 4/18 | Traffic Safety Commission Meeting |
| 4/19 | City Council Meeting |
| 4/23 | Shred Day |
| 4/26 | Economic Development Committee Meeting |
| 4/26 | Historical Committee Meeting |

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



ADMINISTRATION

(Continued)

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Amount Taken and Actions Being Taken to Recover Funds

- \$4.3 million was originally at issue.
- \$1.5 million has been recovered.
- \$2.8 million is outstanding, some of which has been identified for potential recovery.
- The City is working aggressively with the DA to recover all the funds.
- An existing insurance policy may also result in the City recouping additional funds.

The City has taken immediate and decisive actions on this matter, and will continue to remain steadfast in our endeavors to solidify our financial systems, recover lost funds, and provide the highest standards of public trust for our community. As the investigation continues, more information will be forthcoming. Please visit www.placentia.org/DAinvestigation.

Local History Lecture Series: *Placentia Then and Now: A Photo History of the City*

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee will be hosting the next featured lecture in the Local History Lecture Series entitled, "*Placentia Then and Now: A Photo History of the City*" on **Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. To view previous presentations, please [click here](#). For additional information, please visit the Placentia Library [website](#) or call (714) 528-1906.



Shred Day is April 23rd

The City of Placentia and the Placentia Police Department invite you to participate in Shred Day on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until capacity is reached at the Placentia Civic Center located at 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia residents can have their confidential documents destroyed on site for free by Shred-It. Residents will be required to provide proof of residency. There is a two box (banker box style or equivalent container) limit per household for destroying documents. Join the community in helping prevent fraud and identity theft by properly destroying confidential documents. For further information, call (714) 993-8117.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Upcoming Summer Registration

Save the Date for the opening of Summer 2016 class resident registration scheduled on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Placentia City Hall. **Come early and join the Community Services Team for an 8 am morning walk!**

Registration for our popular *Learn to Swim Program* can only be done in person. All other classes and excursions can either be one in person or online by visiting www.placentia.org/classes. The Placentia Police Department will be offering station tours as well as information on children's safety and upcoming events. The Placentia Library will have an information booth about their exciting summer programs and you will have an opportunity to spin-the-wheel for prizes. Don't miss this important date!

I Heart OC Giving Day

The Placentia Community Foundation will participate in the second annual I Heart OC Giving Day hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation. The event will take place from 6:00 a.m. April 27th through 12:00 p.m. April 28th. This 30 hour online giving day is an opportunity to donate to any participating non-profit organization. All donations are secure and tax deductible and will be accepted only on www.iheartoc.org. The goal of this event is to inspire the community to come together and give to local non-profits to support the great work that they do. The Placentia Community Foundation is eager to participate in this year's event and hope to advertise how valuable non-profit work is for our community. The Placentia Community Foundation offers grants to other non-profits every year to help support their causes. These donations will help continue the work of the Placentia Community Foundation. For more information on the event, please contact (714) 993-8232.

Parenting Classes at Cathy Torrez Learning Center

Western Youth Services will be hosting parenting classes at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center (143 Bradford Ave) beginning April 18th in partnership with the Friendly Center and the Placentia Neighborhood Services office. The six week series will cover a range of topics including: establishing appropriate limits, understanding physical and emotional development of children, how to discipline without punishing or yelling, and techniques that help you maintain a positive relationship with your children. Childcare is available and a pizza dinner is served during each class. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

Computer Lab

The Friendly Center hosts an open computer lab at the Neighborhood Services Office (900 S. Melrose St.) every Friday from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Residents without access to a computer at home are welcome to stop by. Computer use is limited to job searches, income tax preparation, resume preparation, and DMV practice tests. For more information, please call (714) 986-2333.



Photography Contest-Deadline Extended!

