

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



From: *Damien R. Arrula*

July 20, 2017

"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

Placentia Settles with Former Auditors LSL

As a result of the embezzlement and misappropriation of \$5.16 million by former Finance Services Manager Michael Nguyen, the City of Placentia has reached a settlement with its former auditor, Lance Soll and Lunghard, LLP (LSL). The settlement in the amount of \$500,000 was remitted to the City last week. The City's total recovery from the funds embezzled by Mr. Nguyen is now \$4.66 million.

"It is the City's intent to continue the pursuit of a full recovery from all possible sources," said Mayor Craig Green. "We are pleased to announce that we have recovered over 90% of the embezzled funds."

"The City will continue to remain steadfast and diligent in recovering the balance of the stolen funds for the residents of Placentia," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula.

Nguyen, a former employee of the City of Placentia's Finance Department, plead guilty in March, 2017 for his role in the embezzlement and misappropriation of \$5.16 in public funds. Mr. Nguyen accepted the court's offer of 25 years, by admitting to committing dozens of felonies including numerous counts of embezzlement and money laundering. He has been ordered to pay approximately \$10 million in fines and \$2.6 million in restitution.

For more information on this case please visit www.placentia.org/DAinvestigation.

Bark Walk

The Placentia Community Services Department is hosting the 2nd Annual Community Bark Walk on **Saturday, July 22nd** at 10:00 a.m. at Kraemer Memorial Park. This community event will feature a dog walk, parade dog costume contest, and a variety of dog vendors. We hope to see you and your four-legged companion there! For more information please call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 7/25 Economic Development Committee
- 7/25 Historical Committee Meeting
- 8/03 Citizen Fiscal Sustainability Task Force Meeting
- 8/07 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8/08 Planning Commission Meeting

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing,

administration@placentia.org.



Development Services

Placentia Business “El Farolito” listed as the Top 20 Best Mexican Restaurants in Orange County

Placentia business, El Farolito made the list of the top 20 best Mexican restaurants in Orange County by the Orange County Register. El Farolito is located at 201 S. Bradford Avenue in Old Town Placentia. They have been serving fresh authentic Mexican cuisine since 1974 and offer a variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner. To view their menu and hours of operation, please visit their website at www.elfarolitomex.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Extended Pool Hours

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that for the Summer of 2017, the Community Pools are now open for longer hours for free recreational swim. Whitten Center Community Pool extended hours commenced on **June 27th**, with new hours from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Gomez Center Community Pool extended hours began on **Monday, July 10th**, with new hours from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Concerts in the Park

The Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Department held the first Concert in the Park on Thursday, July **13th** with Kelly Rae-County Music Band. The event was very well attended. All concerts are held at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd.

July 20	Smokin’ Cobras	50’s and early 60’s Rockabilly
July 27	Upstream Steel Drum	Reggae and Calypso
August 3	Soto	Latin Funk and R&B
August 10	Swing Cat’s Big Band	Swing
August 17	No Duh	No Doubt Tribute

***Taste of the Town event sponsored by the Placentia Chamber of Commerce.**

Movies in the Park

Come on out to this week’s Placentia Movies in the Park on **July 21st**. We will be featuring the most requested movie from last year, “Lego Batman”! The movie will start at dusk so get there early to get a good seat. A variety of food options will be available for purchase that will benefit nonprofit groups. For more information please call the Placentia Community Services Department or go to www.placentia.org/movies.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Division

This past week our the Public Works Department performed various maintenance activities throughout the City. The Graffiti Crew removed graffiti per work order requests citywide. The Sign Shop repaired and replaced signs per work order requests. The Patch Crew filled in pot holes citywide and grinded raised sidewalks. The Paint Crew painted red curbs in Zones 28 and 29. The Ball Field Maintenance Crew worked on the infields at the Champions Sports Complex, Tuffree Park and Torii Hunter field. The Facility Maintenance Crew completed work orders for City buildings. The Irrigation Crew repaired a broken water line at Vaqueros Park and completed several work orders. The Maintenance crews cleaned the downtown area and sidewalks on arterial streets. Overall, the Public Works team delivered high quality service to the community and the citizens of Placentia. A reminder to our residents, the new number to report graffiti or dead animal pick-up is (714) 993-8279.

