



## DANA POINT STRUCTURE FIRE CLAIMS TWO LIVES

On October 29th, OCFA crews were dispatched to a structure fire at 1:28 a.m. on Bremerton Street in Dana Point. As the fire engines and trucks were responding, fire dispatchers continued to get reports of the fire and they balanced the call to a Working Structure Fire. First arriving units found a single family dwelling well involved with fire and were given information by neighbors that there were possibly people still inside the residence.



The Incident Commander immediately requested a Second Alarm and an ambulance to the scene. The first three units on



scene were assigned to conduct the Primary Search. At 1:44 a.m. the first patient was found and at 1:45 a.m. the second patient was found and both were transported to Mission Hospital. With the fire intensifying, a general announcement was made and all fire personnel were evacuated from the residence as fire control was switched to a defensive mode. The fire was brought under control at 4 a.m.

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## OCFA RESPONDS TO FATAL SHOOTING IN SEAL BEACH

The call came in as “shots fired” and that would change the way things were going for Engine 44 located in Seal Beach. Nothing could prepare the firefighters for what they were about to encounter. OCFA crews were dispatched at 1:27 p.m. to a shooting on Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach. First arriving units found an initial total of seven patients and declared the incident an Multi-Casualty Incident. Upon further investigation, it was determined that there were a total of nine patients with six deceased and three critical traumas. Engine 44 was the first fire engine on scene and quickly moved into action to triage and treat the wounded.

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) was requested and the team was assembled for a briefing at Fire Station 48 in Seal Beach.



## FINANCE SECTION AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors recognized and presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Orange County Fire Authority's Finance Division for achieving "Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)."

This is the 13th consecutive year that the Orange County Fire Authority has received this certificate. It is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by any government agency and its management.

Congratulations to the Finance Section for your hard work and amazing achievement.



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## PURCHASING DIVISION PRESENTED ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE PROCUREMENT AWARD

The Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors recognized and presented a beautiful trophy to the Orange County Fire Authority's Purchasing Division for the "Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2011."

The award is achieved by organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function. The Orange County Fire Authority is 1 of only 40 government agencies in California, and 1 of only 26 special districts in the United States. And this is the third year that the Orange County Fire Authority has received this award.

Congratulations to the Purchasing Division for your hard work and great achievement.



## SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE



Make an underprivileged child's holiday season a little brighter by donating a new, unwrapped toy to any fire station in Orange County. The Spark of Love toy program kicks off November 7th and is unique by being a part of the Orange County Toy Collaborative. The Orange County Toy Collaborative is comprised of every fire agency in Orange County, the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program, the Orange County Social Services "Operation Santa Claus" Program, and St. Vincent de Paul. All of these entities work together to bring toys to disadvantaged children within Orange County. You can drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any fire station in Orange County from November 7th through December 24th.

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## NOW IS THE TIME TO GET PREPARED!

Are you ready for a disaster? Do you have an escape plan or an emergency kit? Now is the time to get you and your family prepared.

Being prepared can reduce the fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. Communities, families, and individuals should know what to do in the event of an earthquake and where to seek shelter during a fire. They should be ready to evacuate their homes and take refuge in public shelters and know how to care for their basic medical needs.

If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere.



Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in different situations? Identify an out-of-town contact for every member of your household. Equip your family with the contact's phone number and a cell phone or prepaid phone card. Teach family members how to use text messaging.

You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area, including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, flooding, terrorism and more.

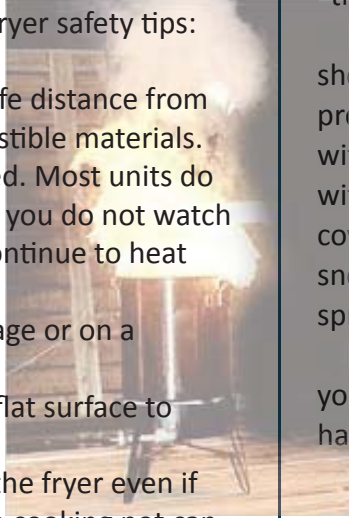
You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation. For more information, go to [www.readyoc.org](http://www.readyoc.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). For information on wildfire readiness go to [www.readyssetgoc.org](http://www.readyssetgoc.org).



## TURKEY FRYER SAFETY TIPS

It's almost Thanksgiving and turkey comes to mind. Turkey fryers can pose a significant danger when used incorrectly. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. Here are some turkey fryer safety tips:

- Use turkey fryers outdoors, a safe distance from buildings, and any other combustible materials.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you do not watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never use turkey fryers in a garage or on a wooden deck.
- Make sure fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer even if it is not in use. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water do not mix; water causes oil to spill over causing a fire or even an explosion hazard.



Make sure to thaw the turkey in the refrigerator approximately 24 hours for every five pounds in weight. Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. **Never use water to extinguish a grease fire – it will make the fire bigger.** Use an all-purpose fire extinguisher or baking soda to put out a grease fire. If the fire increases, immediately call 9-1-1 for help.



## BE PREPARED FOR THE FLU

Flu season is approaching quickly and if you haven't already had your flu shot, you might want to rethink and get one. Every year, influenza – better known as “the flu” – hits our communities hard.

The best way to prevent the flu is getting a flu shot – it is recommended every year for all children, pregnant women, people over the age of 50, and those with certain health problems. Washing your hands with soap and water can help lower your chances, and covering your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze can keep the virus from entering the air and spreading.

If you happen to get the flu, stay home. That way you don't infect other people around you. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- fever\* or feeling feverish/chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*\*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

Did you know that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. **Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick.** Some people, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

For more information go to [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) or [www.ochealthinfo.com](http://www.ochealthinfo.com).

## OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING AT FIRE STATION 46

It took more than two years to complete and the City of Stanton has a beautiful new fire station to show. Orange County Fire Authority Fire Station 46 is now more than twice the size of the original station, which is good news for the crews that work there. The new fire house is home to 24 firefighters, eight on each shift, and serves more than 39,000 people within 3.1 square miles. The new station allows for fire trucks to drive safely through the garage without having to back in. The ribbon cutting ceremony included dignitaries from the City of Stanton, as well as OCFA Chief Richter who expressed his gratitude to all of those involved.

Crews are now moved into the new station and keeping the community safe with their fire and emergency medical responses.



*The outside of new Fire Station 46 includes drought tolerant landscaping.*



*Dignitaries cut the ribbon to officially open Fire Station 46 in Stanton.*



*Truck 46 parks outside its new home!*