



ORANGE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

FIRE CHIEF JACK THOMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of your Orange City Fire Department and to welcome you to our 2017 Annual Report. Within our report, every division of the Fire Department will be discussed including all notable activities, programs, and advanced leadership in place that has secured the Fire Department's success. On the pages to follow this report will also contain two feature articles involving Hurricane Harvey and the Canyon 2 wildland fire incident. In each of these emergency situations, our members went above and beyond providing the highest level of service in the most challenging circumstances.

Orange City Firefighters responded to and provided mutual aid assistance throughout the State of California during several of the State's most intense wildland fires while responding to over 15,000 calls for service here in Orange. During many of these times, nearly 100% of our workforce was committed either across the State of California or within the city limits of Orange. Regardless of their response location, the men and women of this department answered the call of duty with the utmost dedication, compassion, and professionalism.

The Fire Department is currently in the final stages of placing a new Type 3 fire engine in service which will be housed at Fire Headquarters. This specialized fire apparatus will become the second Type 3 fire engine in the fleet and will respond all over the City, County, and State. Our Fire Prevention Bureau has taken customer service to new levels with in-house plan checks and upgrades inspection hardware.

In 2018 the Fire Department will proudly enter our 113th year of service to the City of Orange. Over the last several years the department has used innovative technology, equipment, and training to continually improve our programs and services. Our members will continue to demonstrate their commitment and focus to the safety of this community, just as this department has done since 1905.



Mission Statement

To prevent or minimize the loss of life, damage to the environment, and loss of property from fire, medical emergencies, and hazardous conditions.

TEAMWORK • INTEGRITY • EXCELLENCE



OPERATIONS SECTION

DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT STEFANO

Since 2016 Deputy Chief Robert Stefano has been in command of the Operations Section for Orange City Fire Department. This section is responsible for providing all emergency services to the community of Orange as well as supporting mutual aid service requests throughout the State of California. Chief Stefano coordinates his "Operations" efforts among three shift Battalion Chiefs, the Emergency Medical Services Manager, and the Training Captain. Teamwork and collaboration in Operations guarantees that our Fire Department personnel remain on the cutting edge of new training concepts in the field as well as national safety standards required in the fire service.

In 2017 Orange City Fire Department responded to over 15,000 calls for service for the third year running. The Department is currently on pace to respond to well over 16,000 calls for 2018. Throughout 2017 the Fire Department was presented with some of the most challenging wildland fire incidents. Orange City Fire resources were deployed all over the State in some of California's most intense fire sieges. Orange City Firefighters also battled both the Canyon 1 and Canyon 2 fires locally with nearly 100% of the department workforce committed to fire containment efforts. Following multiple wildland fire incidents, Firefighters were also confronted by severe flooding scenarios in Central California. For the first time in the history of the County, Orange City Fire Department sent out a Regional Task Force (RTF) to assist and mitigate the flooding in Montecito.

Training and promotional opportunities continued in 2017, beginning with four new Firefighters completing their probationary year. This achievement was followed by three Firefighters completing Paramedic school, one Firefighter becoming locally accredited as a Paramedic, and one Fire Engineer promotion. The Operations Section also successfully delivered a Fire Captain's Academy, Fire Captain's promotional exam with 12 successful candidates, Emergency Medical Services Manager recruitment, and completed a Fire Engineer's Qualification process. All of these opportunities created eligibility lists across all ranks to continue succession planning for the future of this department.

Finally in 2017, the Fire Department took possession of both a new Type 1 Pierce fire engine and one new Type 3 HME fire engine. The Pierce engine was put into service as Orange Engine 1 at Fire Headquarters. This new fire apparatus replaced aging equipment in the Fire Department fleet and also redeployed newer fire apparatus throughout the department. Orange City Fire was able to donate one of their fire engines to a local fire academy program after this engine was put into service. The Type 3 fire engine will be put into service at Fire Headquarters in April 2018 as Orange Engine 301. This new apparatus will be capable of 4x4 driving, mobile pumping, and remote access wildland firefighting. Regardless of the type of incident, Orange City Fire Department will respond with a well-trained workforce and highly specialized equipment.



Sean deMetropolis
Battalion Chief
"A" Shift



Chris Boyd
Battalion Chief
"B" Shift



Kevin Southerland
Battalion Chief
"C" Shift



SERVICES SECTION

DEPUTY CHIEF DOUG FACKINER

Deputy Chief Doug Fackiner commands the Fire Administration and Fire Prevention Divisions which together make up the two main divisions of the Services Section of the department. Additionally, he manages the Fire Arson Investigation Unit, the Disaster and Emergency Preparedness functions, the Terrorist Preparation and Response functions, as well as managing the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) program.