Small and Medium Business Direct Install Program

Through Southern California Edison's Direct Install Program, trained energy-efficiency contractors are available to help small businesses identify ways to save electricity. Your contractor will look at lighting, signage, refrigeration and more. Your outdated and inefficient equipment may be replaced at no cost with new energy-efficient models. For more information on this program [click here](#).

SoCal Water\$mart Residential and Commercial Rebate Program

Together, toilets and clothes washers account for approximately 45% of the water used inside your home. Replacement of your inefficient clothes washer or toilet may contribute to water savings and a reduced water bill. Rebates are currently available for high efficiency clothes washers, toilets, sprinkler nozzles, rain barrels and smart controllers. Funding for the SoCal Water\$mart Program is through a partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and its 26 member agencies throughout Southern California. For more information and to obtain an application, please visit www.socalwatersmart.com, www.overwateringisout.com or call 1-888-376-3314.



*Residential
Rebates*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Placentia Police Department is Hiring

The Placentia Police Department (PPD) is currently hiring for several open positions. Openings include Police Officers and Police Dispatchers. Please visit www.placentia.org/jobs for more information. Come be a part of a great Department and serve the community with pride.

A blue banner for the Placentia Police Department. It features the text "Join the Placentia Police" in large white font, followed by "Now Hiring, Various Positions Available" and "Expedited Hiring Process and 3% at 50 for Classic Members" in smaller white font. At the bottom, it says "www.placentia.org/jobs". On the right side, there are two police badges: a larger one for "PLACENTIA POLICE" and a smaller one for "PLACENTIA POLICE OFFICER".



PPD Citizens Academy

The Placentia Police Department is now accepting applications for the Citizens Academy. The academy is set to begin **September 21st**. The last Academy was a great success and received many positive reviews from the participants. Please consider applying if you are interested in learning more about your Police Department and would like to get more involved in your community. Applications are available at the Placentia Police Department front counter or please [click here](#) to download the application. For more information, please contact Field Training Officer Brian Conroy at bconroy@placentia.org.

Tip-A-Cop Event

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 26th** for our Tip-A-Cop event at Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza located at 148 E. Yorba Linda Blvd. Enjoy great food with our officers as they trade in their handcuffs for aprons to raise money for the Special Olympics of Southern California, Orange County Region. Come meet officers from our motor unit, K-9 unit, and professional staff. Please [click here](#) to view the event flyer.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

[Placentia Avenue Reconstruction Project](#)

[Placentia Library District Weekly Summary](#)

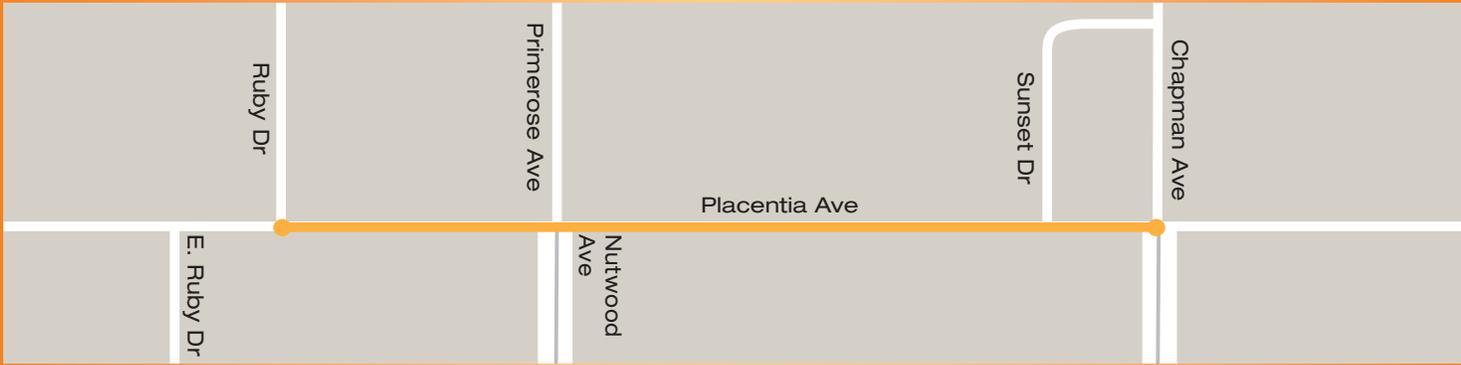
[Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary](#)



PLACENTIA AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



FACT SHEET



As part of an ongoing effort to repair public roads and improve pedestrian accessibility, the cities of Placentia and Fullerton have jointly initiated the Placentia Avenue Reconstruction Project. Both cities received Federal Arterial Pavement Management grant funds to reconstruct Placentia Avenue, a busy arterial roadway shared by both cities. This is a priority project as the current roadway conditions require it to be completely rebuilt. The project limits are Placentia Avenue between Ruby Drive and Chapman Avenue in addition to enhancing accessibility and safety.

