

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing



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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## New Year's Eve at Placentia Police Department

As he has done for the past several years, Mayor Green personally served a home cooked, hot meal to those Police Department employees working New Year's Eve 2016. Using his own personal funds along with donations from Councilmembers Yamaguchi, Wanke, and Shader to cover the cost of the food as well as personally cooking the meal, Mayor Green spent the evening making sure the officers and dispatchers working the holiday evening were well fed. Councilmember Shader also assisted that evening and Councilmember Smith donated dessert to the meal. Special thanks to the City Council for their continued support of the men and women of the PPD!



## Storm Season Preparation

During the rainy season, sandbags and sand will be available to Placentia residents at the City's Corporation Yard at 2999 La Jolla Street, Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of residency will be required and residents must bring their own shovel to fill their bags with sand. Sandbags will also be available at Fire Station #34, 1530 Valencia Avenue. Sandbags can be very useful in diverting water, protecting slopes and structures, and assisting in erosion control.

Southern California Edison (SCE) would also like to remind residents that due to the heavy rain projected this season, power outages, downed power lines or dangling wires may occur. Residents are advised to not touch or approach downed power lines. Please call 911 immediately. To report a power outage, please call SCE at (800) 611-1911.

### Follow Us At:



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/16 MLK Holiday – All Cities Facilities Closed
- 1/17 City Council Meeting
- 1/24 Historical Committee Meeting
- 1/25 Oversight Board Meeting
- 2/2 Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Meeting

**For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at [administration@placentia.org](mailto:administration@placentia.org).**



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Champions Sports Complex Playground Meeting

On January 31, 2017 a Community Meeting will be held at the Aguirre Building (505 Jefferson Street) to discuss the preliminary design and concept for the playground equipment at Champions Sports Complex. The City is eager to begin work on the playground improvements and excited about this opportunity. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and will be a collaborative effort with RJM Design Group. All community members are welcomed to attend. Your feedback is important to us. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or view the flyer by [clicking here](#).

### Parks Assessment Community Meeting

On Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Aguirre Building at Placentia Champions Sports Complex (505 Jefferson Street), the City of Placentia in collaboration with the Public Health Advocates will host a Community Meeting focusing on the improvement of Placentia parks from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The City of Placentia is committed to improving parks around the City and your feedback is important to us. Join us to discuss improvement topics. The meeting will feature raffle prizes, free child care, free dinner and translation services. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or by viewing the flyer by [clicking here](#).

### St. Jude Mobile Health Clinic

The St. Jude Mobile Health Clinic is at the Whitten Community Center every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Patients can receive free immunizations, child/adult primary care, and prenatal care through the mobile clinic. For information or appointments, please call (714) 446-5100.

### Cultural Arts Project for Every Student (CAPES)

The Cultural Arts Project for Every Student (CAPES) program is sponsored by the City of Placentia Cultural Arts Commission and provides grants to help teachers bring curriculum related art projects to life for students in grades K through 12. CAPES funding is provided through opportunity drawings held during City of Placentia Concerts in the Park and through sponsorships.

All teachers in Placentia schools were invited to apply for a CAPES grant. To apply, teachers completed an application and a detailed budget of their project. To be considered, projects must have been curriculum based and related to music, visual arts, dance, drama, poetry, photography or graphic arts. Winners were selected by community volunteers and non-Placentia teachers and judged on originality/uniqueness, creativity, and student involvement with hands-on learning experiences. Seven CAPES grants have been awarded to Placentia schools this year for unique art related projects, for a total of \$3,038.55. Certificates of recognition will be awarded at the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more information on the CAPES Program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## P.A.R.K.'s Program (Positive Activities and Recreation for Kids)

The City of Placentia offers free drop-in recreation programs at four City locations throughout the year. After school sites are supervised by CPR/First Aid certified Community Services staff. The program offers arts and crafts, sports and homework help for all participants and is designed for youth ages 6-14. Hours vary by location. Please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more detailed program information.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### A Transforming Opportunity Comes to Placentia's Packing House District

The City of Placentia has been given a unique opportunity with the new state-of-the-art Metrolink Station (Station) and 253-space parking structure within the Old Town Placentia area. Operational by 2020, the proposed Station can help transform the Packing House District (near Melrose Street and Crowther Avenue) into an active, vibrant destination. Transit-oriented development, or TOD, is a type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of a public transportation stop. To help this transformation, the City of Placentia has proposed an amendment to the Zoning Code with specific standards to allow a mixed use, pedestrian oriented retail and residential district, creating new development opportunities for a one-of-a-kind destination. It will also support existing retail and restaurant businesses while growing the City's local economy. To read more about the TOD and the proposed schedule of adoption, please click [here](#).

