



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT 2018-01

January 4, 2018

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TO: La Palma City Council

FROM: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager

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#### City Manager News

**City Council Member Appointment:** Kathy Flachmeier was appointed to the City Council by unanimous vote on January 3, 2018. She will be sworn in at the January 16, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting.

Ms. Flachmeier has lived in La Palma since 1987. She has both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. Ms. Flachmeier worked in the private sector construction industry for 18 years before going to work for California State University in 2005, where she worked as a Project Manager, Assistant Construction Manager and Project Engineer, and as an instructor of



Construction Management at California State University Dominguez Hills. Ms. Flachmeier retired in 2017.

In her application letter, Ms. Flachmeier stated, "As a new retiree, I finally have the time and opportunity to give back to my community and can think of no better way to do this than to join the City Council. I have enjoyed living in La Palma for the past 30 years and would like to see the City maintain its high rating as a desirable place to live. I believe that I can bring a fresh, unbiased perspective to the City Council. My only desire is to see the City maintain its financial integrity and continue to be the great City it is."

We congratulate her on her new appointment and look forward to working with her.

### **Police Department News**

#### **La Palma Officers Arrest Two Subjects After Rash of Tailgate Thefts:**

During the early morning hours of December 27 and December 28, several La Palma residents contacted the Police Department to report the theft of pick-up truck tailgates. Over the two-night period, a total of eight tailgates were stolen from pick-ups in the north part of the City. The City of Buena Park also experienced similar thefts. The La Palma Police Department used the locations of the previous thefts to anticipate where any possible future thefts would occur. In addition, an officer was deployed in these areas in an unmarked vehicle in an attempt to locate the suspects.

During the early morning hours of January 2, a La Palma Officer noticed a suspicious vehicle leaving a near-by residential tract in the City of Buena Park. The officer noticed the vehicle's rear license plate was partially obscured by a piece of cardboard. The Officer stopped the vehicle for investigation and immediately noticed two tailgates in the rear area of the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the two subjects in the vehicle had just stolen the tailgates from the residential tract. Both subjects were arrested and charged with grand theft and possession of stolen property. The Detective Bureau is conducting further investigation to link the suspects to the series of the recent tailgate thefts.



**Suspect Arrested for Several Outstanding Warrants After Brief Pursuit and Traffic Collision:**

During the evening of December 30, a La Palma Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation in the area of Walker Street and La Palma Avenue. The Officer's attention was drawn toward the vehicle as it appeared the driver was trying to avoid the Officer following him. The Officer activated his emergency lights but the driver did not yield and sped away westbound on La Palma Avenue towards Moody Street. The driver approached a red light at the intersection of La Palma and Moody and slowed to a near stop. The vehicle then accelerated into the intersection and was struck by a vehicle traveling south on Moody Street. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, fled on foot from the scene. La Palma Officers chased the suspect on foot and apprehended him near the intersection of Moody and Windsong. Further investigation revealed the driver was wanted on several felony warrants and was in possession of controlled substances. He was booked on charges of Felony Evading, Possession of a Controlled Substance and for the outstanding warrants. Neither the suspect nor the other parties involved in the collision were injured as a result of the collision. Both vehicles suffered moderate damage. A traffic collision report was completed.



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**Two Drivers Arrested for DUI during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Holiday:**

La Palma Police Officers arrested two drivers for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol during the Christmas holiday. The first arrest occurred during the early morning hours of December 24 when Officers responded to the intersection of Crescent Avenue and Moody Street regarding a traffic collision. The Officers arrived and discovered two vehicle were involved in a collision. Further investigation revealed one of the drivers was traveling north on Moody Street when he failed to stop for a red light. The driver struck another vehicle traveling through intersection causing minor injuries to both involved parties. The driver who caused the collision was determined to be under the influence of alcohol and was subsequently arrested and charged with Felony DUI. The second arrest occurred on the evening of December 25 when an Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The Officer contacted the driver and noticed the driver showed several signs of impairment. The Officer conducted an investigation and arrested the driver for DUI. The driver was booked and later released on a citation.

| Full Time Personnel Activity |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Position                     | Status                      |
| Police Officer (1 Vacancy)   | Applications being reviewed |

### **Agenda Planning Guide**

(All meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)

***Items listed on the planning guide are tentative and subject to move to different dates***

#### **January 16**

Oath of Office and Induction for new Council Member

Adoption of the Twelfth Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019 (ROPS 18-19A/B)