The Photography Contest is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Department. It requires that all photographs be taken within Placentia city limits, but entrants need not be a resident. Amateur (Youth and Adults) and Masters divisions may enter and photographs may not exceed 8”X10” in size. Entries are limited to four per person and a \$3.00 fee must accompany each photograph. All entries must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 28th**. Entry forms are available at www.placentia.org/photocontest. For more details, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Futsal League

Placentia Futsal Championship games are April 14, 2016. After some close playoff games the championship matchups are set. Mexico will face off against Balls of Fury for the silver division championship. Thunder Thighs will face off against FC Morelia for the bronze division championship. These games are shaping up to be the best of the season. If you would like to see some good soccer stop by Oberle gym at Melrose Elementary School at 8:00pm and 9:00pm. The City of Placentia is proud to offer an adult Futsal league to its residents. A new season will be starting up on May 19th. For more information please call the Placentia Community Services Department or go to www.placentia.org/sports.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Department Update

Our staff performed maintenance activities throughout the city. The Graffiti Crew removed graffiti per work order requests and City wide. The Sign Shop repaired and replaced signs per work order requests. The Patch Crew filled potholes on Rose Drive, Kraemer Boulevard, Placentia Avenue, and Bastanchury Road. The Paint Crew painted traffic legends in zones 3 and 4. The Ball Field Maintenance Crew worked on infields at the Sports Complex, Tuffree Park and Tori Hunter field. The Facility Maintenance Crew completed work orders on City buildings. The Irrigation Crew checked and repaired irrigation systems per work order requests. This included the repair of a broken lateral on a median on Yorba Linda Boulevard. The Maintenance crews cleaned the downtown area and performed weed abatement in assigned areas.

Date	Response
04/08/16	Staff turned off sprinklers at Kraemer Park due to a stuck valve.
04/08/16	Staff unplug toilet in the men’s restroom at the Placentia Library.
04/10/16	Staff unplug toilet in the men’s restroom at the Placentia Champions Sports Complex.

As a reminder to our residents, the new phone number to report graffiti or dead animal pick up is (714) 993-8279



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention

Police Volunteers Honored at City Council

The Placentia Police Department honored their volunteers on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 during the City Council meeting. The volunteers were presented with Presidential Certificates and pens for the hours of service in 2015. As a group, our 21 volunteers donated 2,425 hours of service, saving the City \$55,944.75 in estimated personnel costs. The Placentia Police Department has two volunteer programs. The first is the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). The other is Police Chaplains. Both groups have a long legacy of serving the Police Department and the City of Placentia. Thank you volunteers for making a difference.

Love Placentia Day

Love Placentia Service Day will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The event will kick off with a rally at El Dorado High School at 8:00 a.m. From El Dorado, participants will depart to different service projects throughout the City benefiting the needs of the less fortunate, elderly, veterans, schools, and city parks and facilities. Volunteer opportunities are now available for individuals and groups to sign up on the Love Placentia website, www.loveplacentia.com.

Significant Events

April 8, 2016

Several thefts from vehicles occurred in the area of Bastanchury/McCormack. Taqueria de Anda was broken into via the roof and an ATM was pried open.

April 11, 2016

An officer made a bike stop in the area of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Yorba Place and arrested an adult male for possession of heroin.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Chapman regarding a male yelling outside his apartment. Officers contacted the male who claimed that he had just been robbed at his apartment. He claimed that a known female acquaintance knocked on his door. When he answered the door, a second subject (he believed to be the female's brother) forced his way into the apartment threatening him with a hammer. The female went straight to his bedroom and stole his cell phone and both subjects fled the area. The suspects were not located.

April 12, 2016

A residential burglary occurred in the 300 block of North Bradford. The suspect was located and subsequently arrested by patrol officers. At approximately 7:30p.m., a non-injury DUI traffic collision occurred at Palm and Roxborough. A female adult was arrested for driving under the influence of prescription medication.



BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISIONS

1. On March 31st, the 2nd submittal of architectural and structural plans for the new residential home at 207 S Main Street was submitted to the Planning and Building divisions for review and approval. The scope of work includes a new single-family home of 2,085 Sq. ft. and a 1,085 sq. ft. detached garage with an attached bedroom. The cost of the construction is approximately \$280,000.
2. On March 31st, building and structural plans for seventeen (17) different solar installation projects were submitted to the Building Division for review and approval. These projects are only for residential detached homes. The cost of the construction ranges from \$15,000 to \$50,000.
3. On April 1, architectural plans for the ADA improvement project located at 201 N. Bradford Ave. (Backs Building, City of Placentia) were submitted for review and approval. The scope of work includes interior restroom renovations, T-bar ceilings, entry doors, new plumbing and electrical fixtures.
4. On April 4, tenant improvement plans for Laser Island located at 1840 N Placentia Avenue were re-submitted to the Building and Planning divisions for review and approval. The plans will also need to be reviewed and approved by the Orange County Fire Authority and Orange County Health Department prior to the issuance of the final building permit. The cost of the construction is approximately \$170,000.
5. On April 4, building and structural plans for a residential remodel project located at Montevideo Avenue were submitted and approved by the Planning and Building divisions. This project involves remodeling the 2nd floor by removing some structural framing members, adding new load bearing beams, interior renovations, and new electrical fixtures. The cost of the construction is \$15,000.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary



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News & Events

OCFA recently partnered with [PulsePoint](#) to help save lives. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to like/follow/visit the OCFA [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages to keep up to date on things like the PulsePoint launch, recent incidents, and safety campaigns. We have personalized the PulsePoint PSA for each of our member cities and the video will be shared on the cities social media/websites.

*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

[Weekly Fire Activity Report](#): This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

Weather Outlook: *Normal to Above Normal Temperatures for April 15– April 22.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook – Dry: Little or no 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 Polly Bowen provided a fire extinguisher presentation to a group of residents from the Renaissance in **Aliso Viejo**. The program was on April 12 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Station 17 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Little School of the West in **Cypress**. The program was on April 8 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a drowning prevention information booth for the Kids Swap Meet in **Cypress**. The event was on April 9 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 51 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at the Taco Bell Center Preschool in **Irvine**. The program was on April 13 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 4 (B Shift) participated in an egg drop challenge for students at Turtle Rock Elementary in **Irvine**. The event was on April 8 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 13 (B Shift) participated in a grand opening ceremony for Lyon Homes in **La Palma**. The event was on April 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local students from **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on April 13 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 5 (B Shift) attended the **Laguna Niguel** CERT graduation ceremony at the court house. The event was on April 14 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt provided a fire safety presentation to a group of residents from **Laguna Woods**. The program was on April 12 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 38 (B Shift) participated in a community resource fair at City Hall in **Lake Forest**. The event was on April 9 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 19 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Red Apple Preschool in **Lake Forest**. The program was on April 13 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 2 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to a group of Girl Scouts at Weaver Elementary in **Los Alamitos**. The program was on April 11 from 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Station 24 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of preschoolers from **Mission Viejo**. The program was on April 14 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crew from Station 34 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Cub Scouts from **Placentia**. The program was on April 9 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 35 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Tynes Elementary in **Placentia**. The program was on April 12 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 56 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist provided a fire safety presentation to a group of residents in **Rancho Mission Viejo**. The program was on April 13 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.