The Administration Division is responsible for the preparation of the Fire Department's \$31.8 million budget, as well as continued facility upgrades and fire station repairs. Most notable this year is the completion of upgrading personal protective turnout equipment to meet current safety standards. Work continues on the Fire Station 2 Apparatus Bay project which upgrades apparatus parking at our Collins and Wanda site. This project also provides for future deployment model options to better serve the community of Orange.

The Fire Prevention Division was responsible for thousands of business inspections, over 500 hazardous materials inspections, and hundreds of plan checks. The Prevention Division is also responsible for the inspection and life safety coordination of numerous special events. The most notable are the 3rd of July event, the Orange International Street Fair, Treats in the Streets, and the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.

Major projects in 2017 included updating many Department policies and procedures, activation of the City's Emergency Operations Center during the Canyon 2 wildfire incident, researching grant opportunities to enhance fire station safety, and revising the Fire Department's fee schedule. All of which were completed with the goal of improved safety, preparedness, recovery, and customer service.

The functions of the Services Section are crucial to fulfilling the Fire Department's mission statement. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the Section's activities in more detail on the following pages.



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

CAPTAIN JOSHUA GERARD

CAPTAIN MATTHEW NELSON



The Administrative Captain is responsible for a wide range of duties. In June 2017, Captain Josh Gerard fulfilled his commitment in this position and returned to his normal assignment in fire suppression. He was replaced by Captain Matt Nelson, who has over 22 years of service with the Fire Department. Together, they were responsible for the preparation and management of the Fire Department budget, purchasing and servicing tools and equipment, and the coordination of repairs and maintenance for all Fire Department facilities. Here are some of their accomplishments in 2017:

Mutual Aid Reimbursements

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the 2017 wildfire season was the most destructive season to date. In 2017, the Orange City Fire Department provided valuable manpower and equipment for 23 wildfires as part of the Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of California. In addition to the wildfires, three of our members responded to Hurricane Harvey as part of the California Task Force 5 FEMA deployment. Both Captain Gerard and Captain Nelson were responsible for maintaining and submitting accurate records in order to receive reimbursement for the resources provided to these incidents.

Apparatus and Equipment

The Fire Department received two new fire engines in 2017. One of the fire engines will be used primarily for structural firefighting (Type 1 Engine), while the other will be used exclusively for fighting fires in the wildland environment (Type 3 Engine). The Administrative Captains worked with other members of the department to outfit both of these fire apparatus with state-of-the-art tools and equipment. Communication systems play a vital role in the delivery of emergency services. In 2017, all Fire Departments within the County of Orange participated in an upgrade to the 800 MHz radio system. New radios were purchased for each apparatus and post position as part of this countywide upgrade. The Orange City Fire Department is one of a few Fire Departments in the County with an Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team. This year, an emphasis was made to replace personal protective equipment that is used for swift water rescues.

Fire Station Improvements

The new apparatus bay at Fire Station 2 is scheduled to begin construction in the Fall of 2018. Captain Gerard and Captain Nelson have both been involved in the planning and design phases of this project. Captain Nelson will be serving as Project Manager for the Fire Department. This new facility will have three apparatus bays and is designed to accommodate future operational needs of the department, while blending in with the community. Several other fire station improvements have been made in 2017. Some of these improvements include the replacement of carpet and an upgrade to the station alerting systems. This upgrade is designed to lower on-scene response times, improve firefighter health and safety, and provide critical information to responding crews.



FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

CAPTAIN IAN MACDONALD

The mission of the Orange City Fire Department begins with, "To prevent or minimize..." The dedicated individuals assigned to the Fire Prevention Division work every day to prevent or minimize the severity of fires and hazardous materials releases. This includes inspecting new construction projects, monitoring vegetation management in the north and eastern areas of the City, processing special events permits, inspecting jails, hospitals, residential care facilities and high-rise buildings, witnessing hazardous materials underground fuel tank installations and removals, and working with businesses that handle large amounts of hazardous materials.

Quality fire prevention inspections are extremely important. With the recent retirements of two Senior Fire Safety Specialists, the positions were filled with two Specialists eager to learn about the community of Orange and how best to protect it. Both of the employees brought excellent customer service skills to the Prevention Division.

