

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## Stephen D. Pischel 's Retirement

Director of Administrative Services Stephen D. Pischel will be retiring at the end of this week after 32 years of public service with the City of Placentia. After completing his Bachelors of Science degree from San Diego State, Steve served the cities of Fullerton from 1981 to 1986 and Placentia from 1986 to present. He has worked in the areas of recreation and community services, social services, emergency management, human resources, and administration. He has overseen the design, development, and construction of several parks and playground equipment, facility renovations, trail restorations and ADA improvements projects, including Tri-City Park Trail Renovation Project, Whitten Community Center Renovation Project, and most recently the Emergency Operation Center and the City Council Renovation Project. Steve has successfully managed a wide array of grants including State Park Bond Propositions 12 and 40, County Park Grants, and the State Recreational Trails Grant. As Director of Administrative Services since 2006, Steve was responsible for the human resources division, city clerk division, information technology, risk management and labor relations. Steve leaves his legacy as "Mr. Placentia" which truly epitomizes the value of teamwork, leadership, and public service. He has attended 961 City Council meetings during his tenure here in Placentia. He has dedicated his career to improving the quality of life in our community. Steve will be greatly missed. The City Council and the City Staff would like to congratulate Steve on a well-deserved retirement.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 01/22 Traffic Safety Committee Meeting
- 01/23 Adjourned Regular City Council Meeting
- 01/23 Economic Development Committee
- 02/06 City Council Meeting
- 02/12 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting
- 02/13 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting

**For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing,**

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## City Employee Recognition

On Thursday, December 21, 2017 the City Council and the City Administrator recognized City Employees who had reached service milestones (5 years of service or more) in 2017. The City leaders are proud of the outstanding service that these employees continue to deliver to the community and look forward to their continued contributions in the years ahead. The list of employees who were recognized includes:

### 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Frank Garza Jr, Police Officer  
Joseph Gillis, Police Officer  
Rosie Gomez, Police Service Officer  
Beau Wagoner, Police Officer  
Matthew Rodgers, Police Service Officer

### 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

David Radomski, Police Sergeant  
Miguel Nieves, Maintenance Worker

### 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Joseph Najera, Public Works Supervisor  
Osbaldo Rubalcava, Maintenance Worker

### Employee of the Year – General

Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor

### Police Civilian Employee of the Year

Rosie Gomez, Police Services Officer

### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Melina Fabian, Police Dispatcher/Records Clerk  
Jose Uceda, Police Officer  
Jeremy Yamaguchi, City Council Member

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Bryce Angel, Police Sergeant  
Juan Luna, Custodian

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Manager of the Year  
Darin Lenyi, Chief of Police

### Police Sworn Employee of the Year

Brian Conroy, Police Officer

### Part-Time Employee of the Year

Erica Vega, City Clerk Clerical Aide

The City Council and The City Staff would like to Congratulate these outstanding employees and their continued dedication to the City of Placentia.



## ADMINISTRATION

### 2017 Citizen and Business of the Year Award Celebration

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award Celebration Dinner for the 2017 Citizen and Business of the Year on **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. at the Alta Vista Country Club, 777 E. Alta Vista Street. The cost to attend the event is \$65 per person if reserved and paid before **January 25<sup>th</sup>** and \$75 per person after **January 25<sup>th</sup>** or at the door. To purchase tickets, please visit the following link:

<https://placentiachamberca.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/2603>

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### City Council Expands Smoking Ban

On **December 19, 2017**, the Placentia City Council adopted Ordinance Number O-2017-12, expanding the smoking ban to all City facilities. The Placentia Municipal Code (PMC) currently regulates and prohibits smoking inside any building or structure owned or leased by the City for governmental purposes. The adopted ordinance broadens the prohibition of smoking in City facilities to prohibit smoking at all City facilities, including parks, civic center(s), and public facilities. This prohibition includes parking lots, open areas, plazas, and enclosed fenced areas of all the aforementioned facilities. It also includes areas within fifty (50) feet of any park perimeter, provided that if any such perimeter encroaches on private property. The prohibition does not apply to persons and private (non-city) vehicles in route along the public streets and sidewalks, or to private properties not included in the definitions section of the ordinance. This ordinance prohibits cigarette smoking, as well as marijuana smoking, electronic cigarettes (“e-cigarettes”) and other electronic smoking paraphernalia, such as vaporizers. In essence, this ordinance establishes that any place where tobacco smoking is prohibited, so too is the use of marijuana and/or e-cigarettes and vaping devices. The ordinance goes into effect on **January 18, 2018**.

