

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

Local History Lecture Series: *Natural Disaster: The 1938 Flood*

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee hosted the most recent local lecture in the series entitled, "*Natural Disaster: The 1938 Flood*" on March 7, 2016. The audience was captivated by the interesting presentation. The next featured lecture in the Local History Lecture Series entitled, "*Orange County and Land Grants*" will be held on **Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. To view previous presentation, please [click here](#). For additional information, please visit the Placentia Library [website](#) or call (714) 528-1906.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in April

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency services personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. As a member of CERT, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. Register for the next CERT class to be held in April at the Whitten Community Center [here](#). For additional information, please call (714) 993-8135 or visit www.placentia.org/CERT.

Follow Us At:



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/14 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
- 3/15 City Council Meeting
- 3/21 Traffic Safety Commission
- 3/22 Economic Development Committee Meeting
- 3/22 Historical Committee Meeting

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Placentia Little League Helicopter Ball Drop

Placentia Little League Baseball opening day was held on March 5th at Champions Sports Complex. Festivities began early in the morning with a pancake breakfast, introduction of players, and a parade of teams. The main event of opening day was the helicopter ball drop fundraiser. Placentia Little League contracted with the Helistream Company who regularly works these types of events to use a helicopter. At about 9:50 a.m., a helicopter landed on the largest fenced-in baseball field and picked up several buckets of numbered golf balls. Volunteers blocked access to the field at all access points to ensure spectator safety. The golf balls



cascaded down from the helicopter from approximately 100 feet in the air. The three golf balls that were closest to landing on the first, second, and third prize-winning x's on the field won a prize. After the golf balls were cleaned up, games began. Opening day for Placentia Little League Baseball was a huge success and the City of Placentia wishes all of their players a great season!

City of Placentia Volunteer Program

Do you need Volunteer Service Hours? Be a Placentia *Volunteer*. High school and middle school students ages 13-16 that need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to assist our Community Services Department staff with multiple activities conducted throughout the City during the summer. Placentia residents are invited to apply for the summer *Volunteer* Program. Participants will have the opportunity to receive on-the-job training and develop friendships. Come help out the Community Services Department P.A.R.K.'s program. Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2016 and reside within the city limits of Placentia. Applications are available at the City of Placentia Community Services Department located in City Hall (401 E. Chapman Avenue) or visit www.placentia.org/volunteer. The application deadline is **Thursday April 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

Spring Fun Day

The City of Placentia Community Services Department partners with the Friendly Center to coordinate a Spring Fun Day. This event provides children in our afterschool program with baskets of eggs, a small toy/book, candy, and a hygiene item. The success of the program is based on the donations received from the community. The Friendly Center will be collecting baskets from the community at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information please contact the Placentia Neighborhood Services and Friendly Center Office at (714) 986-2333.



Placentia Round Table Women's Club – 2016 Scholarships

The Placentia Round Table Women's Club will be presenting scholarships to graduating seniors residing in the Placentia and Yorba Linda area. Last year, over \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded to 17 students from five local high schools. Students attending a 4 year college will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and students attending a 2 year college will be receiving \$600 scholarship. Applications and requirements are available on the Placentia Round Table Women's Club website at <http://placentiawomensclub.org> or by contacting Mary Kay McMahon at 5mcmahons@sbcglobal.net. The deadline to submit an application is **Friday, April 15, 2016**.

P.A.R.K.'s Program

This week at the Whitten Community Center the after school programs theme was "Marching into March". Participants at the Center had the opportunity to participate in a jungle obstacle course, a game of four corners, dodge ball, four square and Giant Jenga during the week. In addition to the outside activities, participants also created their own lanyards, fuse beads, colored superhero coloring sheets, chalk art and watched the movie, Jungle Book. Homework help was also available all week. For information on the P.A.R.K.'s program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Free Afterschool Tutoring

The Friendly Center and the City of Placentia offer FREE tutoring for K-12th grades. Tutoring for students K-8th is held at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center (143 S. Bradford St.), Monday – Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tutoring for grades 6-12 is held at the Whitten Community Center (900 S. Melrose St.) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:45 p.m. For more information please call Maddie Cuevas at (714) 769-8660.