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Placentia PD Welcomes New Dispatcher



City Administrator Damien Arrula, Mayor Craig Green, Police Chief Darin Lenyi, and Director of Administrative Services Steve Pischel congratulated Dispatcher Olivia Santos on successfully completing her one year anniversary as a Placentia Police Department Dispatcher. During the past year, Dispatcher Santos has had to complete a several month long high stress on the job training program and complete tours of duty on several different shifts. We congratulate Dispatcher Santos on completing the probationary process.

### Traffic Law Changes Now Effective Statewide

As we begin 2017, we wanted to share some new traffic law changes that went into effect as of January 1, 2017. Assembly Bill 1785 went into effect and expanded the prohibitions on the use of an electronic wireless communication device while driving.

California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 23123.5 prohibited a person from driving a motor vehicle



## Traffic Law Changes Now Effective Statewide (cont'd)

while using an electronic wireless communication device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, unless the electronic communication device was specifically designed and configured, and was used, to allow voice-operated and hands-free operation. A driver could dial a telephone number or use a map application while driving. CVC 23123.5 now prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communications device. A driver may operate a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communications device if:

- The device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield in the same manner as a portable GPS system or is mounted or affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road, **AND**
- The driver uses his/her hand to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger.

This section does not apply to manufacturer installed systems that are embedded in the vehicle. If you are driving and holding a cellular telephone, tablet, etc., you could be stopped and issued a citation.

Assembly Bill 53 amended California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 27360(b), which established new provisions requiring rear-facing child safety seats for transporting children under the age of two. CVC 27360(b) requires a parent, legal guardian, or driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child under age two on a highway to properly secure the child in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system (car seat) that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall. The child must be secured in a manner that complies with the height and weight limits specified by the manufacturer of the child passenger restraint system. If the child exceeds either or both of the weight/height requirements provided under CVC 27360(b), the child must be secured in accordance with the provisions established under CVC 27360(a). This section does not apply to a driver if the parent or legal guardian of the child is a passenger in the motor vehicle. CVC 27360(a) states that a parent, legal guardian, or driver shall not transport on a highway in a motor vehicle, a child who is under eight years old without properly securing that child in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. If you have a child under two and does not meet the 40/40 requirements, they must be in a rear facing child seat. Over age two to age eight, they must be in a child seat/booster seat and can face forward

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

**Placentia Library District Weekly Summary**

**Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary**



# PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

## WEEKLY SUMMARY – January 13- 19, 2017

### ADULT SERVICES

#### Adult English Conversation Club

Friday, January 13, 9:30-11:00 AM

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

The Conversation Club is a great opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. You will pick up new vocabulary, improve your English literacy and sharpen your pronunciation skills. No registration required.

#### Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, January 17, 6:15-7:45 PM

*PLFF Computer Lab*

Create spreadsheets with hands-on exercises using Microsoft Excel 2013. Recommended for the intermediate computer user. Four part workshop. Registration required.

### TEEN SERVICES



#### Free Practice Exams

Saturday, January 14, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

*Placentia Teen Center*

Increase your odds of winning a scholarship or getting into the college of your dreams! Placentia Library, in partnership with C2 Education, offers free practice college entrance exams. Registration is required. Visit the Information Desk for more details.

#### Placentia Teen Advisory Club

Thursday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 PM

*Placentia Teen Center*

Placentia Teen Advisory Club is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills, all while planning and supporting library events. All applicants must pass an interview. Applications are available at the Information Desk. Space is limited. A (6-month) commitment is a must.