Plan review is an important part of any construction project. The Fire Department was able to convert a position from "Plan Coordinator" to "Plan Examiner." This resulted in a substantial increase of "over the counter" plan reviews, and others being checked "in-house" rather than being reviewed off-site by contract plan reviewers. In addition to providing better customer service to the builders and property owners, reviewing plans in-house resulted in a reduction of cost. The Plan Examiner is also responsible for involvement with developments during the planning stage. With early participation from the Plan Examiner during this phase, the continuity of the project is maintained. In turn this provides a higher level of service to plan review applicants as well as a more efficient turn-around time for the proposed project.

The division also increased customer service by rotating fire prevention responsibilities among the Fire Safety Specialists. This rotation increases the ability to assist customers with a greater number of services when any given Fire Safety Specialist is out of the office for any reason. Along with reassignments comes an increased need for training. Classes were instituted for all Fire Safety Specialists for a short time every day to increase the level of knowledge and consistency throughout the Fire Prevention Division.

Prevention Staff Captain Casey Fieldhouse returned to the Operations Section in April after doing an outstanding job leading the Prevention Division for over three years. Captain Ian MacDonald returned to the position after previous assignments, and with many years of experience in fire prevention and public information.



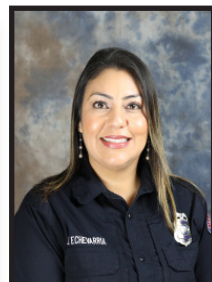
Thang Nguyen
Hazardous
Materials Specialist



Dale Eggleston
Hazardous
Materials Specialist



Vince Anderson
Fire Safety
Specialist



Lucy Echevarria
Fire Safety
Specialist



George Jedin
Fire Safety
Specialist



Rosie Flores
Plan Examiner



TRAINING AND SAFETY DIVISION

CAPTAIN MICHAEL CAMBA

Orange City Fire Department emergency responders need to know critical skills and information before the alarm sounds. The tremendous variety of emergencies and the amount of information needed for each type of emergency demands a vigorous and effective training program. This being the case, Captain Mike Camba reports directly to Deputy Chief Robert Stefano and teams with him to coordinate quality instruction to all Orange City Fire Department emergency responders. Much of this instruction was presented in-station, allowing fire crews to remain in their 1st due areas for a quick response if needed. Other training was presented on-line, also allowing for crews to remain available for emergency response. When multi-crew training

was necessary, the department delivered the training while avoiding times of peak emergency response activity.

Captain Camba has been assigned to the Training Division since August 1, 2016. Mike was responsible for organizing a large amount of training activity in 2017. He participated in overseeing the recruitment of 4 new Firefighters; which included a four-week "Recruit Academy" introducing new Firefighters to the Orange City Fire Department emergency and non-emergency policies and procedures. Captain Camba also coordinated a Fire Captain promotional test, Probationary Firefighter tests at the 4, 8, and 11-month stages of probation, three Fire Engineer Manipulative Academies, and the Fire Engineer Qualification exams. Captain Camba has currently scheduled training thru 2019.

In his capacity as training representative to the North Net Fire Training Center, a cooperative training center shared with Anaheim and Garden Grove Fire departments, Mike teamed up to revise County-wide operating policies involving wildland firefighting, hazardous material responses and emergency medical updates. North Net is constantly renovating the property to improve audio-visual capabilities, classroom learning, technical rescue training, and live fire training. This center, and the related training with other agencies, promotes seamless teamwork when Firefighters from two or more departments respond to the same emergency incident.



Some of Captain Camba's other duties included responding to multiple incidents within the City in the capacity of Orange City Fire's designated Safety Officer. Within this important role, Mike functions as staff liaison to the quarterly Safety Committee meetings attended by fire department employees, sending out safety bulletins as needed, and participation in fire station safety inspections. With the year ahead promising to be just as busy as 2017, the Training and Safety Division is always ready to meet the challenge.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SUZANNE GOODRICH, RN, MSN

BRYAN JOHNSON, RN



The majority of Orange City Fire Department's emergency responses are calls for medical aid. This was no different in 2017 with 12,463 medical incidents. Nearly 80% of the department's 15,608 calls for service in 2017 resulted from requests for emergency medical services. To prepare for these incidents, the Orange City Fire Department staffs their emergency apparatus with the necessary equipment and supplies to appropriately treat and transport patients from the scene to a nearby hospital. Beyond the vehicles and equipment, the men and women of the Orange City Fire Department are extensively prepared for a medical emergency as a Paramedic or Emergency Medical

Technician. These individuals have committed to a lifetime of learning to maintain their State license and County accreditation, while remaining current with the latest policies and procedures outlined by the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

Three Firefighters obtained their State Paramedic license in 2017 after completing a competitive internal selection and countless hours of training through Saddleback College. This proactive education and promotion process will ensure that the citizens and visitors of Orange will receive excellent emergency medical care for years to come.

