Fire Personnel Update
Battalion Chiefs

- 89 years of combined experience in Southern California municipal and county fire departments
- Each Chief Officer will command a shift consisting of 2 fire stations and 10 department personnel per shift
- Each Battalion Chief has experience in every subordinate position in the fire industry
- Meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 standards and California State Fire Marshal Chief Fire Officer standards
- California State Fire Marshal Certifications: Inspector, Instructor, Trainer and Fire Investigator
- Local community college Fire Science Instructor
- Advanced college degrees and numerous additional certifications
Fire Captains

Cody Roesti  James Oh  Anthony Davis  Mark Huckabey
Fire Captains

- Over 90 years of combined fire experience
- Trained numerous Los Angeles County municipalities in Mass Casualty Incident Management
- Trained thousands of employees of the Los Angeles World Airport in emergency preparedness
- Major contributor to a Fire Department becoming an ISO Class 2 rated department
- Tactical Medic Supervisor for the North County SWAT Team
- Fire Inspector and Hazardous Materials Specialist
- Advanced college degrees and numerous additional certifications
- Meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1021 standards and California State Fire Marshall Company Fire Officer standards
- California State Fire Marshal: Inspector, Instructor, Training and Fire Investigator
- Meets or exceeds National and State fire standards
Fire Engineers

James Banister  Scott Ferguson  Cimino Kolb

Edward Hughes  Matthew Wedin  Branden Smith  Dustin Sundahl
Fire Engineers

- 61 years of combined fire experience
- Previous Engineer experience
- Previous Military experience
- Firefighter/Paramedic experience
- Driver Operator 1A and 1B
- Fire Communications Director
- Advanced college degrees and numerous additional certifications
- North County Regional Hero Award for 4 cardiac saves in 7 months
- Requirements of the position include:
  - 3 years of consecutive firefighting experience
  - Minimum of 1 year of career service as a Fire Engineer/Apparatus Operator
  - Operator 1A and 1B or NFPA equivalent
  - Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate
  - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license
- These standards exceed OCFA’s standards for Fire Engineer
- Meets or exceeds National and State fire standards
Firefighters

Cathy Lomeli  Gaurav Singh  Joshua Martin  Jose Mendes  Ryan Murphy  Justin Mason
Firefighters

- Wildland firefighting experience
- Reserve Firefighter and Hand Crew Firefighter for OCFA
- Firefighter of the Year Award
- Paramedic for the Los Angeles Fire Department
- Advanced certifications in Fire and EMS including Fire Instructor, Fire Officer, EMT Evaluator, Fire Inspector, CPR Instructor and EMT-Advanced
- Advanced college degrees and numerous additional certifications
- Position requirements include:
  - Completion of State Certified Firefighter Academy
  - CPAT or Biddle physical agility exam
  - Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate
  - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license
- These standards exceed OCFA’s standards for Firefighter
- Meets or exceeds National and State fire standards
Additional Recruitments

• Reserve Firefighter Recruitment
• 19 Reserve Firefighter positions filled
• 10 Part-time positions (recruitment underway)
  • Requirements include:
    • Completion of State Certified Firefighter Academy
    • CPAT or Biddle physical agility exam
    • Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate
    • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license
    • California Certified Driver Operator 1A and 1B or National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) equivalent
    • California State Office of the State Fire Marshal Company Officer, Instructor 1, and Fire Inspector 1
• These standards exceed OCFA’s standards for Reserve Firefighter
• Meets or exceeds National and State fire standards
Training Standards
1st Inaugural Fire Academy Began May 4th
Training Standards

• All Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department personnel will undergo rigorous training standards:
  • California State Firefighter 1 certifications (NFPA 1001)
  • Training academies by position
  • Examples include:
    • Leadership, values and organizational mission
    • Fire Prevention and Inspections
    • Community Risk Reduction Strategies
    • Public Education and Communication
    • Active Shooter training
    • Hose evolutions
    • Ladders
    • Ventilation
    • Orange County EMT expanded scope of practice
Apparatus Update
Placentia Fire and Life Safety Vehicles
Fire Apparatus Vehicles

- Four brand-new fire suppression apparatus
  - Seagrave Type I Engine (2)
  - Seagrave Quint with 100-foot ladder (1)
  - HME Type VI mini-pumper (1)
- Engines arriving in Placentia on May 20th
- Mini-pumper has been delivered and used in the Academy
- Quint is in final assembly. Leaving factory in June
- Contingency plan ready
Fire Command Vehicles

• One 2020 Police Interceptor for the Fire Chief
• Two 2019 Ford F350’s for the Battalion Chiefs
• Outfitted with state-of-the-art, technologically-advanced equipment
• Ready for service
Fire Support Vehicles

• One 15-person passenger van (Ford Transit)
• One Light duty pick-up truck (Ford F150)
• Ready for service in June 2020
Fire Department Equipment
Fire Apparatus Tools and Equipment

• All items picked specifically for Placentia, reviewed by experts and are compatible with neighboring cities’ fire departments
• Over 600 individual pieces of new equipment purchased and delivered, including:
  • State-of-the-art SCBA
  • Hoses and clamps
  • Multipurpose tools
  • Bolt cutters
  • Axes and hand tools
  • Hydraulic cutting tools
• Spare equipment purchased to ensure additional supplies available on shelf if needed
• Equipment is ready for installation on apparatus & command units
Operations
Fire Station Transition Plan

• Facility Needs Assessment completed
• Station improvements included in FY 20-21 Capital Improvement Project (CIP)
• $315,000 in year one improvements
  • New paint
  • New signage
  • New sleeping quarters
  • Turnout extractors
  • SCBA cascade
  • New appliances
  • Station Alerting System
  • New furnishings
Agency Partnership
Partnership with OC Health Care Agency and EMS

- Orange County EMS Medical Director is scheduled to review and approve medical dispatch protocols
- All Lynch Paramedics working in Placentia are accredited by County EMS
- Entered into agreement for electronic integration of 911 EMS dispatch data into County of Orange’s OC-MEDS data system
- Utilization of the OC-MEDS electronic reporting system by City ensures:
  - Regulatory and patient care data privacy compliance
  - Seamless coordination of call times and demographic data into patient care reports
  - Since OC-MEDS is the County data system they will have real time oversight over patient care by both PFLSD and Lynch EMS.
Auto and Mutual Aid Meetings

• Several meetings held between City and Fire Chiefs from Anaheim and Fullerton/Brea, along with Lynch EMS team to review Placentia's fire/ems call data, the City's planned service model, and support scenarios with our neighbors.

