



PLACENTIA FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

2023-2025 BIENNIAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

To the Placentia Community,
As we close another two years of service, I am honored to present this biennial report, which highlights our activities, progress, and challenges over the past two years and coincides with the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department's five-year anniversary.

During the last two years, we saw the full implementation of our Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division under the direction of the Fire Marshal. CRR is committed to fire code compliance and helps mitigate and prevent potential hazards before they become emergencies. As part of this effort, we also welcomed a full-time Fire Inspector dedicated to business and new construction inspections, ensuring our community continues to develop with safety as a top priority.

In addition to serving Placentia, our Department proudly participated in the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System, deploying firefighters as single resources to support fire suppression efforts across the state. These deployments not only provided critical aid to communities during wildfire season but also gave our personnel valuable experience and training in large-scale incident management.

As we reflect on the first five years of service, I am filled with pride in what we've accomplished and gratitude for the trust you've placed in us. We remain committed to continuous improvement and to building a department that reflects the strength, diversity, and values of our community.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to serving you in the years ahead with the same dedication and integrity that have defined our work since day one.

With respect and gratitude,

Jason Dobine
Fire Chief



MOTTO

"E Pluribus Unum"
(Out of Many; One)

VISION STATEMENT

The men and women of the Placentia Fire & Life Safety Department are dedicated to progressive training, forward thinking, and a commitment to excellence, so that we may continue to lead the way in providing for life safety and property conservation.

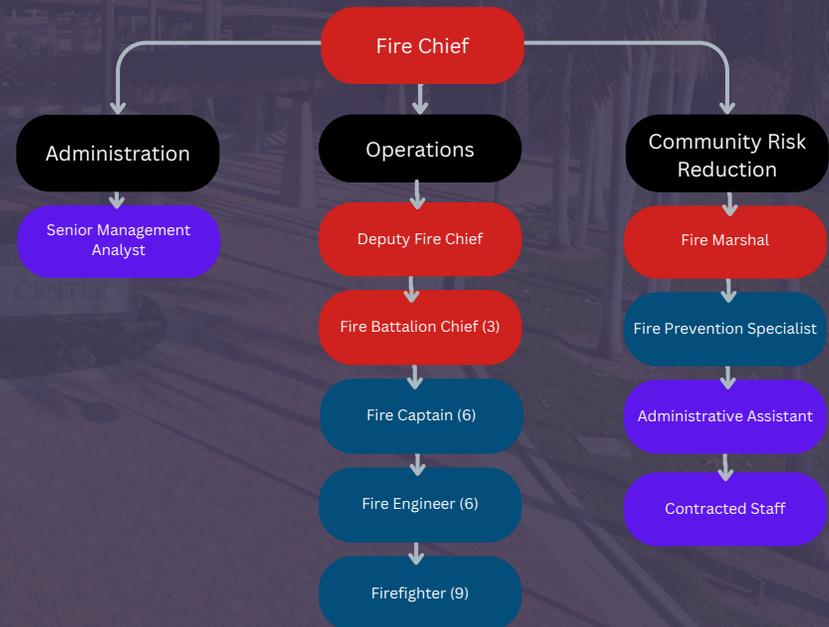
VALUES

Dedication to Serve, Courage to Act, Ability to Perform

PURPOSE STATEMENT

We show up, connect, and engage with our community.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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FIRE CALLS

1,310



Alarm / Service Calls

14



Single Resource Assignments

520



Traffic Collisions

360



Fire Calls (Structure, Vegetation, Vehicle, other outside fires)

539



Mutual Aid Requests into Neighboring Jurisdictions

184



Other Calls

EMS CALLS

261



Psychiatric, Abnormal Behavior, Overdose & Poisoning

1,277



Falls

579



Chest Pain & Cardiac Arrest

373



Bleeding / Traumatic Injuries

185



Stroke

2,020



Other Calls (Assault, Choking, Burns, Diabetic Problems)

2,389



Breathing & Sick Person

637



Unconscious / Unknown

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

1,107



New Construction, Routine, State Mandated Inspections

Over 280



Plan Reviews

Over 280



Engine Company Inspections

\$220,000



CRR Generated Revenue

NOTABLE EVENTS

CLYDE'S HOT CHICKEN FIRE: On November 26, 2023, crews arrived at 1478 Kraemer Boulevard, observing heavy white smoke, and after investigation, upgraded the incident to a working structure fire. Battalion 1 took over the incident, and additional backup was provided by Anaheim, Brea, and Fullerton. With swift action, crews successfully entered the structure and achieved knockdown within 15 minutes. Ultimately, the crews were able to contain the fire to the single unit, preventing damage to the rest of the adjoining units in the shopping center.

STRUCTURE FIRE: On November 24, 2024, crews responded to a possible structure fire in the 1200 block of Hacienda. The first fire crew arrived within three minutes of dispatch and found a two-story, single-family residence with smoke and fire showing from the roof. The fire was upgraded to a working assignment. Fire units from Anaheim, Brea, and Fullerton assisted Placentia Fire & Life Safety with the extinguishment of the fire. The home was not occupied by residents at the time of the fire, and there were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters.

RESCUE: On May 20, 2024, crews were dispatched to a potentially life-threatening incident involving smoke emanating from a storm drain near Orangethorpe Avenue and the northbound 57 freeway onramp. Initial reports suggested the presence of individuals possibly trapped within the storm drain, prompting the urgent addition of paramedics and emergency transport to the scene. The crew from Engine 1 arrived and quickly confirmed a trapped victim. Utilizing a New York Hook—a tool typically used to breach ceilings—they opened a manhole cover over the victim's location and extended the hook down to the trapped female. With coordinated effort and teamwork, the crew, alongside a Placentia Police Officer, successfully hoisted the victim out of the manhole. The female victim was promptly transferred to a hospital for evaluation and was later discharged.