Spectrum/Time Warner Bandwidth Contract

Starbucks Extension Request

Public Hearing: CUP 376 Adult Day Care Facility at 4941 La Palma Avenue

Public Hearing: 45 Day Report on Moratorium and Introduction of an Ordinance making certain changes to the Zoning Code

Public Hearing: Introduction and First Reading - Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance

Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards

Americana Awards

Appointments to External Committees and Internal Subcommittees

#### **January 18 Final Oversight Board Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.**

#### **January 26 Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m.**

Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Session

#### **February 6**

2nd Quarter Cash & Investment Reports

Adoption of City Council Goals

First Reading and Introduction of the Urban Water Master Plan Ordinance

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance making certain changes to the Zoning Code

Second Reading and Adoption - Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ordinance

#### **February 20**

Economic Development Action Plan Activity Report for 2016

Second Reading and Adoption of the Urban Water Master Plan Ordinance

2nd Quarter Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2017-18

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Mid-Year Operating Report and Budget Adjustments



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Government Code Section 54955, the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Committee scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items.

January 2, 2018

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Kimberly Kenney  
Deputy City Clerk



# Orange County Fire Authority

## *Weekly Executive Summary*

Prepared by Communications and Public Affairs

Elizabeth Swift, Board Chairman

Ed Sachs, Vice Chair

Patrick McIntosh, Interim Fire Chief

[www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)

December 28, 2017

### News & Events

Happy New Year from all of us at the Orange County Fire Authority! May you and your family have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2018.

On Wednesday, December 20, Academy 45 graduation ceremonies were held at the OCFA Regional Fire Operations and Training Center for 36 new firefighters. The event was well attended and included a live demonstration by our newest firefighters. Please enjoy the [Graduation Overview](#) video as well as the [Academy 45 Highlight Video](#).

This week [OCFA Fire Chief Patrick McIntosh](#) presented tips regarding New Year's Eve safety. If you will be out celebrating New Year's this weekend, make sure to celebrate responsibly. You are in charge of your own safety. Locate exits when entering buildings where large numbers of people will be. If there is an emergency, remain calm and leave the building. We hope you enjoyed our Holiday Safety Campaign. Be sure to follow us throughout the year for incident information, safety tips and events at OCFA.

Electrical Fire Safety is the highlighted safety message for December. Home electrical fires are responsible for an estimated 51,000 fires and \$1.3 billion in property damage each year. Protect your family and your home by following [these electrical safety tips](#). Be sure to follow us on our social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)) to stay up-to-date on current incidents, safety messages and events at Orange County Fire Authority.

### **\*Weekly Media Clips**

[OCFA Weekly News Coverage](#)

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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.

**\*\*No OCFA personnel are currently assigned out-of-county\*\***

**Weather Outlook:** *Normal Temperatures to Above Normal for December 29 – January 5.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

**Fire Outlook:** The potential for large fire will continue to be **high** across Southern California through at least Sunday. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).

# Community Events

- The crews of Engine 26 and Patrol 26 (B-shift), attended a community event in **Irvine** on December 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
- The crew from Engine 58 (A-shift), visited LDU Montessori School in **Ladera Ranch** for a toy pick up and Safety presentation on December 22 from 10:00 to 11:00 P.M.
- The crew of fire station 2 (A-shift), conducted a station tour for 30 kids from Charter School on December 22 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. in **Los Alamitos**.
- The crew on Engine 46 (B-shift) of **Stanton**, represented the OCFA and attended the funeral of fallen Cal Fire, Fire Engineer Cory Iverson who was killed during operations at the Thomas Fire, on December 23 from 5:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- The crew at station 43 (C-shift) conducted a station tour for local residents of **Tustin** on December 26 from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.
- Engine 34 (A-shift), visited Rose Drive Elementary School in **Yorba Linda** to collect toys for the Spark of Love campaign and provide safety talks with students on December 22 from 2:00 to 2:30 P.M.