• The City is eager to continue auto and mutual aid to ensure the fastest available response time to each agency’s residents.

• The City has drafted auto and mutual aid agreements and is making progress with our neighboring cities.

• County, Placentia, and Yorba Linda have met to discuss potential impacts on the Yorba Linda western border and the County Island.

• If auto aid is not provided by neighboring jurisdictions this will result in delayed emergency response to the public.
Ongoing Communications

• Fire Chiefs to continue discussion on Placentia’s deployment model
• Ensure a smooth transition that provides the highest-quality service to all residents
• City has secured letters of intent for auto and mutual aid with surrounding Cities
• Data indicates significant subsidy by smaller surrounding agencies to OCFA based on current deployment model (Source: Metro Cities Call Data 2019)
• Placentia’s efficient deployment model will result in a more equitable partnership with our neighbors reducing call volume imbalance which currently exists with OCFA
Upgrades to Dispatch Equipment

- 800 MHz radio talk groups approved by Orange County Communications (OCC), Orange County Fire Chiefs Association, and Orange County Police Chiefs Association
- Motorola consoles purchased and installed for FIRE/EMS dispatch desk
- Purchased station alerting system which will integrate with dispatching system
- New mobile and portable radios have been programmed for operations
Training, EMD Protocols, CAD System Training

- All Placentia Public Safety Communications Dispatchers and call-takers have been certified in CPR and are working towards their CA POST Basic Dispatcher, Emergency Medical Dispatch and Emergency Fire Dispatch.
- EMD and EFD protocols from the Priority Dispatch system will be utilizing proven international standards for call intake and processing.
- Communications staff currently utilize Mark 43, Introduction to the Fire and EMS modules will take place once dispatch protocols are approved by Fire Chief Van Gieson.
- Introduction to the Fire/EMS modules began this week.
- Dispatch protocols are being reviewed by County Medical Director.
- Final run calls have been approved by Fire Chief Van Gieson.
- Placentia Public Safety Communication Center leadership will seek accreditation next year.
• Public Safety Communications Manager hired with over 15 years of experience in fire, EMS and police from an accredited dispatch center
• Public Safety Communications Manager hired to run integrated Dispatch Center and two new supervisors
• Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols finalized
• POST required training being conducted now for new hires = 120 hours of training
• Training began this month for dispatcher certification in Emergency Medical and Fire Dispatch (EMD & EFT = 40 hours of training)
Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records System

- City Council approved contract to upgrade Mark43 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to add Fire & EMS functionality
- OCMEDS/ImageTrend Electronic Patient Care Records (ePCR) integration started
- Met with Orange County Communications to begin Dispatch radio and console upgrades
- Integration into Orange County CAD-to-CAD with Tellus Safety Solutions continues to be unnecessarily delayed by OCFA Chief Fennessy's and Orange County Fire Chief Association President Dan Stefano (Costa Mesa) approval to join hub
- Secured agreement for CAD integration with Metro Cities Fire Authority (Anaheim, Brea, Fullerton and others). Integration nearly complete
- Fire GIS district grids uploaded to CAD system
Background & Selection of Lynch Ambulance

• All Lynch Paramedics assigned to Placentia have significant 911 experience
• Paramedics required to maintain CA Dept. of Justice and FBI background live scan service
• While Lynch employs over 40 Paramedics, only those demonstrating the highest of standards and core values will be selected to provide service to Placentia.
Lynch Paramedics: Training

• Bi-annual retraining for advanced pediatric and cardiac life support
• Additional training in at-risk populations, hospice care and pediatrics
• Annual skills testing for competency on high risk, low frequency medical emergencies
Lynch’s Progress in Becoming Placentia’s New EMS Provider

• Two primary ambulances and one backup have been ordered from manufacturer and are in final production

• Cardiac Monitors
  • Utilizes latest in advanced cardiac monitor/defibrillator technology
  • Deployed in paramedic units
Lynch’s Integration into the Placentia Community

• Data analysis
  • Lynch is currently analyzing data on call volume within Placentia and neighboring cities to develop demand predictions, heat maps and effective deployment models

• Continued involvement within the City
  • Attending events to meet the community including Taste of Placentia, Tacos and Tequila, and the Placentia Heritage Festival
  • Instructed medical training for the City’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
  • Members of the Chamber of Commerce and Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association
Placentia Fire and Life Safety Integration
Senior Facility Center Community Car Parade
Community Integration

- Community events/opportunities are limited due to COVID-19
- Fire Chief introduced at the Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association and at all Commission/Committee Meetings

Upcoming Community Events
- Fire Station Open House in the Summer
- Summer Programing (i.e. Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, etc.)
- Ongoing Special Events (i.e., National Night Out, Heritage Festival, Tamale Festival, etc.)
Next Steps/
Upcoming Items
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• Install communications equipment and apparatus
• Complete transition for July 1, 2020
• Take command July 1, 2020
• Next update: July 2020