Secondhand smoke has been classified as a known human carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. National Toxicology Program, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. California first banned smoking in enclosed spaces at places of employment, including day care facilities, in 1995. Subsequently, California’s smoking ban has grown to include building entryways, playgrounds, restaurants, bars, and public transit. In 2008, it became an infraction to smoke in a car when a minor is present due to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

On March 7, 2017, the City Council conducted a Study Session to review the draft Ordinance and to receive public comments. After receiving public comments, staff was directed to receive public comments and return to City Council with an Ordinance that would broaden the prohibition of smoking in City facilities to prohibit smoking at all City facilities, including parks, civic center(s), and community centers. Subsequent to the March 7, 2017 meeting, an additional Public Hearing regarding the Ordinance was heard on December 5, 2017. For more information, contact Joe Lambert, Director of Development Services at (714) 993-8234, or at [jlambert@placentia.org](mailto:jlambert@placentia.org).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Placentia is on Social Media

Members of the Placentia Community Services Department recently attended a Social Media Symposium that was hosted by the City of La Habra. Several Cities from the surrounding area attended the symposium. Timothy Perez, D.Sc., CISSP and professor at Brandman University provided a great training that focused on Cyber Security. The City of Placentia is committed to communication with its residents and Social Media is a key component of that communication. Where can you join the Placentia Community Services Social Media Conversation? Find us on Facebook by going to [facebook.com/placentiacommunityservices](https://facebook.com/placentiacommunityservices).

### P.A.R.K.'s Program

The City of Placentia Community Services Department offers FREE recreation programs for youth at four locations in the City. There is no charge for the basic program; however, a fee may be charged for excursions and special events. Children attending the program are supervised by Community Services Leaders trained in first aid and CPR. The P.A.R.K.'s activities include sports, games, arts, and crafts and special events. The City of Placentia partners with the Friendly Center to provide additional academic resources and support for P.A.R.K.'s programs that may include tutoring and assistance with homework. For more information, please call (714) 993-8232 or visit [www.placentia.org/parks](http://www.placentia.org/parks).



### P.A.R.K.'s Sites

<b>Cathy Torrez Learning Center</b>	143 S. Bradford Avenue.	Mon-Thurs.	3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
<b>Koch Park</b>	2210 N. Valencia Avenue.	Mon.,Tues.,Thurs. Wed.	2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 1:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<b>Gomez Community Center</b>	1701 Atwood Avenue	Mon-Thurs.	3:00p.m.-5:30p.m.
<b>Whitten Community Center</b>	900 S. Melrose Street	Mon., Tues., Thurs. Wed.	3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 2:00p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Winter Classes in the New Year

The Community Services Department offers many activities to assist you with your New Year's resolution; to exercise more and try out new things. Fitness activities include Tai Chi for Health which focuses on balance, stress reduction, flexibility, functional mobility, enhanced mental ability, and socialization. Zumba Gold is a great way to exercise and have fun at the same time as you follow dance choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination. Morning Yoga focuses on increasing your strength by holding poses, multiple breathing techniques, and guided meditations. The Winter 2017 Placentia Palm is full of activities for the whole family. Please visit [www.placentia.org/quarterly](http://www.placentia.org/quarterly) or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more information.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Traffic Safety at Placentia Schools

The Placentia Police Department's Traffic Bureau has been receiving complaints about pedestrian and vehicular traffic issues surrounding schools in the City. One of the main complaints is that parents are not following the drop off and pick up procedures before and after school. Parents are stopping their vehicles on the street in front of the school and having their children run across the street. This is an extremely dangerous practice and could very possibly end up causing a collision between a moving vehicle and a school aged child. The schools in the City have developed their drop off and pick up procedures with the children's safety in mind. Please follow these procedures to ensure an unfortunate and tragic collision does not occur. Additionally, we have received complaints about vehicles speeding through the school zones. When school is in session and children are present, the speed limit is 25 MPH. Officers will be monitoring the schools and if violations are observed, citations will be issued. We appreciate your cooperation on observing all traffic safety measures in the City of Placentia.



### Crime Prevention Tips for Vehicle theft

Please [Click here](#) for information on crime prevention.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

[Placentia Library District Weekly Summary](#)

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



# PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

WEEKLY SUMMARY - January 19 - 25, 2018

## ADULT SERVICES

### CONVERSATION CLUB

Tuesday, January 19, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

The Conversation Club is a great opportunity to chat with other English learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. No registration is required.



### ADULT PROGRAM REGISTRATION: SAVE THE DATE!

Registration begins Saturday, February 17, at 9 a.m. for our Tai Chi, Discover Calligraphy, Mosaic Rocks and Computer Workshop programs for adults. More information to come.

## TEEN SERVICES

### PLD COLLABORATORY: HENNA - A PLANT, AN ART, A TRADITION

Thursday, January 25, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

*Placentia Teen Center*

Free henna tattoos! Join us to learn more about the henna plant, art and tradition. Henna tattoos are optional! Pick up your parent permission form now from the Placentia Teen Center or the library Information Desk.