Placentia Photography Contest

The Placentia Photography Contest, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission, is now open! All photographs are required to be taken within Placentia city limits, but entrants need not be City residents. Amateur (youth and adult) and Master Divisions may enter and photographs may not exceed 8"x10" in size. Entries are limited to four (4) per person and a \$3.00 fee must accompany each photograph. All entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. Entry forms are available at www.placentia.org/photocontest. For more details, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Easter Eggcitement

The Easter Eggcitement & Spring Carnival will be held at Kraemer Memorial Park on **Saturday, March 19, 2016**. The Children's Egg Hunt will be scheduled as follows: special needs and ages 0 – 4 will be at 9:30 a.m., ages 5 – 7 will be from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., and ages 8 – 12 will be from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. When children are not hunting for eggs they will be able to enjoy a variety of games and activities such as pictures with the Easter Bunny, face painting, story time, relay races, putt putt mini golf,





soccer, bounce houses, and a train ride. All activities and games will be free to all who come and enjoy this great event. A hot dog and chips lunch will be available for purchase for a nominal fee provided by the Rotary Club. The City of Placentia is a proud co-sponsor along with the Placentia Rotary Club, Placentia Library District, the Placentia Library Friends Foundation, the Placentia Kiwanis Club, and the Placentia Round Table Women's Club.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Meeting on the Packing House District Transit Oriented Development

The City will be hosting a community meeting on the Packing House District Transit Oriented Development Zoning Amendment on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Avenue. The City is in the process of developing a plan to revitalize and improve the City's historic Packing House District to bring in new housing, employment, and supporting services around the proposed Metrolink Station. The Packing House District is an asset to the City and is poised to be one of the City's key destinations. Your input is crucial, so please attend this meaningful community meeting. For additional information, please call (714) 993-8123.

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 on Harmony Lane, Moonbeam Street and Madison Avenue. The Patch Crew filled potholes on arterial streets and cleaned storm drains City wide; Crack sealing pavement was also performed on Rose Drive. The Ball Field Maintenance Crew worked on infields at the Sports Complex, Tuffree Park and Torii Hunter Field. The Facility Maintenance Crew completed work orders in City buildings and installed a new speaker system in the Police Department. The Irrigation Crew checked and repaired irrigation docks on City Parkways. The Maintenance crews cleaned the downtown area and debris on arterial streets.

Personnel on stand-by responded to the following calls:

Date	Response
03/04/16	Staff contacted pest control for a bee hive on the irrigation valve box on Chapman Ave., south of San Gabriel Lane.
03/05/16	Staff set up traffic control on Alta Vista St. for Placentia Little League Opening Day.
03/05/16	Staff removed a fallen tree limb blocking the roadway at 2025 Tuffree Blvd.
03/06/16	Staff responded to a spill at City Hall. Staff shut off water in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall and extracted water from carpets and set up fans to dry the carpet.
03/08/16	Staff drop off 8ft. barricades for PD on Bradford Ave./Chapman Ave. and at Bradford Ave. /Madison Ave.
03/08/15	Staff pick-up debris with the Dump truck on Primrose/Bradford Ave.



As a reminder to our residents, City staff is now assigned to remove the graffiti, pick up dead animals, maintain the downtown landscaping and make sure the OCTA bus stops throughout the City of Placentia are clean. The new phone number to report graffiti or dead animal pick up is (714) 993-8279.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention

Read Across America

A Police Officer attended the Read Across America celebration at Melrose Elementary School on Wednesday, March 2. The Officer read to the Kindergarten and 5th Grade classes. The children were excited to have a Police Officer come and read to them and asked many questions to the Police Officer.

Love Placentia

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. and then depart to different service projects throughout the City that benefit the needs of the less fortunate, elderly, veterans, schools, and City parks and facilities. Currently, the Love Placentia Team is looking for volunteers to lead different aspects of the service day. If you would like to hold a leadership position, please contact Marilyn Anderson at (714) 993-8225 or manderson@placentia.org.

If you would like to submit a service project for Love Placentia or make a donation to the event, please visit the Love Placentia website at www.loveplacentia.com. Interested participants can also sign-up to volunteer for Love Placentia Service Day using the website at the end of March.

Significant Events

March 2, 2016

Numerous vehicle burglaries were reported this morning at the Placentia Yorba Linda School District. Power tools were stolen from several District work trucks.

The Regional Narcotics Suppression Program served a search warrant on the 300 block of West Madison Ave. An extensive THC extraction operation was found at the location. At the time of this report, two suspects were in custody with more investigation to follow.

March 4, 2016

Police Dispatch received a call about a man with a gun on the 700 block of Fee Ana. The suspect fled the scene leaving the gun behind. Police Officers located the man on Richfield. A foot pursuit



ensued and the suspect was apprehended near Vincente. The man was charged with possession a loaded firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance and other crimes.

A bank robbery occurred at the Citi Bank on Kraemer Blvd. The male suspect is believed to be responsible for several bank robberies around the southland, according to the FBI.

A felony domestic violence occurred on the 1,000 block of Yosemite. The victim was being treated at Placentia Linda Hospital for a dislocated right shoulder.

