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PLACENTIA RECEIVES AWARD FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH LYNCH EMS

PLACENTIA, CA – The City of Placentia recently received a Public-Private Partnership Award from the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) at their 11th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Awards Ceremony for the City's partnership with Lynch EMS for 911/Advanced Life Support services.

"I am proud of the City's award by OCBC, which truly highlights our efficient and effective public-private partnership with Lynch EMS," said Mayor Craig S. Green. "Through this partnership and restructuring our Fire and EMS model, the City continues to provide top-notch public safety services while also focusing our efforts back on much-needed public infrastructure improvements."

Most fire-related 911 calls for service today are medical-based. As the need for medical calls continues to increase and fire calls continue to trend downward, the City sought to evaluate various Fire & EMS service models that would enhance the medical services provided to our community. Significant emphasis was on reducing response times, reducing mutual aid assistance into the City, and ensuring the services could be delivered in a financially sustainable manner. A key component to the City's approach was to separate EMS from fire protection services and, in doing so, reduce costs for both services while improving the quality of service.

"The City of Placentia is honored to have received this recognition from the Orange County Business Council. Overall, the transition, implementation, and performance of our service model has exceeded the City's expectations," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "Over the next 15 years, the City of Placentia is projected to save approximately \$49.8 million in taxpayer dollars with the establishment of this new service model, which is a true testament to the collaborative partnership with Lynch EMS."

"I am honored to have our partnership with Placentia Fire and Life Safety and the City of Placentia recognized by the Orange County Business Council. Lynch EMS is proud to have been chosen to partner with the City and the Fire and Life Safety Department to provide a high level of emergency medical service for the great City of Placentia," said CEO of Lynch EMS Walt Lynch. "We look forward to continuing to provide a high level of service that can be a source of great pride for the community and us."

The OCBC's awards program honors outstanding public agencies for implementing policies and programs that cut through red tape, eliminate barriers to economic growth, and open the door to private-sector jobs creation. This year's awards ceremony was held on November 4th via Zoom.

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