- Crew from Truck 45 (A Shift) participated in a Team Kids kickoff event at Cielo Vista Elementary in **Rancho Santa Margarita**. The event was on April 12 from 11:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Station 45 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Daisy Scouts from **Rancho Santa Margarita**. The program was on April 12 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 7 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Kinoshita Elementary in **San Juan Capistrano**. The program was on April 11 from 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 7 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Villegas Head Start in **San Juan Capistrano**. The program was on April 12 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 7 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Villegas Head Start in **San Juan Capistrano**. The program was on April 14 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 77 (B Shift) provided two life and fire safety programs and engine visits to students at Santa Ana Preschool in **Santa Ana**. The programs were on April 8 from 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 76 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Taft Elementary in **Santa Ana**. The program was on April 12 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 76 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Taft Elementary in **Santa Ana**. The program was on April 12 from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 77 (B Shift) provided two life and fire safety programs and engine visits to students at Church of the Nazarene Preschool in **Santa Ana**. The programs were on April 14 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 48 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Seal Beach**. The program was on April 10 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Station 44 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Daisy Troops from **Seal Beach**. The program was on April 11 from 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Division Chief Cruz, Battalion Chiefs Roberts and Acosta, Administrative Assistant Diane Jacobsen and crews from Engine 44 and Medic 44 (A Shift) attended the City of Seal Beach 4th Annual Public Safety Awards at the Old Ranch Country Club in **Seal Beach**. Firefighter/Paramedic Karl Dieckman was being honored at the event which was held on April 13 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 (B Shift) participated in the *Once Upon a Storybook* community event at a local bookstore in **Tustin**. The event was on April 9 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Yorba Linda

Structure Fire – April 8 - At 2:14 p.m. a Structure Fire response was dispatched to Rich Hill Way in Yorba Linda. First arriving units found a single family dwelling with heavy smoke coming from the vents on the roof and the incident was balanced to a Working Structure Fire response. At 2:28 p.m. the Primary All Clear was given and shortly after the fire was declared Under Control. Edison was requested to assist at the scene.

Incident Commander:

Chief Covey, B2

Cause:

Accidental

San Clemente

Remote Rescue– April 9 - At 3:38 Helicopter 1 responded to a reported remote rescue (Medical Aid) in the City of San Clemente. The patient was located on a single track trail being treated by Truck 59. Helicopter 1 inserted the Rescue Medic to make contact with Truck 59 to transfer care. Patient was a 26-year old male complaining of abdominal pain after being impaled on his bicycle seat which was removed prior to Truck 59 getting on scene. Patient was extracted and transported to Mission Hospital with stable vital signs.

Incident Commander:

Truck 59

Midway City

Structure Fire – April 13 - At 6:33 p.m., a structure response was dispatched to Cedarwood Avenue, Midway City. Engine 25 arrived on scene at 6:40 p.m. with smoke showing and requested a working structure response. The kitchen fire was quickly knocked down and reported under control at 6:42 p.m. The Red Cross responded to assist with four displaced residents.

Incident Commander:

Chief Roberts, B1

Cause:

Accidental/Cooking

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 3/28/2016 - 4/3/2016**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	1	0	41	0	1	4	2	0	6	55
BUENA PARK	3	0	119	6	4	7	5	0	18	162
CYPRESS	3	0	53	0	0	2	1	0	6	65
DANA POINT	0	0	44	0	1	4	1	0	10	60
IRVINE	4	1	214	2	10	31	12	0	17	291
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	4	0	2	2	9	0	6	23
LA PALMA	0	0	18	0	0	1	1	0	0	20
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	34	1	2	10	1	0	0	48
LAGUNA NIGUEL	1	0	43	0	5	3	2	0	11	65
LAGUNA WOODS	2	1	71	0	3	3	0	0	18	98
LAKE FOREST CITY	0	0	71	1	6	6	5	0	3	92
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	27
MISSION VIEJO	5	0	108	0	5	9	3	0	12	142
PLACENTIA	0	0	37	1	10	3	1	0	14	66
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	37	1	1	5	3	0	1	49
SAN CLEMENTE	1	0	60	2	4	11	2	0	19	99
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	1	40	0	0	4	1	0	13	59
SANTA ANA	8	0	321	0	11	25	15	0	86	466
SEAL BEACH	0	0	61	1	3	2	3	0	14	84
STANTON	1	0	50	0	1	6	3	0	4	65
TUSTIN	1	0	91	1	3	5	4	0	3	108
VILLA PARK	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	8
WESTMINSTER	1	0	107	1	4	5	2	0	11	131
YORBA LINDA	0	0	44	0	5	5	4	0	16	74
UNINCORPORATED	4	0	77	2	4	16	2	0	20	125
TOTAL	36	3	1775	19	86	170	82	0	311	2482