#### Placentia Teen Center

Monday-Thursday 2:00-7:30 PM, Friday 2:00-6:00 PM

116 N. Walnut Placentia, CA 92870

(714) 577-9459

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### Homework Club

Monday-Thursday, January 16-19, 3:00-5:30 PM

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students attend and receive homework assistance. All children need to have a consent form filled out by their parent or guardian. Homework Club is open throughout the entire school year!

### Wiggles & Giggles Baskets

Placentia Library would like to help welcome your new baby and begin to foster a love of reading from an early age for your child! Sign-up your child, ages 12 months and younger, for a free library card, and receive a welcome basket. Baskets are available while supply lasts.

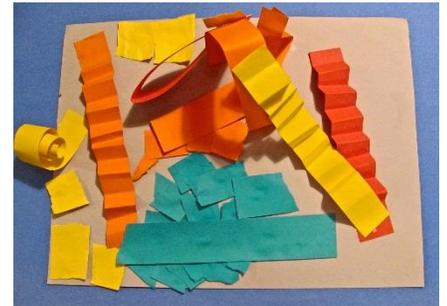
### Sensational Saturdays!

Saturday, January 21, 1:00-3:00 PM

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

Art Sculptures: Get creative making various types of sculptures from paper and other items.

Looking for a fun family activity? Sensational Saturdays are designed to engage all members of your family at the library. The first hour we share a story, and STEAM activities including arts, crafts, experiments, games and science fun. The second hour we have board and electronic games for your family.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Library of Congress was founded in 1800, making it the oldest federal cultural institution in the nation! On August 24, 1814, British troops burned the Capitol building (where the Library was housed) and destroyed the Library's core collection of 3,000 volumes. On January 30, 1815, Congress approved the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's personal library of 6,487 books for \$23,950.

According to a 2014 Pew Research Center report, E-book reading is growing, but printed books still dominate the reading world. 28% of American adults ages 18 and older read an e-book in the past year, up from 17% in 2011. Still, 69% read a printed book, about the same as last year. Only 4% of readers are "e-book only" readers. The vast majority of e-book readers also read a printed book.

### New DVDs:

Jason Bourne





# Orange County Fire Authority

## Weekly Executive Summary

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Elizabeth Swift, Vice Chair

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[www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)

January 12, 2017

### News & Events

A fire that started at 3:40 a.m. at OCFA *Fire Station 61* in Buena Park has been knocked down. Crews will remain on scene to manage hot spots within the station. All firefighters are safe, and there are no injuries. More than 60 OCFA and Anaheim firefighters responded, but they were unable to save the station. Firefighters were also unable to save fire truck 61, battalion chief vehicle 8, and a swift water utility truck. There will be no interruption of service to the communities served by *Fire Station 61*. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The OCFA distributes a monthly video newsletter to all OCFA personnel to keep crews and staff up-to-date on recent incidents and current topics within OCFA. The [Video Newsletter for January 2017](#) is a special edition dedicated entirely to remembering two of our fallen firefighters, Ron Castro and Eric Weuve.

The [9<sup>th</sup> Annual Best and Bravest Awards Dinner](#) will be held on February 17, 2017 at the Irvine Marriott. Please join in recognizing OCFA's personnel who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The awards are for employees who demonstrate the spirit of the Best and Bravest on a daily basis, or contribute in an extraordinary way on an emergency response, project, or organizational issue. For additional information, please call Rosalinda Gonzalez, 714-573-6023, Paris Prophet, 714-573-6650 or Tamy Rivers, 714-573-6472.

### \*Weekly Media Clips

[OCFA Weekly News 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:** *Below Normal Temperatures for January 13 – January 20.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

**Fire Outlook:** Low risk of large fires. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



## Community Events

- Crew from Engine 36 (C Shift) assisted with a disaster drill at Springbrook Elementary in **Irvine**. The drill was on January 11 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 13 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at ABC Development Preschool in **La Palma**. The program was on January 9 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a senior fire safety presentation to a group of local **Laguna Niguel** residents. The presentation was on January 9 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a smoke alarm safety presentation to residents of Forest Gardens Mobile Home Community in **Lake Forest**. The program was on January 10 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crew from Station 34 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Placentia**. The program was on January 10 from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 (B Shift) participated in a Team Kids Kick Off event at **Tustin** Memorial Academy. The event was on January 10 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## Significant Emergency Incidents