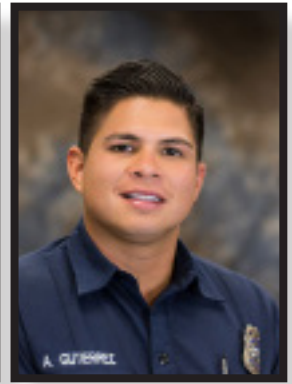
2017 also saw the end of an era with the retirement of EMS Manager Suzanne Goodrich after seventeen dedicated years of service. EMS Manager Goodrich contributed to many meaningful projects during her tenure, and her legacy will persist beyond the City, County, and State despite her absence. The recruitment to fill the vacancy of EMS Manager occurred in the latter months of 2017, with the new EMS Manager slated to report for duty in January 2018.



C.E.R.T (COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM)

ENGINEER BRANDON CHASTAIN

INVESTIGATOR ANTHONY GUTIERREZ



The Orange City Fire Department collaborates with the Orange Police Department by providing the instruction and training for the Fire module of the City of Orange CERT Program. CERT members are dedicated to the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods by participating in four quarterly meetings per year.

In 2017, 100 combined volunteers graduated from the initial 20-hour CERT course and the four-hour "Re-CERT" course, with a total number of volunteers increasing to 300! The Orange CERT team had 17 additional CERT members complete the CERT Mutual Aid Program training requirement to assist other cities in a disaster or major emergency situation. The Orange CERT team ended 2017 with a total of 23 trained CERT mutual aid responders. With their basic skills, these community members are in a position to assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help.



Volunteer today by calling Orange Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist Michelle Micallef at (714) 744-7321. Be prepared. Be a CERT volunteer!



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

CAPTAIN ALAN VELASCO

The Orange City Fire Department constantly works to keep the community safe. This includes preparing for emergencies of all types. Captain Alan Velasco assists the department by communicating with other fire agencies in our "operational area" to keep current with the latest emergency management programs and related training needs. His main focus is planning for natural and large scale disasters.

Captain Velasco also works hand in hand with the Orange Police Department (OPD) to coordinate both emergency management and responses to "active shooter" incidents. Alan coordinates with OPD to provide Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training to the various personnel within City departments that will be responding to the City EOC in case of a major disaster. Currently, Alan is involved in planning a functional active shooter exercise with OPD and Chapman University to train on active shooter response.

In addition, Captain Velasco also completes other specialized planning projects for the department. This year the City of Orange has received approval from FEMA for adoption of a new Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan allows the city to be eligible for grant funding related to planning and preparing for major natural disasters. In this plan are items to pursue funding towards improving critical infrastructure and preparedness training for the City, employees, and residents. Hopefully, we will never have to activate our emergency plans; but if we do, the Orange City Fire Department will be ready.



ARSON UNIT

INVESTIGATOR ANTHONY GUTIERREZ
AUXILIARY INVESTIGATOR JIM SPRIGGS

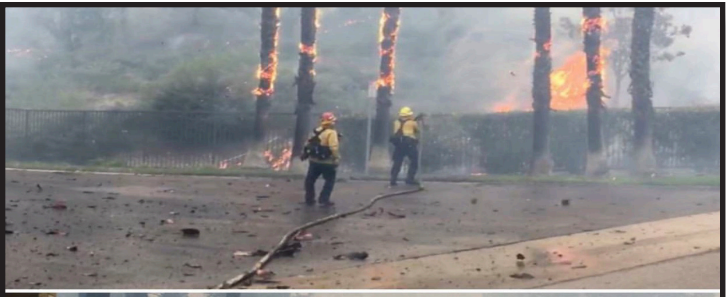
Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Gutierrez (Investigator 1) is responsible for the investigation of fire and explosion incidents, determining the cause and origin of such incidents, and documenting the resulting damage and injuries. The Arson Investigator is also responsible for coordinating with Orange Police Department and Orange County District Attorney's Office in terms of prosecution of arson suspects.