# Significant Emergency Incidents

## **San Juan Capistrano**

**Smoke Check – December 21** - A smoke check in the area of La Novia/Valle Rd., was dispatched at 11:12 a.m. HC2 assisted in the search for the source of smoke. E7 investigated the area and discovered a homeless camp off of Patriot Trail; OCSO and ORC investigators were requested. HC2 used San Juan Hills Golf Course as a dip site and made successful water drops. I55 advised OCSO will work on moving the camp out of the area.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Lockhart, B6**

## **Stanton Unincorporated**

**Structure Fire – December 21** – At 11:33 a.m. a house fire was reported on Pandora Ln. The fire was balanced to a working structure fire just after the STR was dispatched for multiple reports of fire through the roof. A safety message was announce for units enroute, there were reports of wires down and arcing on the involved property. ANAE4 arrived onscene reporting heavy smoke from the “A” side, ANAE4 established Pandora IC. The fire was knocked down and primary all clear given at 11:59 a.m. Edison was requested for downed power lines. Red Cross was requested for two adults and six children displaced. B8 assumed IC at 1:07 p.m.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Mattern, B8**

## **Silverado Canyon**

**Vegetation Fire – December 21** - At 2:58 p.m. a smoke check was dispatched for a reported smoke seen near Baker Canyon Rd. At 3:06 p.m. E315 reported a header seen over the ridgeline. HC2 responded and requested a VEG response for smoke seen. HC2 confirmed a compost fire and notified no additional air assets were required. E315 established Baker IC and confirmed no threat to vegetation. Water tenders were requested for water supply concerns in the area. Notifications were made to CNF, IRV Ranch Conservancy, and OC Parks. Battalion 3 assumed IC at 4:24 p.m. IC advised of multiple large compost piles smoldering, the piles were being kept constantly cooled and wet; onscene resources were held due to high winds. Baker IC requested a spot weather forecast. The fire was out at 4:43 p.m., crews will remain onscene overnight.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Zimmerman, B3**

## **Brea**

**Vehicle Fire – December 21** - A VEHW was dispatched for a CHP report of a vehicle fire on Tonner Canyon Rd. near the NB 57 Fwy at 5:16 p.m. Per CHP the vehicle was very close to power lines with no vegetation involved. Per FLFB1, FLFE4 arrived onscene and could handle the vehicle fire. All ground and air assets were canceled.

**Incident Commander:**

**Fullerton, B1**



**Orange County Unincorporated**

**Vegetation Fire – December 22** - At 7:01 a.m. a Vegetation Fire response was dispatched to the area of the SB 241 and the Windy Ridge Toll Plaza. First arriving units found multiple spots of vegetation on fire along the center divider south of the toll plaza. The incident was handled by two engines.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Zimmerman, B3  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Trabuco Canyon**

**Vegetation Fire – December 22** - At 8:34 a.m. a Vegetation Fire response was dispatched to the area of Oso Pkwy and Solano. First arriving units found a small spot of vegetation. The incident was handled by one engine.

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

**Rancho Santa Margarita**

**Vegetation Fire – December 22** - At 11:46 a.m. a Vegetation Fire response was dispatched to the area of NB 241 at Santa Margarita Pkwy. First arriving units found a small spot of vegetation on the right shoulder that had been extinguished by a Sheriff's unit. The incident was handled by T45.

**Incident Commander:** Truck 45  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Laguna Beach**

**Remote Medical Aid – December 22** - HC2 was dispatched to a remote medical aid on the Silver Surfer Trail in Laguna Beach. HC2 was airborne at the time and proceeded directly to the incident. HC2 coordinated a search with Laguna Beach Fire ground resources and the patient was quickly located. Due to the remote location, no ground resources would be able to make access for approximately 20 minutes. With the concurrence of the IC, the paramedic rescuer was inserted and began an ALS assessment. A TRT rescuer from T9 was picked up at Aliso Woods heli spot and inserted to assist in the rescue. The patient was assessed, splinted and provided pain management before being extracted by hoist in a stokes basket. The patient was transported to Mission Hospital.

**Incident Commander:** LAB Fire

**Unincorporated OC**

**Vegetation Fire – December 22** - At 2:57 p.m. a Vegetation Fire response was dispatched to the area of SB 241 and the Tomato Springs Toll Plaza. First arriving units found a ¼ area of vegetation involved. As ground units started working the fire line HC2 and Duke 6 arrived on scene and made several water drops. The incident was quickly contained and held at ½ acre.

**Incident Commander:** Engine 27  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Lake Forest**

**Remote Rescue – December 23** - At 11:02 a.m., a REMOTE Rescue was dispatched to a hiker down on Dreaded Trail in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. DUKE1 and DUKE6 were first on scene in the area with DUKE6 making first contact with patient by inserting a medic. After evaluation, DUKE6 rescuer assisted the patient into the ranger's vehicle to be transported to E54 and a waiting ground ambulance. Engine 54 took over care and the patient was transported to Hoag Irvine.

