

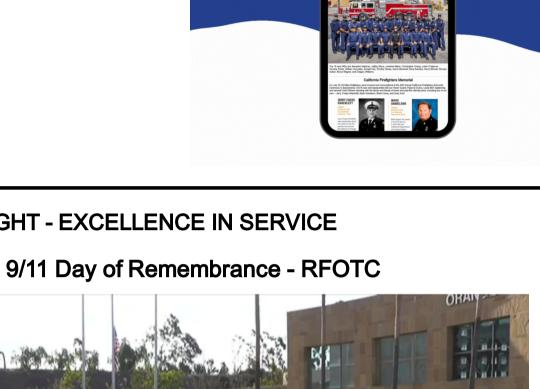
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In memory of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, the OCFA honored the heroes who made the

ultimate sacrifice with our 21st Anniversary Day of Remembrance Ceremony at RFOTC at the Firefighter Memorial. The event was open to the public and livestreamed on Facebook where it can still be viewed by clicking on the thumbnail

9/11 Day of Remembrance - OCFA Stations



Chief Fennessy was recognized as Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association. This is only the second time an OCFA Fire Chief has been recognized with this prestigious award, with Chip Prather earning the honor in 2002.

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Suicide Prevention Month

Coming next week is the OCFA Suicide Awareness and Prevention walk. We encourage all personnel who can to participate in our upcoming Suicide Prevention Walk. There are various ways for firefighters and professional staff to join

Shift A - September 27 at 9AM

Shift B - September 28 at 9AM

Shift C - September 30 at 9AM

this important event, all of which are listed below: **RFOTC** September 26 at 9:00am. Meet at the statue. **STATIONS**

Please also continue wearing your solidarity ribbon, especially during the Suicide Prevention Walk. Visit the Behavioral Health Website

9/27 • 9/28 • 9/30 9 AM EACH SHIFT **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, a time in which we celebrate the diversity, history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino/Latina communities that both strengthen our agency and empower us to provide excellent service to our region.

Throughout the month we'll be highlighting several OCFA leaders, including Assistant Chief Robert Cortez, Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Jaime Torres, Community

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Education Specialist Carmen Cardenas, and Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Frank Granados, seen

As we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we highlight Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Frank Granados. Frank is truly Santa Ana-proud. Born, raised, and living in Santa Ana, he is all about his hometown. Frank graduated from Santa Ana High School and earned his bachelor's degree at Cal State Fullerton. He began his fire service career as an OCFA Fire Explorer and became a firefighter here in 2013. His passion is seen in his work as an OC Short Stop juvenile mentor, OCFA Fire Cadet advisor, Santa Ana High School career day speaker, OCFA college recruiter, and OCFA drone program manager. Frank enjoys traveling with his wife and playing basketball with his father and two brothers.

Frank sincerely appreciates the fire service allowing him to serve and be a mentor to the community that raised him. Sharing what Hispanic heritage means to him, Frank says, "Family and community. I reflect how hard my parents worked to give me a better future. They showed me the value of hard work and being a great human being. I reflect how many people in my community reached out to help me accomplish all my goals growing up. I am a reflection of my community."

When asked how Hispanic heritage makes the OCFA stronger, he says, "The OCFA strives to meet the need of the community it serves. My Hispanic heritage brings a sense of family and connection to the community. I take pride in serving the community that raised me. I am able to connect better to the lower-income communities who would otherwise feel intimidated using our fire services. Residents feel comfortable speaking Spanish and confident their message is

On a personal note, Frank shares, "I want to thank my wife Sandra who, time after time, sacrifices our time together in order for me to follow my dreams and continue to serve. I know the time dedicated to my community takes away from our personal time, but we are both products of Santa Ana. We feel our community needs positive role models to help our

We are fortunate to have passionate individuals such as Frank at the OCFA. Together, we are truly... in service of others.

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lower income communities. There's a Mexican saying: 'Sí se puede' which means 'yes we can."