Investigator Gutierrez participated in multiple other activities during the year. These included attending the Officer Safety and Field Tactics course offered by the California Specialized Training Institute and fulfilling the City of Orange Terrorism Liaison duties to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Spriggs (Investigator 2) joined Investigator Gutierrez as a "Shift Investigator" in 2016. Retaining his primary assignment working as a Firefighter/Paramedic at the fire station, Jim now assists Anthony as an in-city, backup resource. "Investigator 2" handles investigations after business hours on his shift, assists Investigator 1 on large investigations, and is available for call-out when Investigator 1 is unavailable. Having depth in the investigation program pays great dividends for the community.

Throughout 2017 Jim Spriggs continued in the capacity of Shift Investigator. Investigator Gutierrez and Spriggs responded to 29 investigations in the City in 2017 including four that were determined to be the result of arson. Investigator Gutierrez also responded to several additional fires through a contract agreement between Orange and the City of Fountain Valley. Additionally, both Investigators responded to over 25 homeless encampments that fire units initially responded to and forwarded to the Investigator's office.







Canyon 2 Fire

The Canyon 2 Fire started near the intersection of the 91 Freeway and Gypsum Canyon Road on October 9, 2017. It was reported at 9:45 am. The Canyon 2 Fire burned through Anaheim Hills and East Orange, consuming more than 9,000 acres. A large majority of the fire was within four Orange County Parks; Irvine Regional Park, Santiago Regional Park, Peters Canyon Regional Park, and the Irvine Ranch Open Space.

During the week long fire, 16,570 residents were evacuated from the cities of Anaheim, Orange and Tustin. High winds and low humidity made this fire difficult and an extreme challenge for fire personnel. The Canyon 2 fire had 677 Firefighters assigned and staffed 51 fire engines, 13 hand crews, 1 helicopter, 1 water tender, and 8 dozers. The majority of personnel assigned to the fire were committed to the incident for multiple days until the fire was appropriately contained. Twenty-five structures were ultimately destroyed, with 55 other structures damaged.

Orange City Fire Department responded aggressively to this fire, committing eight fully-staffed firefighting units in addition to several Chief Officers to manage the fire. A unified command structure was quickly set up between the following agencies; Orange City Fire Department, Anaheim Fire and Rescue, Cal Fire, and Orange County Fire Authority. Orange City Fire also staffed every available reserve apparatus in the fleet to ensure that the City was adequately covered for normal emergency responses. Remaining fire units in the City not committed to the incident were supplemented by surrounding agencies from around Orange County. Two homes in Orange were lost during the firefight. Orange City Fire Department contributed several thousand hours to the protection of life and property in the City of Orange during this event.





Hurricane Harvey

In late August of 2017 three Orange City Fire Department members were deployed to the Houston area of Texas as part of California FEMA Task Force 5 to perform search and rescue. This 14-day deployment was immediately challenged by some of the most extreme weather and complex rescue scenarios that the Task Force has been met with. Hurricane Harvey struck and ultimately devastated the Middle Texas Coast on August 25, 2017. Early weather forecasts initially called for Harvey to be a Category 1 hurricane but those forecasts were quickly revised. Harvey hit the coast of Texas as a Category 3 hurricane and was immediately upgraded to a Category 4 with sustained winds of 130 mph. Eventually, at least 107 fatalities and the displacement of over 30,000 people would be attributed to this hurricane. The estimated losses to the area were reported at \$150-\$180 billion.

Upon arrival to Texas, Task Force 5 found torrential rains and extreme flooding conditions with contaminated water and alligators looming. During the first day of deployment, Task Force 5, working with four boats in three-person teams, rescued 300 people in the Bel Aire section of Houston. These rescues included rescues from roof tops, people floating on debris, and entering structures to pull people trapped inside to safety. The second day they would be assigned to the Kingwood area. The Kingwood area consisted of many elderly communities and elderly care facilities. Four hundred more rescues were achieved in this area by Task Force 5 personnel. On the third day the water had risen 6' to 12' over a 24-hour period. This area received 54" of rain in a 24-hour period. Following this heavy downpour, 1,000 additional rescues would be made.

The remaining days of deployment consisted of large area search components for body recovery throughout the same areas of Houston. Other logistical duties were assigned to the Task Force, including the redeployment of equipment and supplies to assist with thousands of displaced citizens and to support the first responders from all over the country.