### Lake Forest

**Structure Fire – January 8** - At 7:43 p.m. a Working Structure Fire response was dispatched to the USA Gas Station on El Toro Road for the report of a vehicle into the fuel pump that was on fire. First arriving units found a single vehicle on fire with the fuel system at the station having been shut off. The fire was quickly brought Under Control at 7:50 p.m. Two patients were identified at the scene. One patient was checked at the scene for possible smoke inhalation and was released. The other refused any type of treatment or evaluation and left the scene.

**Incident Commander:**

**Engine 22**

**Cause:**

**Under Investigation**

### Westminster

**Structure Fire – January 9** - At 11:02 p.m., a structure response was dispatched to La Pata Street for a report of a motorhome fire threatening a structure. Truck 64 arrived on scene at 10:09 p.m. with a well involved motorhome to the rear of the structure with electrical lines also arcing. At 10:16 p.m., Battalion 1 requested a working structure response. The motorhome fire was reported knocked down at 10:24 p.m. with no extension into the residence.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Levesque, B1**

**Cause:**

**Under Investigation**

### Santa Ana

**Structure Fire – January 11** – At 8:03 p.m., units were dispatched to North Townley for a reported house fire. Engine 71 arrived on scene to a single-family residence with signs of an explosion. There was no active fire but a male with serious burns was treated by paramedics and transported to a local hospital. Fire investigators are working with SAPD and OCSD to determine the cause of the explosion. Red Cross and a building department official were requested.

**Incident Commander:**

**Engine 71**

**Cause:**

**Under Investigation**

### Buena Park

**Structure Fire – January 12** – At 3:37 a.m. Battalion 8 hailed ECC on 4D and advised that there was a working fire in the apparatus bay of OCFA Fire Station 61. At 3:42 a.m. Battalion 8 assumed the Western Incident Command, advised all personnel were out of the station, the fire originated in the apparatus bay and had extended into the living quarters, fully involved. At 3:48 a.m. Battalion 8 requested a second alarm response. Truck 61 confirmed to be inside the apparatus bay and fully engulfed. Division 7 requesting a CISD team for a debriefing for OCFA personnel. Incident is ongoing and no other information is currently available.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Steffen, D7**

**Incidents By Major Category  
for Period: 12/26/2016 - 1/1/2017**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	0	0	39	0	1	1	2	0	7	50
BUENA PARK	3	0	112	0	7	6	3	0	19	150
CYPRESS	2	0	32	0	3	10	2	0	13	62
DANA POINT	0	0	47	0	7	9	1	0	9	73
IRVINE	5	0	178	0	9	18	21	0	50	281
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	6
LA PALMA	0	0	17	1	0	1	2	0	9	30
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	50	0	1	8	4	0	4	67
LAGUNA NIGUEL	2	0	62	0	4	12	5	0	8	93
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	103	0	4	4	0	0	22	133
LAKE FOREST CITY	3	0	88	2	4	5	2	0	9	113
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	17	0	1	3	0	0	2	23
MISSION VIEJO	1	0	127	0	7	11	5	0	7	158
PLACENTIA	1	2	38	0	8	6	2	0	23	80
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	33	0	2	1	4	0	6	46
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	65	1	6	9	5	0	12	98
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	67	1	8	5	2	0	8	91
SANTA ANA	7	1	373	8	15	43	15	0	58	520
SEAL BEACH	3	0	56	1	11	6	3	0	18	98
SEAL BEACH - NVW	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
STANTON	1	0	41	0	2	2	2	0	19	67
TUSTIN	2	0	71	0	5	10	5	0	10	103
VILLA PARK	0	0	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	14
WESTMINSTER	4	0	105	0	6	10	3	0	28	156
YORBA LINDA	0	1	39	3	2	4	1	0	23	73
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	3	0	101	6	3	14	4	0	23	154
<b>TOTAL</b>	37	4	1875	24	117	199	98	0	389	2743