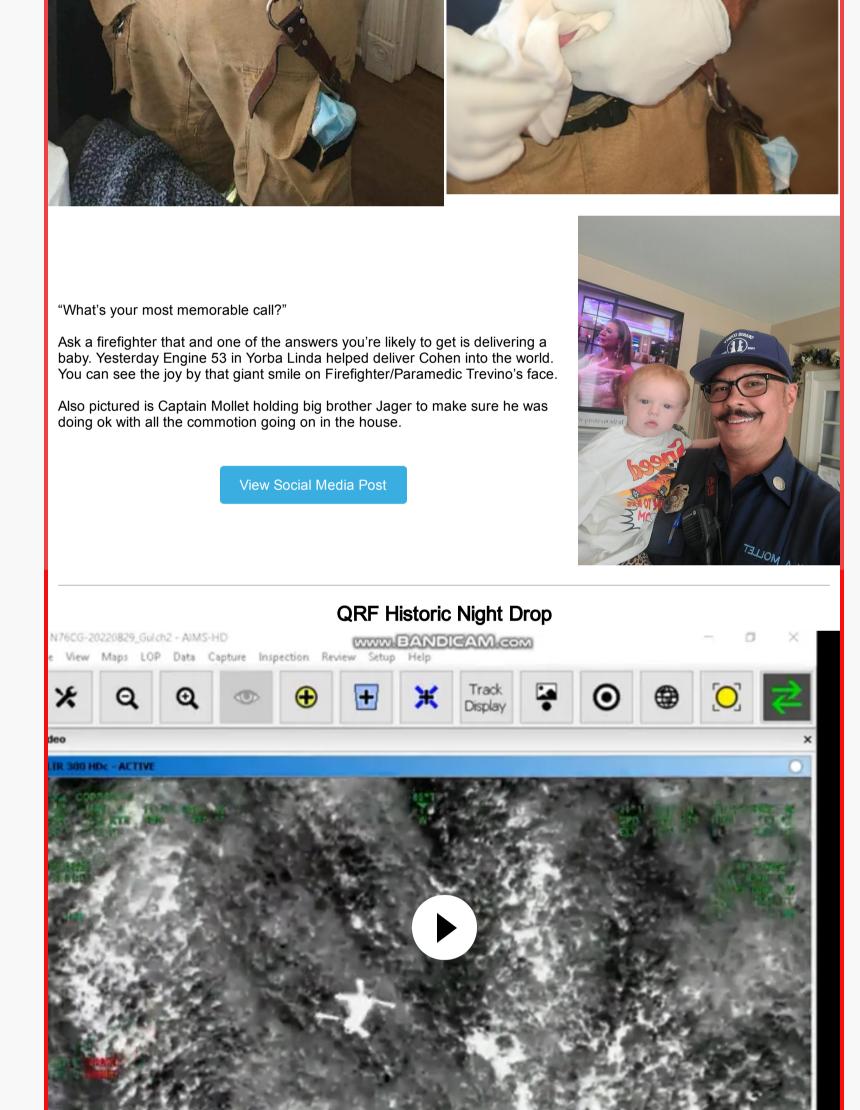
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heard."

SOCIAL MEDIA Over the past month OCFA's social media platforms had: Over 2.3 million impressions (eyes on our content) • 169,100 engagements (interaction with our content) 1,945 link clicks/redirects • 981 new followers Despite that success, we are always looking to improve and share information of interest with each other and the communities we serve. To that end, and per Chief Fennessy's June 20, 2022 memo there is now a new area on the HIVE for all OCFA personnel (safety and non-safety) to submit photos, videos, and story ideas for OCFA's social media accounts and other information-sharing platforms.

Top Social Media Posts Engine 53 in Yorba Linda Delivers Baby

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View Social Media Post 5 Kittens Saved in Westminster

On August 10th, a blaze broke out in a detached 3 car garage in the City of Westminster. Firefighters doused the flames