March 5, 2016

A man tried to kill himself by driving into a wall on the west side of Tri City Park. He was taken into custody for an evaluation.

BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISIONS

1. Building plans for a residential remodeling project located at Carina Avenue were reviewed and approved by the Planning and Building Divisions on 2/29/16. The scope of work includes changing a flat roof into a pitch roof, new insulations and electrical outlets.
2. Tenant improvement plans of a new retail sales office for T-Mobile located at 1192 E. Imperial Highway were reviewed and approved by Planning and Building Divisions on 3/1/16. This project includes a new retail sales area, storage area, employee offices, new ADA in compliance restrooms, new electrical, plumbing and HVAC fixture units. The cost of the construction is \$80,000.
3. Residential solar installation plans and structural analysis for seven (7) single family detached homes were reviewed and approved by the Building Division on 2/29/16.
4. Tenant improvement plans for a commercial building located at 721 Monroe Circle have been reviewed and approved by Planning and Building Divisions on 3/2/16. This project includes adding two additional offices inside the existing warehouse building, ADA in compliance of the existing site plan and restroom facilities. The cost of the construction is \$20,000.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary



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News & Events

OCFA has 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. This month we will be working with our member cities to collaborate on social media sites and encourage residents to learn CPR and download the app.

*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 Temperatures for March 11 – March 18.* 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

- Crew from Station 57 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Aliso Viejo**. The program was on March 6 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 63 (B Shift) participated in a Read Across America event at San Marino Elementary in **Buena Park**. The event was on March 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Station 63 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Buena Park**. The program was on March 10 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 29 (C Shift) provided a static display for the Festival of Whales Parade in **Dana Point**. The event was on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Christy Watson provided a life and fire safety presentation to a group at University United Methodist Church in **Irvine**. The program was on March 7 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 22 (C Shift) participated in the opening day parade for a local little league in **Laguna Hills**. The event was on March 5 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Station 49 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from a local preschool in **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on March 5 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 19 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at The Learning Experience in **Mission Viejo**. The program was on March 9 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 7 (B Shift) provided two life and fire safety programs and station tours to a group of students from San Juan Elementary in **San Juan Capistrano**. The programs were on March 9 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a life and fire safety program to employees at the Mexican Consulate in **Santa Ana**. The program was on March 10 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 76 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to the KinderCaminata in **Santa Ana**. The program was on March 4 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 77 (B Shift) participated in a Read Across America event for students at Sepulveda Elementary in **Santa Ana**. The program was on March 4 from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
- Crew from Station 76 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from a local elementary school in **Santa Ana**. The program was on March 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



- Crew from Engine 76 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from a local elementary school in **Santa Ana**. The program was on March 10 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 (C Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen attended the **Tustin** Police Department Substation event at Frontier Park. The event was on March 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crews from Engine 21 and Patrol 26 (C Shift) and Community Education Specialist Marth Espiritu attended the Foothill Communities Association Annual Meeting at Hewes Middle School in **Tustin**. The event was on March 7 from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to kids at the **Tustin** Boys & Girls Club. The program was on March 8 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Station 21 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Tiger Scouts from **Tustin**. The program was on March 5 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Truck 64 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Johnson Middle School in **Westminster**. The program was on March 9 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Buena Park

Structure Fire – March 3 - At 4:21 p.m. units responded to La Palma Avenue in Buena Park for a structure fire with a report of flames from the rooftop of a medical center. At 4:25 p.m. Battalion 8 arrived onscene reporting smoke from the rear and assumed La Palma Incident Command. At 4:30 p.m. the Incident Commander requested a code 2 ambulance for standby and requested a working structure fire assignment. Incident Command reported a safety issue of power lines down across the building and requested a warbled safety alert. With 15 minutes on the incident timer ventilation was in progress with 25 ft. flames from the roof handling with units onscene. Fire was under control at 6:01 p.m. Incident Command was disbanded at 6:36 p.m.

Incident Commander: Chief Dossey, B8
Cause: Under Investigation

Irvine

Water Leak – March 4 - At 2:01 a.m. units responded for multiple reports of a 4th floor roof collapse due to a water leak at the Kelvin Apartments on Kelvin Avenue in Irvine. Battalion 5 assumed Kelvin Incident Command. Engine 6 confirmed a major water leak in the main water line on the roof of the 4th floor. The 4th floor suffered a partial roof collapse in the hallway, with significant water damage to the building. The domestic water line ruptured on the 4th floor impacting all floors but causing minimal damage to living areas. The city building official was notified and the building was released back to the owner.