The scope of work for this project includes the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement and portions of the road base, as well as reconstructing damaged sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters, and ramps.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Construction is slated to begin June 1, 2017, with an estimated completion date in late August 2017. Construction will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. During construction work, one lane in each direction will be open to through traffic, however, there will be extended temporary lane closures in place. Driveway access may be temporarily impacted at times for those who have only one driveway.

Please observe traffic control and advisory signs that will be updated regularly to reflect current construction activities and schedules. Detour signs will be posted, and residents and businesses can direct their questions to the construction helpline at (714) 442-0010. Additionally, updates will be posted on the cities of Placentia and Fullerton websites www.placentia.org/placentiaproject and www.cityoffullerton.com.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Removal and replacement of aging pavement
- Improve access ramps to meet ADA requirements
- Restore damaged sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

- Travel on Placentia Avenue will be limited to one-lane of traffic in each direction; motorists should expect delays.
- It is recommended that motorists use alternative routes, if possible.
- Construction is scheduled June 1 to August 31, 2017





PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

WEEKLY SUMMARY July 21-27, 2017

ADULT SERVICES

ADULT'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 24-August 16

Placentia Library District

You are invited to participate by reading or listening to books to enter drawings for a chance to win great prizes. Attend fun programs and explore your creativity! Grand Prizes include a trip for two to Catalina Island and a \$250 Simon Mall Gift Card! Look for details in the Summer Guide available May 2017!

READING BY DESIGN: WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Mondays, June 26-August 13

PLD Information Desk

Are you up for a fun Library scavenger hunt? On Monday mornings a different challenge question will be posted in the Library, on our website and Facebook page. Complete the challenge and record your responses on your answer sheet. At the conclusion of the 6-week challenge, turn in your completed answer sheet to the Information Desk by 5 PM on Sunday, August 13. A lucky winner will win a \$50 Target gift card!

LITERACY READS

Friday, July 21, 1:30 AM-3:30 PM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Join us for Literacy Reads, a book club for beginning readers and English language learners! Practice your reading and speaking skills, learn new words, and meet others in this fun and informal book club. Book selections will include a variety of reading levels. The Library will provide extra copies of the selected titles for checkout prior to the discussion. A light snack will be provided. No registration is required.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

ART-RAGEOUS JOURNALING

Thursday, July 27, 5:30-7:30 PM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Express yourself through art and words in this class that explores the art of journaling. Classes will provide hands-on experience in creating a journal from scratch to completing pages in your own journal using a variety of art mediums. Optional: wear clothes that can get dirty, art is fun, but can get messy! Space is limited. Register ahead. Walk-ins are welcome based on space availability.

TEEN SERVICES

PLACENTIA TEEN GAMERS!

Monday-Friday 1:00-6:00 PM

Placentia Teen Center

Shout out to all Placentia Teen Gamers! PS4 now available @ the Teen Center. Come play the hottest games for FREE. All newbies, casual, core and hardcore gamers are welcome.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Placentia Teen Center

Not your ordinary movie experience! All Fridays @ 3:15 p.m. Free Popcorn! #NOMOS #NOMomOverShoulder

THE VAULT: ESCAPE ROOM

Tuesday, July 25, 4:00-6:00 PM

Placentia Teen Center

Fun programming to entertain and empower teens. Categories range from health, finance, dating, post-high school, and much more.

An escape room is a physical adventure game in which are locked in a room and must solve a series of puzzles to escape.

PLACENTIA TEEN CENTER

Monday-Friday, 1:00-6:00 PM

116 N. Walnut Placentia, CA 92870

(714) 577-9459

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 24-August 16

Placentia Library District

Registration for our popular Summer Reading Programs for children and teens begins Saturday, June 24. Mark your calendars!

Summer Reading Programs are coming your way, join our family-friendly, fun performances!

SRP WACKY WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS – THE NICK & JEN SHOW: LET'S GET MOVING!

Wednesdays, June 28-August 16, 2:00 PM

PLD Quiet Study Area

Nick the Music Man and Jen the Fairy Dancer present an interactive musical concert full of energy and enthusiasm. Children of all ages can participate as we sing, dance and move along. Join us for a magical music extravaganza.