Orange City Fire Department would like to thank and acknowledge the following individuals for their heroic efforts during Hurricane Harvey:

Fire Captain Casey Fieldhouse, Fire Captain Kent Rundle, and Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Barba

CUSTOMER SERVICE 2017

Flooding Mitigation Efforts Prevent Significant Damage - Orange City Fire crews responded to flooding conditions at numerous residences during the heavy January rains. Fire personnel diverted water, dug trenches and cleared exterior drains to accommodate the excessive run-off at these residences and retrieved a submersible pump from Fire Station 2 to remove standing water from affected yards. These actions prevented significant water damage to dozens of residences.

Orange Truck 1 Personnel Transports Concerned Parents and Luggage to Hospital - A family just arriving to Southern California on vacation was involved in a traffic collision. The family, consisting of a husband, wife, and two daughters, were on a trip to visit Disneyland when their rental car was involved in a collision. Medical treatment and transport was necessary for both daughters to local hospitals. Orange Truck 1 personnel gathered the family luggage out of the involved vehicle and transported the concerned husband and wife along with their luggage to the hospital to rejoin their daughters. Truck 1 personnel then assisted the family with acquiring another rental car.

Engine 1 Personnel Provides Assistance for a Resident in Need - Orange Engine 1 personnel have befriended an Orange resident who has been bedridden by multiple sclerosis. Over the past year both on and off duty, Engine 1 personnel have on behalf of the resident performed necessary maintenance on a malfunctioning air conditioner in their one bedroom unit, shopped for groceries, performed necessary housekeeping duties, and taken the resident to a Monster Truck event.

Orange City Fire's Collaboration Efforts with HomeAid - Fire Safety Specialist Vince Anderson was recognized for his tireless efforts working with HomeAid- Orange County; an organization that provides beds and shelter to needy families. Vince worked long hours to coordinate the labors of numerous contractors to create the Family Care Center which will provide 56 beds for 10-15 families. Vince worked with these volunteer contractors to ensure that the construction followed building safety codes to provide safe living conditions for these families.

Orange Engine 4 Assists Disabled Vehicle in Extreme Temperatures - On a very hot day Orange Engine 4 and Orange Rescue 4 found a disabled vehicle in traffic with an elderly female inside. The Orange Fire units stopped traffic, moved the vehicle out of the roadway and into an adjacent parking lot. The driver's cell phone was dead so fire personnel contacted roadside assistance on her behalf, contacted family, provided her with water, and remained on scene until her vehicle assistance arrived.

Fire Department Units Gather Multiple Generators to Restore Restaurant Refrigeration- Orange Fire crews responded to a two-alarm fire at Mary's Kitchen. Mary's Kitchen serves meals on a daily basis to an average of 200 hungry and homeless individuals. The fire damaged electrical service to the facility and existing food stores were in peril of spoilage. Orange Fire personnel salvaged existing food supplies and provided generators gathered from city fire stations to restore power to the facility's refrigerators, enabling Mary's Kitchen to continue providing their services. Orange Fire crews coordinated with on-coming shifts over several days to ensure the generators remained fueled and maintained.

Fire Personnel Assists with Christmas Tree Setup in Home - Orange Engine 2 spotted an elderly resident confined to a wheelchair in his driveway attempting to unload the family Christmas tree from their pickup truck with his wife. Engine 2 pulled over and personnel removed the tree from the pickup, carried it into the residence, and set it up in the home for the couple.

Santa Visits CHOC Hospital - Rob Prendergast delivered Santa Claus to the children of CHOC Hospital again in 2017. Rob spent several hours in full attire waving at children he could barely see through the mirrored windows, responding to their taps on the inside of the window while on an aerial ladder. "Santa" then went inside the hospital, visiting floors and visiting with available patients. Rob/Santa's involvement engages the eager and shy alike, handing out small gifts and invaluable words of encouragement.

Orange City Fire Personnel Assists Family with Item Recovery - Orange City Fire personnel spent numerous hours over a two day period assisting a family that lost their home in the Canyon 2 Fire. This detailed recovery included items of both monetary and sentimental value following a multiple day fire siege. Fire personnel dismantled remaining structural members in order to painstakingly sift through debris to find family artifacts, treasured coins, and specifically a cherished diamond bracelet. Over the two day period they were able to recover 18 of the 20 missing diamonds from the bracelet and numerous other items dear to the family.