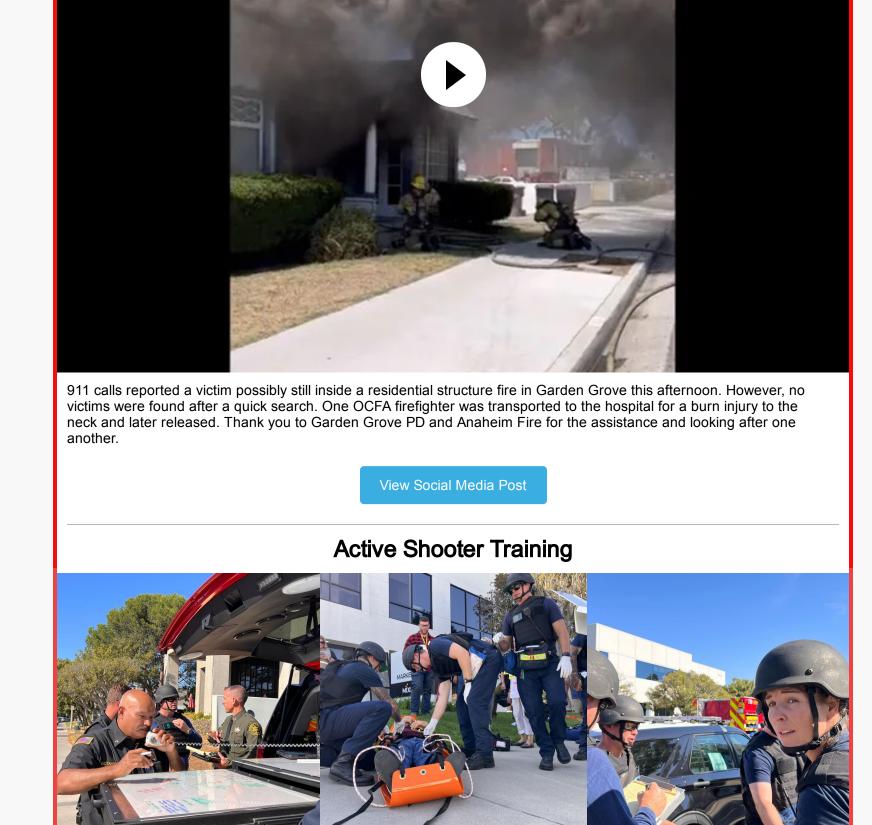
Social Media Post

Garden Grove Structure Fire

to prevent the apartment complex from catching fire. Luckily, they were able to rescue 5 kittens.

On August 29th QRF (Quick Reaction Force) helicopters dropped fire retardant at night on the #GulchFire. This marks the first time in Southern California history that firefighting helicopters have dropped retardant at night. This is what we call a game changer. The ability to drop retardant at night provides us with another tool to defend homes and slow the spread of fire. Last night, the QRF helitankers dropped 31,500 gallons of water and more than 21,000 gallons of retardant through

countless drops such as the one you see here from our OCFA very-large-helitanker.



Deputies from the Orange County Sheriffs Department, local law enforcement officers, and firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority are conducting a joint dynamic training exercise at the Orange County Islamic Foundation mosque in Mission Viejo. The scenario involves an active shooter incident with victims. Both agencies are training to effectively

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Upcoming Monthlong Observances

Disaster Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and COVID-19

Learn More

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has shown us how important it is to take steps to be prepared for disasters and other major disruptions. To highlight this month and encourage our communities to prepare for emergencies, the Orange County Fire Authority has launched a National Preparedness Month campaign.

rescue victims while rendering the scene safe.

Make a Plan!

Learn More

Senior Fall Prevention Week Every 19 minutes, an elderly person dies from a fall. One in Reduce Your Risk of Falling three elderly adults experience a fall each year, with falls being the leading cause of injury. This year Senior Fall Prevention Week falls on September 18th through 24th, and in an effort to protect one of our most vulnerable populations, we have launched a Senior Fall Prevention Safety Campaign.

Benevolent Association Embree Family Trust

The OCFA Benevolent Association provides physical, financial, and emotional support to our members and their families during times of need. This past month, such an occasion arose with the tragic passing of Christine Embree, the beloved wife of OCFA Engineer Bob Embree. With the support of many, the Benevolent Association set up a trust for the Embree Family with 100% of the donated funds going towards Christine's service and to support the family during this difficult

Donate to The Embree Family Trust

Orange County Fire Authority In the News

OC Firefighters Free Girl's Hand From Escalator At Santa Ana Mall MSN.com - Aug 1, 2022 Teen rescued after getting hand stuck in MainPlace Mall escalator in Santa Ana KTLA-TV - Aug 1, 2022 Outpour Of Support For OC Firefighter Battling Cancer In Laguna Niguel Patch.com - Aug 1, 2022 OC Firefighters Knock Out 1.75-Acre Brush Fire In San Juan Capistrano MSN.com - Aug 4, 2022 Crime and Public Safety | Bellflower man gets 2 years in prison for... The Orange County Register - Aug 8, 2022 <u>5 Kittens Saved From OC Apartment Fire</u> Patch.com - Aug 11, 2022 Community honors Carlsbad mom killed in e-bike crash KSWB-TV - Aug 11, 2022 <u>FIRIS, crucial firefighting program, gets \$30 million infusion from state</u> KTXL-TV - Aug 11, 2022 <u>Crime and Public Safety | 1 killed in multi-vehicle crash on 405 Freeway...</u>
The Orange County Register - Aug 13, 2022 One Killed In Multi-Vehicle Crash On 405 Freeway In OC Patch.com - Aug 13, 2022 Toddler struck and killed by Amazon delivery van in Irvine Yahoo! News - Aug 16, 2022 OC Firefighters Tackle 2-Alarm House Fire In Laguna Niguel Monday Patch.com - Aug 16, 2022

OC Firefighters Help Deliver Baby Boy In Yorba Linda

Crime and Public Safety | Boat catches fire in Dana Point Harbor

Crime and Public Safety | 1 man killed, 2 more hurt in Cypress crash...