### PLACENTIA TEEN GAMERS!

Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

*Placentia Teen Center*

PS4 now available @ the Teen Center. Come play the hottest games for free.



### FRIDAY FLICKS

*Placentia Teen Center*

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

### PLACENTIA TEEN CENTER

116 N. Walnut Placentia, CA 92870 – (714) 577-9459

School Year Hours Monday-Friday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### RISE & SHINE! STORYTIME CLASS

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

*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.

### SHAKE, RATTLE & BOP! MUSIC CLASSES

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

*Children's Department*

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 CLASS

Thursday, January 18, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

Stories, songs nursery rhymes, and fingerplays for children ages two years and under, with a parent or caregiver.



### SENSATIONAL SATURDAYS: WILD THINGS & ANIMALS OF PREY

Saturday, January 20, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

This show is not to be missed by children who love animals! We will experience seeing a variety of animals including tarantulas, scorpions, turtles, geckos, snakes, and a variety of bugs, and learn about their habitats. The second hour from 2:00-3:00 p.m. will include making an animal craft, plus board games and LEGOS for your family to play together.



### HOMEWORK CLUB

Monday-Thursday, 3:00-5:30 PM

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

Children from K-12th grades are welcome to attend and receive help with their homework. All children need to have a consent form filled out by their parent or guardian. Homework Club is open throughout the school year.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### \*HISTORY MATTERS WITH STEVE BERRY

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

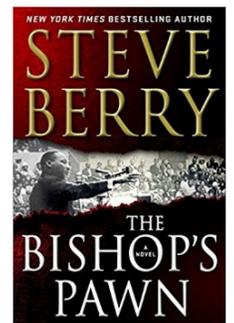
*Bradford Park, 136 Palm Circle, Placentia*

Join us and award-winning, New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry, who will discuss his newest book in the thrilling Cotton Malone series, *The Bishop's Pawn*.

**Buy your ticket today!** <https://historymattersplacentia.eventbrite.com>

Contact the library at (714) 528-1906 for details.

*\*Tickets required.*





# Orange County Fire Authority

## *Weekly Executive Summary*

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

January 18, 2018

## News & Events

Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)) to stay up-to-date on current incidents, safety messages and events at Orange County Fire Authority.

### **\*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:** *Normal Temperatures for January 19 – January 26.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

**Fire Outlook:** The potential for large fire will continue to be **high** across Southern California through at least Sunday. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).

# Community Events

- Fire station 57 crew (C-shift), in **Aliso Viejo**, conducted a tour for local Cub Scouts on January 13 from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.
- On January 15, Station 62 (A-shift) with Education Specialists Harper and Bowen partnered with the American Red Cross to install free smoke alarms to targeted areas of **Buena Park**.
- Engine 55 (C-shift) attended a Team Kids presentation in **Irvine** at Hick's Canyon Elementary School from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M. on January 12.
- Engine 55 (B-shift), in **Irvine**, visited Le Port Montessori Pre-K on January 16 from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- On January 17, Crash 1 (B-shift), attended a tenant safety meeting at John Wayne Airport in **Irvine** from 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.
- Fire station 26 (B-shift) crew, conducted a station tour on January 17 from 12:00 to 1:00 P.m. for a Girl Scout Troop in **Irvine**.
- On January 18, Engine 26 attended a Team Kids event at Brywood Elementary School in **Irvine** from 12:00 to 2:30 P.M.
- On January 15 Engine 13 (A-shift) in **La Palma**, visited Ehlers Community Center Pre-K for a safety presentation from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M.
- Fire station 19 (A-shift) in **Lake Forest**, hosted a station tour on January 15 from 11:00 to 12:00P.M
- The crew from Truck 9 (C-shift) in **Mission Viejo**, delivered a safety presentation program at Robinhood Montessori School from 10:30 to 11:30 P.M. on January 18.
- Station 45 (C-shift) hosted Chaparral Pre School for a tour from 1:45 to 11:45 A.m. on January 18 in **Rancho Santa Margarita**.
- On January 13 fire station 75 (C-shift) in **Santa Ana**, opened its doors at the fire museum housed there from 11:00 to 4:00 P.M.
- On January 16 Battalion 9 Chief Henry attended the Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 as they honored first responders and awarded Firefighter of the Year to Fire Engineer Ray McQueen.
- Fire station 14 (C-shift), attended the EOCC Fire Safety Council from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in **Silverado** on January 18.
- On January 16 Division 4 Chief Kovacs and Battalion 3 Chief Roberts (C-shift) attended the Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce meeting in **Tustin** from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
- The crew of station 21 (A-shift) along with Education Specialist Neira, hosted an area family for dinner and a station tour on January 14 in **Tustin** from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.