NOTABLE INCIDENTS

Apartment Fire with Heavy Smoke and Flame - Orange City Fire units responded to a residential structure fire at 2067 N. Orange-Olive Road. While en route units reported heavy smoke seen. Upon arrival fire units found heavy flame showing from a second story apartment window of a two-story, four-unit complex. The fire damage was contained to the initial unit with an adjoining unit sustaining smoke damage. Fifteen residents were displaced with no injuries and referred to the Red Cross.

Vegetation Fire Near Orange Hill Restaurant - Orange City Fire units responded to a reported vegetation fire on a hill east of and adjacent to the Orange Hill restaurant. Crews found a fast-moving, one-half acre fire with potential to get much larger. Thirty-one firefighters on the ground with the assistance of helicopter support were able to hold the area affected to approximately one acre. Orange Hill restaurant was not damaged and was able to continue normal operations throughout.

Industrial Complex Structure Fire - Orange City Fire units responded to an early morning commercial structure fire. Upon arrival to the scene, units found heavy smoke and flame coming from the front door of a single unit of an industrial strip center. During suppression efforts crews were hampered by downed electrical wires which energized a metal fence adjacent to the building, posing a risk to those performing suppression efforts. Heavy fire damage was contained to the original unit with smoke damage to adjacent units.

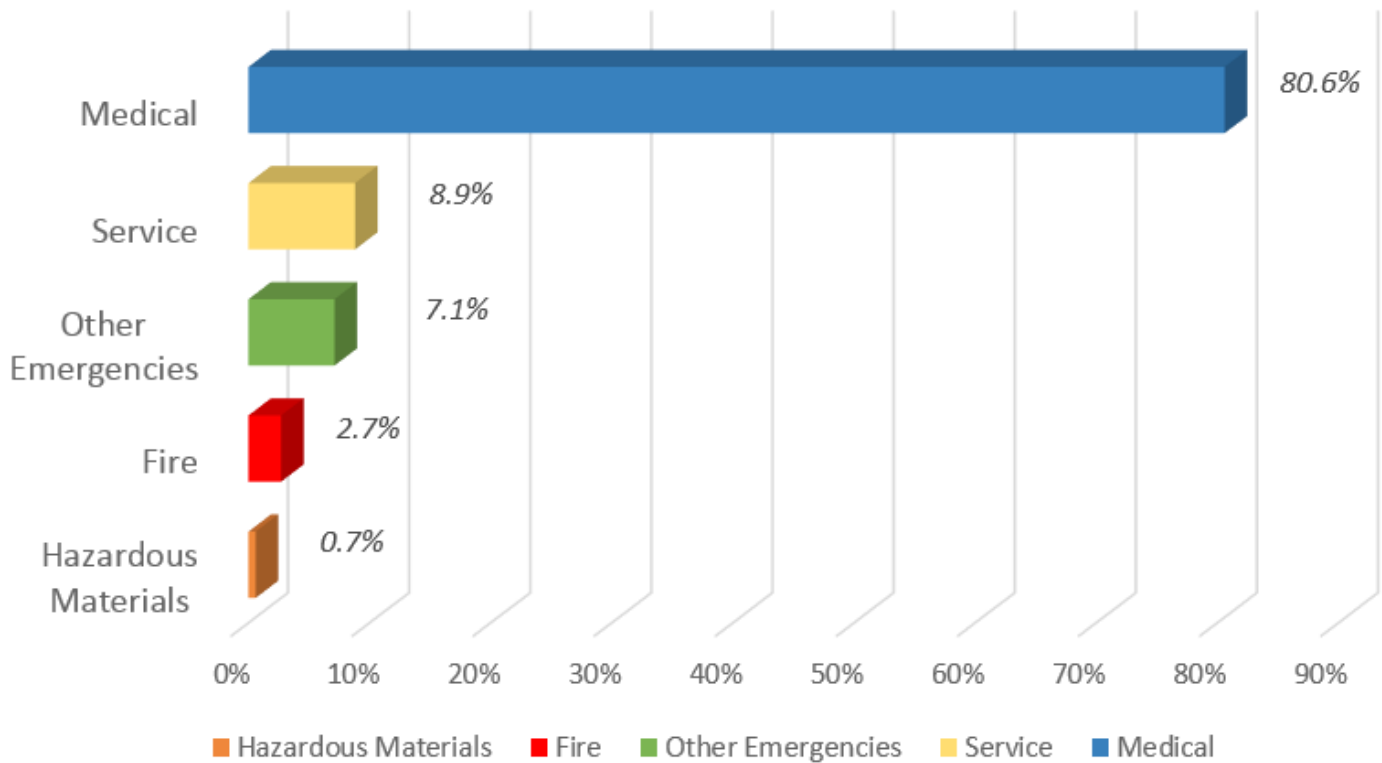
Vegetation Fire Near High-Rise Building - Orange City Fire units responded to an early morning vegetation fire that threatened an adjacent high-rise building. Upon arrival units found landscape vegetation, including several 60' palm trees on fire driven by high winds and low humidity. A window of an office on the first floor of the high-rise shattered, allowing smoke to be forced into the building by the high winds. Fifty-four firefighters suppressed the fire and worked with building engineers to mitigate the smoke inside the building.