SHAKE, RATTLE & BOP! MUSIC CLASSES

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-7:15 PM

PLD Community Meeting Room

This is an energetic class involving rhythm activities with music and movement for the whole family. Everyone winds down with a couple of goodnight stories.

BOUNCING BABIES! STORYTIME CLASSES

Thursday, July 27, 9:30-10:00 AM OR 10:30-11:00 AM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Stories, songs nursery rhymes, and fingerplays for children ages two years and under, with a parent or caregiver. Activities address early literacy skills necessary for success in reading.

DID YOU KNOW?



RISE & SHINE! STORYTIME CLASSES

Saturday, July 22, 10:00-10:45 AM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Stories, rhymes, puppets, music & movement, and crafts for children ages 3-6 years. Fun for the whole family. Activities address early literacy skills necessary for success in reading.

Get your **PASSPORT** at Placentia Library District



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

This month, OCFA safety messaging will focus on [kids and pets in cars](#) and drowning prevention. On a warm day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach as high as 140 degrees in as little as two hours. On average, 37 children and hundreds of pets die of heatstroke each year after being left alone in cars. Drowning is a preventable tragedy; however, it is the leading cause of accidental injury and death in children under the age of five. No one should ever swim alone. The ABC's of water safety stand for *A – Active Supervision*, *B – Barriers* around pools, and *C- Classes*, CPR and swim. The focus this month is [barriers](#).

***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

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

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



Community Events

- Crew from Engine 57 (C Shift) provided an engine visit to **Aliso Viejo** Middle School to participate in an egg drop. The event was on July 17 from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 28 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of preschoolers from **Irvine**. The program was on July 14 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 27 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Irvine**. The program was on July 15 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crews from Engine 4 and Truck 4 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and school visit to students at Child's World Preschool in **Irvine**. The program was on July 19 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 13 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of preschool students from **La Palma**. The program was on July 14 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt provided a life and fire safety program to a group of residents from **Laguna Woods**. The program was on July 19 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 31 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a fire safety and drowning prevention presentation to a group of Junior Lifeguards at Lake **Mission Viejo**. The event was on July 20 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 7 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to a group at Mariners Church in **San Juan Capistrano**. The program was on July 14 from 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 73 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Milton Neira provided an information booth and engine visit for a community resource event at Country Club Mobile Home Park in **Santa Ana**. The program was on July 18 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Crew from and Community Education Specialist Samantha Soto provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Grace Harbor Church and School in **Santa Ana**. The program was on July 19 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Milton Neira provided a fire extinguisher presentation and demonstration to employees at HMI Hood Manufacturing in **Santa Ana**. The program was on July 19 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crews from Engine 71 and Truck 71 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Santiago Elementary School in **Santa Ana**. The program was on July 19 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Station 48 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of tourists from France visiting residents of **Seal Beach**. The program was on July 14 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 37 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Supervisor Randy Harper provided an information booth and engine visit for the Avid Bioservices Emergency Preparedness Fair in **Tustin**. The event was on July 19 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Station 21 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Grace Harbor Church and School in **Tustin**. The program was on July 19 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crews from Truck 76, Engine 25, Engine 64 and Truck 64 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Supervisor Randy Harper and Community Education Specialists Samantha Soto and Alexa Pratt provided a fire safety information booth for the City of **Westminster** Safety Day. The event was on July 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 64 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group from the City of **Westminster** Resource Center. The program was on July 19 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Stanton

Structure Fire – July 14 – A working structure fire was dispatched for a report of heavy smoke from an apartment at 7:30 a.m. Engine 46 arrived on scene and advised there was a ground floor apartment involved. So Cal Gas, Edison, Stanton Building Officials and Sheriffs were requested to assist on scene. At 7:41 a.m. Battalion 1 advised of a primary all clear and that they had knockdown on the fire. At 7:44 a.m. B1 advised that the fire was out, with an all clear. Red Cross was requested for four adults and one child that were displaced.

Incident Commander: Chief McClelland
Cause: Accidental

Silverado

Vegetation Fire – July 15 - At 2:31 a.m., a medium watershed vegetation response was dispatched to Baker Canyon Road/Black Star Canyon Road. Engine 315 arrived on scene at 2:43 a.m. with a 50 x 50 spot on the east side of Black Star Canyon in light brush with a slow rate of spread. The fire was contained to approximately ½ acre in the SRA. It was reported under control at 2:58 a.m.