# Significant Emergency Incidents

## Laguna Hills

**Structure Fire – January 11** - A structure fire response was dispatched to Del Lago Drive, at Best Ever Waterproofing at 0611 hours for report of smoke from the attached office space. B4 assumed Del Lago IC at 0621 hours and balanced to a WSTR. T22 reported machinery on fire at 0630 as the fire was knocked down. The fire was under control at 0634 hours.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Levesque, B4  
**Cause:** Accidental

## Santa Ana

**Technical Rescue – January 14** – An RTEC was dispatched to 319 E 17th,, STA at 0525 hours for a vehicle into the second floor of a business. E71 was first to arrive onscene. B9 assumed 17th IC and requested an additional truck and engine. One patient was extricated at 0647. Duty Chief Cruz made all notifications. An LAC heavy wrecker was used to dislodge the vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the structure at 0757 hours.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Henery, B9

## Orange

**Remote Rescue – January 14** - A REMOTE was dispatched to Chutes Trail at Santiago Oaks Park located at 2145 Windes Dr., ORG for a bicycle accident with a chief complaint of numbness in extremities. DUKE6 arrived on station at 0914 hours, a rescuer was inserted at 0921 hours. ORC HC2 was cancelled onscene at 0937 hours. DUKE 6 handled patient treatment and transport.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Spencer, B3

## Santa Ana

**Structure Fire – January 14** - A STR was balanced to a WSTR while units were enroute based off multiple reports of fire at 1338 N. Custer St., STA at 1825 hours. There were reports of people possibly trapped inside, and ambulance was added to the response. E75 arrived onscene of the single story residence which was well involved with fire, Custer IC was established. E75 also reported a vehicle fire at the property. STA PD was requested for traffic control and an aggressive homeowner causing a disturbance at the fire scene. The vehicle fire was extinguished at 1842 hours. The fire was knocked down at 1843. One patient was transported and escorted by E79 to OC Global for smoke inhalation. Red Cross was requested for two displaced adults. D6, Chief Black made notifications.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Espinosa, B9  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

## Buena Park

**Structure Fire – January 15** - At 0745hrs, ECC received a 911 call from Allow Die Casting at 6550 Caballero, BPK from an employee stating there was a possible explosion somewhere inside, smoke was everywhere, and the plant was being evacuated. A structure fire response was dispatched. E62 arrived on scene declaring a “second alarm”, began operations. Fire was contained to a large electrical panel. Assisting the OCFA on this incident was Anaheim FD, Fullerton FD, Buena Park PD, and Southern California Edison. No injuries were reported.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Mattern, B8  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

## Black Star Canyon

**Remote Rescue – January 17** - At 1330 hours, a REMOTE Rescue response was dispatched to a reported hiker down in Black Star Canyon approximately 3-4 miles up from the gate. Copter 2 arrived on scene overhead and began searching for the injured hiker. Copter 2 located the patient and inserted the Rescue Medic for patient evaluation. Engine 315 and P14 were able to make access and assisted with patient care. It was determined the patient was in critical condition and would need to be extricated via a stokes basket. After successfully loading the patient into Copter 2, he was flown directly to OC Global without incident.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Ashby, B3

**Incidents By Major Category  
for Period: 1/1/2018 - 1/7/2018**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	1	0	38	0	0	4	1	0	13	57
BUENA PARK	1	0	102	1	9	14	1	0	53	181
CYPRESS	2	0	55	0	3	2	4	0	13	79
DANA POINT	0	0	61	3	3	7	1	0	4	79
IRVINE	5	0	208	0	9	24	15	0	51	312
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	3	10
LA PALMA	0	0	22	0	3	3	4	0	11	43
LAGUNA HILLS	0	0	60	0	3	8	0	0	4	75
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	71	3	4	4	4	0	8	94
LAGUNA WOODS	1	0	91	0	9	5	1	0	26	133
LAKE FOREST CITY	3	0	103	0	6	4	2	0	4	122
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	29	0	5	3	1	0	4	42
MISSION VIEJO	3	0	118	2	12	13	4	0	14	166
PLACENTIA	0	0	54	0	4	3	2	0	17	80
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	39	0	2	5	3	0	5	54
SAN CLEMENTE	2	0	91	0	16	18	3	0	8	138
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	56	0	4	2	0	0	18	80
SANTA ANA	7	0	409	3	14	36	17	0	46	532
SEAL BEACH	1	0	75	0	7	5	2	0	38	128
SEAL BEACH - NVW	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
STANTON	1	0	55	0	2	2	0	0	20	80
TUSTIN	1	0	79	0	4	4	2	0	39	129
VILLA PARK	0	0	9	0	1	1	0	0	3	14
WESTMINSTER	1	0	113	0	10	5	1	0	13	143
YORBA LINDA	0	0	63	1	7	3	3	0	25	102
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	2	0	105	0	8	13	6	0	29	163
<b>TOTAL</b>	31	0	2112	13	145	191	77	0	469	3038