Tennis Player Saved by CPR - A male in his 50's was playing tennis at El Camino Real Park when he collapsed and became unresponsive. Orange City Fire and Rescue units responded, performed CPR, defibrillated the patient twice, administered drug therapy, and transported the patient. En route to the hospital, the patient regained consciousness, beginning to moan. Upon arrival to the emergency room, the patient was talking to the responding crew.

Mountain Bike Accident on Chutes Trail - A mountain biker in Irvine Park lost control while riding from the top of Chutes Trail and crashed mid slope. The victim was a male in his 40's who sustained a broken femur from the crash. Orange City Fire and Rescue crews hiked up the trail approximately a half-mile with equipment to reach, treat, and package the patient via helicopter to the hospital.

Heavy Rescue Traffic Collision on the East End - Orange City Fire and Rescue units responded to a two-vehicle traffic accident at Canyon View and Jamboree. Upon arrival units found a male in his 50's trapped in his vehicle following a traffic collision into another vehicle. Removal of the trapped patient was complicated due to a significant speed factor from the colliding vehicle. The male victim ultimately suffered a collapsed lung as a result of the collision. The patient was extricated using the "Jaws of Life," treated, and transported to the nearest trauma receiving hospital.

2017 CALLS FOR SERVICE



INCIDENTS IN JURISDICTION	2016	2017	DIFFERENCE
FIRE	394	378	-4.06%
MEDICAL	10,723	11,091	3.43%
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	109	94	-13.76%
OTHER EMERGENCIES	925	979	5.84%
SERVICE	1,106	1,218	10.13%
TOTALS:	13,257	13,760	3.79%

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME: 3 MINUTES 46 SECONDS

OUT OF JURISDICTION	2016	2017	DIFFERENCE
FIRE	270	310	14.81%
MEDICAL	1,325	1,372	3.55%
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	27	30	11.11%
OTHER EMERGENCIES	99	99	0.00%
SERVICE	45	37	-17.78%
TOTALS:	1,766	1,848	4.64%

2017 CALLS BY UNIT

TOTAL UNITS DISPATCHED: 29,253



Battalion 1	431
Battalion 2	4
Engine 1	2631
Engine 21	96
Patrol 1	6
Rescue 1	3339
Rescue 21	7
Truck 1	1006
USAR 1	88



Engine 2	1708
Engine 22	153
Rescue 22	20



Engine 3	2053
Engine 23	152
Rescue 3	2971
Rehab Unit	10



Engine 4	1934
Engine 24	44
Rescue 4	2756
Rescue 24	1

Engine 5 23
Rescue 5 3378
Truck 5 2564
Truck 25 24



Engine 6 2305
Engine 26 29
Rescue 6 6
Spill Unit 12



Engine 7 670
Engine 27 6
Engine 307 64



Engine 8 647
Engine 28 32



2017 PROMOTIONS

Lucy Echevarria

Promoted to Fire Safety Specialist

Ian MacDonald

Assigned as Fire Prevention Captain

Matthew Nelson

Assigned as Administrative Captain

Stephen Fan

Assigned as Firefighter/Paramedic

Brad Greenamyre

Assigned as Firefighter/Paramedic

James Hammortree

Assigned as Firefighter/Paramedic

Kevin Linehan

Assigned as Firefighter/Paramedic

Brandon Paulite

Assigned as Firefighter/Paramedic

2017 RETIREMENTS



ALAN RICH
FIRE ENGINEER
1986-2017



JANNA DOTY
FIRE SAFETY
SPECIALIST
1987-2017



SUZANNE GOODRICH
EMS MANAGER
2000-2017

Thank you for your service!

FIRE CHIEF

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