Incident Commander: Chief Spencer, B5

Chino Hills

Remote Rescue – March 5 - At 10:29 a.m., a remote rescue response was dispatched to a biker down on Gilman Peak Trail in Chino Hills State Park. Helicopter 2 was able to locate the patient who was mid-slope on a single track trail and determined ground units would be unable to access the patient. Helicopter 2 performed a flat pitch landing and off loaded the on board medic and equipment. The patient was evaluated and transported to OC Global via Helicopter 2 with cardiac issues.

Incident Commander: Captain Johnson, B2

Laguna Beach

Remote Rescue – March 5 - At 4:07 p.m., a remote rescue response was dispatched to a hiker down on Quail Hill Trail in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Helicopter 2 was able to locate the patient who was on Serrano Ridge between the 73 Hwy and Shady Canyon. Helicopter 2 performed a flat pitch landing and off loaded the on board medic and equipment. The patient was evaluated and transported to Mission Hospital via Helicopter 2.

Incident Commander: Chief Casario, B4

Buena Park

Structure Fire – March 5 - At 1:25 a.m., a structure response was dispatched to Via Balboa Circle in Buena Park. Engine 63 arrived on scene at 1:30 a.m. with smoke inside a one-story single family residence. After further investigation, heavy smoke and fire was reported from the rear of the structure. The assignment was upgraded to a working structure response. The fire was reported knocked down at 1:44 a.m. The Red Cross responded to assist with six displaced residents.

Incident Commander: Chief Zimmerman, B8
Cause: Under Investigation



Villa Park

Structure Fire – March 6 - At 7:57 a.m., a structure response was dispatched to Via Bravo in Villa Park. Engine 23 arrived on scene at 8:02 a.m. with a working fire in a one-story single family residence and assumed the Incident Command. The assignment was upgraded to a working structure response. After further investigation, a room and contents fire was found in a back bedroom. The fire was reported knocked down at 8:09 a.m... The Red Cross responded to assist with displaced residents. One occupant suffered minor smoke inhalation but refused transport.

Incident Commander: **Captain Truman, E23**
Cause: **Accidental**

Garden Grove

Structure Fire – March 6 - At 4:57 p.m., Metro Net requested Engine 78 and Engine 66 to assist with a structure fire on Henderson Avenue in Garden Grove. The fire was reported to be on a bordering street between Garden Grove and Westminster. Battalion 1 Chief Acosta was dispatched to confirm jurisdiction. Units arrived on scene with a working fire in an apartment complex. The fire was determined to be on Torrington Circle in the City of Westminster. The incident was transitioned over to OCFA and Battalion 1 assumed the Incident Command. Investigators 55 and 6 handled the investigation. The Red Cross responded to assist with 16 displaced residents.

Incident Commander: **Chief Acosta, B1**
Cause: **Undetermined**

Placentia

Structure Fire – March 8 - At 12:18 p.m., a structure response was dispatched to Primrose Avenue in Placentia. Engine 35 reported a header showing while enroute and requested a working structure response. Engine 35 arrived on scene at 12:24 p.m. with a fully involved garage in a one-story single family residence. The assignment was augmented with 2 additional medic units and additional ambulances after two burn victims were reported. The fire was reported under control at 12:44 p.m. Hazmat 79 and H204 were requested to assist with a possible illegal drug operation. The skip loader along with one additional engine and a truck were requested to assist with manpower overhaul. Two burn victims were transported to UCI and a Placentia police officer was transported to OC Global for smoke inhalation.

Incident Commander: **Chief Blawn, B2**
Cause: **Under Investigation**

Santa Ana Heights

Structure Fire – March 9 - At 6:54 a.m. a Structure Fire response was dispatched to Willo Lane in Santa Ana Heights. As units were enroute to the incident they were able to see a building header of smoke in the area and asked for the incident to be balanced to a Second Alarm. When they arrived on scene they confirmed there was a working fire in a single family dwelling and went into Fast Attack. Due to the amount of fire in the residence the Incident Commander requested an ambulance to stand by at the scene. The All Clear was given at 7:16 a.m. and the fire was declared Under Control at 7:24 a.m. County building official, Red Cross, Water District, Edison, and Southern California Gas were all requested to assist at the scene.

Incident Commander: **Chief Roberts, B3**
Cause: **Accidental**

Costa Mesa

Vegetation Fire – March 9 - At 10:19 a.m. Costa Mesa Fire requested the assistance of OCFA with a vegetation fire in Talbert Park in Costa Mesa. Battalion 5 arrived on scene and met with the Costa Mesa Battalion Chief and made a request for the Santiago Crew, two Type III Engines and Helicopter 2. Once units arrived on scene and were able to make access into the fire it was quickly brought Under Control at 11:45 a.m... All units were complete with the incident by 1:45 p.m.

Incident Commander: **Chief Roberts, B9**