Incident Commander: Chief Levesque, B3

Stanton

Structure Fire – July 15 - At 2:33 a.m., Truck 61 was dispatched to an auto alarm water flow at C R Transfer on Knott Ave., STN. Truck 61 arrived on scene at 2:47 a.m. with a trash fire inside the building and requested a working structure response. The fire was reported knocked down at 2:55 a.m. and contained to a 200 x 200 spot of trash. Crews remained on scene several hours while heavy equipment separated the pile to ensure fire was fully extinguished.

Incident Commander: Chief Sherwood, B8

Mission Viejo

Tanker Fire – July 16 - Passerby and CHP reports of a large tanker on fire came in about 8:43 p.m. The driver also reported his container truck was full. A TANKER was dispatched to the SB 5 between Lap Paz and Oso. T22 arrived onscene reporting a tire fire from the upright tanker. CHP shut down several lanes and Cal Trans was notified. Battalion 4 assumed La Paz Incident Command and requested two additional engines for water sources and man power. T22 put out the tire fire which spread to the undercarriage but kept the tank cooled and uninvolved. The fire was called under control at 9:01 p.m., units were committed onscene for more than 30 minutes to continue cooling the tank. The cause is thought to be a brake fire.

Santa Ana

Refuse Fire – July 18 - A refuse fire inside Allan Co. Recycling located on Main St. was reported at 1:04 p.m. A structure fire was dispatched. E74 arrived onscene ordering a working structure fire balance for smoke and flames showing. Battalion 9 assumed Main Incident Command at 1:09 p.m. and cancelled the WSTR response. The recycled material fire inside was knocked down and moved with an onsite forklift.

Incident Commander: Chief Espinosa, B9
Cause: Under Investigation

Buena Park

Garage Fire – July 18 - A garage fire on Apache Dr. was reported at 11:42 p.m. Engine 61 arrived onscene to a well involved structure fire, E61 balance the response to a working structure fire. Battalion 8 reported knockdown of the garage fire with possible attic extension. Division 7 made city notifications.

Incident Commander: Chief Mattern, B8
Cause: Under Investigation

Stanton

Garage Fire – July 19 - A garage fire was reported on Courtright Rd. at 10:28 p.m. Based off additional reports of heavy fire from the garage the response was upgraded to a working structure fire. Engine 46 arrived onscene at 10:32 p.m. of the single story single family residence confirming a working garage fire with possible exposure to an adjacent home. E61 assumed Incident Command at 10:32 p.m. Red Cross responded for seven displaced people; five adults and two children. A Stanton building official responded to the scene.

Incident Commander: Engine 61
Cause: Accidental

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 6/19/2017 - 6/25/2017**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	1	0	31	0	3	5	1	0	3	44
BUENA PARK	0	0	101	0	4	6	5	0	28	144
CYPRESS	1	0	29	0	3	7	0	0	4	44
DANA POINT	0	0	55	1	0	10	2	0	13	81
IRVINE	4	0	139	2	13	22	19	0	33	232
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	9	16
LA PALMA	2	0	15	0	0	4	0	0	1	22
LAGUNA HILLS	2	0	30	0	5	3	1	0	3	44
LAGUNA NIGUEL	2	0	61	0	5	7	4	0	7	86
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	66	0	8	5	0	0	16	95
LAKE FOREST CITY	1	0	60	0	1	12	3	0	14	91
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	24	0	0	1	1	0	0	26
MISSION VIEJO	2	0	106	1	8	7	3	0	19	146
PLACENTIA	2	0	43	1	0	4	1	0	7	58
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	31	0	8	2	4	0	3	49
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	67	0	4	7	7	0	13	98
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	1	0	52	0	4	7	2	0	6	72
SANTA ANA	4	1	382	1	12	64	16	0	60	540
SEAL BEACH	0	0	61	0	3	7	2	0	9	82
STANTON	1	0	39	0	2	5	0	0	12	59
TUSTIN	3	0	74	1	4	8	4	0	5	99
VILLA PARK	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	7
WESTMINSTER	3	0	111	0	6	9	2	0	7	138
YORBA LINDA	2	0	49	0	5	6	3	0	15	80
UNINCORPORATED	0	0	78	4	13	10	6	0	13	124
TOTAL	32	1	1711	11	111	220	90	0	302	2478