**Incident Commander:** Chief Pardi, B4



**Incidents By Major Category**  
**for Period: 12/11/2017 - 12/17/2017**

| CITY/JURISDICTION      | FIRE      | OVER -<br>PRESSURE<br>RUPTURE | EMS/<br>RESCUE<br>CALL | HAZMAT    | SERVICE<br>CALL | GOOD<br>INTENT<br>CALL | FALSE<br>CALL | NATURAL  | OTHER      | TOTAL       |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| ALISO VIEJO            | 0         | 1                             | 43                     | 1         | 1               | 7                      | 2             | 0        | 7          | 62          |
| BUENA PARK             | 2         | 0                             | 114                    | 1         | 5               | 7                      | 6             | 0        | 17         | 152         |
| CYPRESS                | 0         | 0                             | 31                     | 0         | 2               | 4                      | 2             | 0        | 22         | 61          |
| DANA POINT             | 2         | 0                             | 56                     | 0         | 5               | 11                     | 0             | 0        | 9          | 83          |
| IRVINE                 | 3         | 0                             | 174                    | 0         | 14              | 27                     | 17            | 0        | 35         | 270         |
| IRVINE - UCI           | 0         | 0                             | 9                      | 0         | 1               | 3                      | 6             | 0        | 0          | 19          |
| LA PALMA               | 2         | 0                             | 23                     | 0         | 2               | 2                      | 0             | 0        | 1          | 30          |
| LAGUNA HILLS           | 0         | 0                             | 37                     | 1         | 0               | 7                      | 2             | 0        | 16         | 63          |
| LAGUNA NIGUEL          | 3         | 0                             | 49                     | 0         | 5               | 10                     | 2             | 0        | 10         | 79          |
| LAGUNA WOODS           | 0         | 0                             | 94                     | 0         | 2               | 5                      | 3             | 0        | 18         | 122         |
| LAKE FOREST CITY       | 0         | 0                             | 58                     | 0         | 4               | 19                     | 7             | 0        | 11         | 99          |
| LOS ALAMITOS           | 0         | 0                             | 19                     | 0         | 1               | 4                      | 0             | 0        | 3          | 27          |
| MISSION VIEJO          | 2         | 0                             | 111                    | 2         | 9               | 12                     | 4             | 0        | 21         | 161         |
| PLACENTIA              | 1         | 0                             | 53                     | 0         | 3               | 10                     | 6             | 0        | 4          | 77          |
| RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA | 0         | 0                             | 22                     | 0         | 2               | 3                      | 9             | 0        | 6          | 42          |
| SAN CLEMENTE           | 1         | 0                             | 67                     | 1         | 8               | 14                     | 4             | 0        | 2          | 97          |
| SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO    | 2         | 0                             | 64                     | 1         | 2               | 4                      | 1             | 0        | 3          | 77          |
| SANTA ANA              | 13        | 0                             | 376                    | 2         | 20              | 51                     | 14            | 0        | 83         | 559         |
| SEAL BEACH             | 1         | 0                             | 54                     | 0         | 8               | 9                      | 3             | 0        | 21         | 96          |
| SEAL BEACH - NVW       | 0         | 0                             | 2                      | 0         | 0               | 0                      | 0             | 0        | 0          | 2           |
| STANTON                | 0         | 0                             | 40                     | 0         | 0               | 4                      | 0             | 0        | 24         | 68          |
| TUSTIN                 | 3         | 0                             | 87                     | 1         | 5               | 9                      | 1             | 0        | 8          | 114         |
| VILLA PARK             | 0         | 0                             | 3                      | 0         | 1               | 0                      | 0             | 0        | 3          | 7           |
| WESTMINSTER            | 6         | 0                             | 108                    | 1         | 9               | 13                     | 6             | 0        | 27         | 170         |
| YORBA LINDA            | 0         | 0                             | 54                     | 0         | 4               | 5                      | 7             | 0        | 9          | 79          |
| <b>UNINCORPORATED</b>  | 3         | 0                             | 108                    | 2         | 5               | 19                     | 13            | 0        | 22         | 172         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>44</b> | <b>1</b>                      | <b>1856</b>            | <b>13</b> | <b>118</b>      | <b>259</b>             | <b>115</b>    | <b>0</b> | <b>382</b> | <b>2788</b> |