1 Dead In Fatal Amazon Delivery Truck Crash On Katella, Two Injured

Crime and Public Safety | Irvine man arrested during weapons search;...

Westminster honors lifechanging work in annual awards ceremony

Crime and Public Safety | Holy Jim's volunteer fire chief, who...

Crime and Public Safety | Firefighter burned, transitional housing...

Western fires outpace California effort to fill inmate crews

<u>Toddler hit, killed by delivery van in Irvine</u> KTLA-TV - Aug 16, 2022

The Orange County Register - Aug 18, 2022

The Orange County Register - Aug 21, 2022

The Orange County Register - Aug 24, 2022

The Orange County Register - Aug 26, 2022

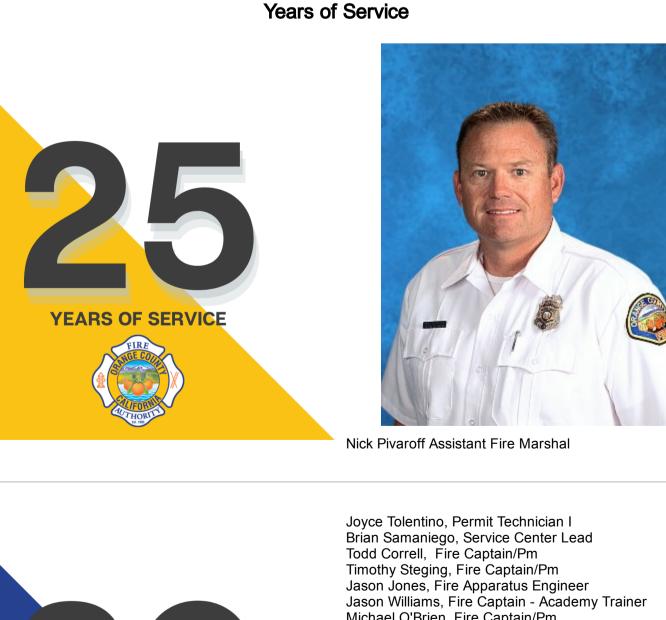
Patch.com - Aug 16, 2022

Yahoo! News - Aug 21, 2022

Patch.com - Aug 22, 2022

Patch.com - Aug 24, 2022

The Orange County Register - Aug 27, 2022 House Fire in Garden Grove Injures Firefighter KFI-AM - Aug 27, 2022 Woman Stabbed to Death in Santa Ana KFI-AM - Aug 27, 2022 'A game changer': Firefighting helicopters make historic night time drops KTLA-TV - Aug 30, 2022 **August Retirements** John Mathers, Fire Captain



Michael O'Brien, Fire Captain/Pm Scott Lake, Fire Apparatus Engineer Brent La Bonte, Fire Apparatus Engineer Christopher Jaime, Fire Captain/Pm Jay Sellars, Fire Apparatus Engineer Scott Randall, Fire Apparatus Engineer Josh Frisby, Fire Captain/Pm Davis Doty, Fire Captain Peter Crary, Fire Apparatus Engineer Daniel Bustamante, Fire Captain/Pm James Bush, Firefighter/Pm Bret Clark, Firefighter Gregory Chrisman, Fire Captain/Pm Curt Corbin, Fire Apparatus Engineer/Pm John Zubas, Fire Apparatus Engineer Gina Cheung, Accounting Manager Robert Bosanko, Firefighter Jose Ortega, Fire Prevention Specialist Steven Kriha, Fire Captain/Pm Tyler Johnson, Firefighter Justin Dillon, Fire Captain/Pm Joel Caro, Fire Apparatus Engineer Seth Andres, Fire Apparatus Engineer Aaron Lee, Fire Apparatus Engineer Zachary Boller, Fire Apparatus Engineer William Jurewich, Firefighter Aaron Wos, Firefighter/Pm Andrew Bergen, Fire Captain Richard Tantuvanich, Fire Captain/Pm Christopher Hamm, Fire Captain Eric Bennett, Fire Battalion Chief Staff

YEARS OF SERVICE

Darryl Reames, Fire Captain/Hazmat-Pm

Sean Lowry, Fire Battalion Chief Suppress

Ryan Johnson, Fire Apparatus Engineer Trevor Lazar, Fae - Academy Trainer

Lee Reynolds, Fire Captain/Pm

Zachary Shirley, Fire Captain/Pm

Christian Trombetta, Fire Apparatus Engineer