Dear Neighbor,

The City of Placentia currently contracts with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for fire and emergency medical services. These costs have increased by 47% over the past 10 years, without any change in service level. The City is dedicated to providing only the best services for our residents and to that end, the City conducted a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for fire and emergency medical services.

Upon completion of the RFP process, the City Council has voted to establish a new, local, City of Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department to improve your 911 response times and emergency medical services.

We are excited to announce that the City is currently working to recruit and retain a highly experienced Fire Chief, firefighters, and paramedic service provider who will be engaged in our Placentia neighborhoods to maintain and improve the local public safety services you've indicated are important to you. In addition, the City is in the process of obtaining high-quality, state-of-the-art fire engines and all necessary equipment to ensure our Fire Department has the best life-saving tools to serve our community.

Establishing our own homegrown Fire Department increases collaboration with our local Police Department in 911 response, which would enhance emergency medical services, while at the same time allowing our police officers to focus even more on proactive community policing, investigation, gang reduction efforts and other ways of preventing crime before it starts. Additionally, our own local City Fire Department makes these services more transparent and accountable to you—our Placentia residents and businesses.

As we move forward, Placentia will now undertake the decisive steps necessary to ensure a seamless transition into establishing our own localized, neighborhood-based fire and emergency services department. Residents should still call 911 for emergencies or (714) 993-8164 for non-emergencies. We look forward to keeping you informed throughout this process as we seek to deliver the highest quality services to our community.

Sincerely,

Damien R. Arrula
City Administrator

Darin Lenyi
Chief of Police
CITY OF PLACENTIA TO ESTABLISH LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

A local City of Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department dramatically improves 911 emergency response times and life-saving services.

Our own City Fire Department allows the City to expand upon the excellent local services you rely on, with direct accountability and control.

A MODERNIZED 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE MODEL

Our new medical emergency services model will focus on the needs of our residents. Nearly 80% of 911 emergency calls by Placentia residents are for medical emergencies. The new Placentia fire and life-safety model increases capacity to dispatch ambulances quickly, saving lives, time and money.

911 emergency dispatch that is locally-controlled significantly improves emergency response times and life-saving services.

New emergency response technology and advanced capabilities will ensure those in need of services the most, will have the fastest possible response times and highest quality medical care in the industry.

For more information visit: www.placentia.org/fireems