



2018 Spark of Love Fact Sheet

The Spark of Love campaign began in 1993 as a partnership between ABC7 and firefighters throughout the five-county areas of Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura. Although there are other worthwhile toy drives, Spark of Love is the only one created and operated by firefighters.

In Orange County, Spark of Love combines efforts with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys of Tots program, Social Services Agency's Operation Santa Claus, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Charities program. Working together as the Orange County Toy Collaborative, these agencies collect and distribute approximately 300,000 toys annually to Orange County children who might otherwise go without during the holiday season.

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Firefighters' Spark of Love campaign, which runs from November 17 through December 24. All Orange County fire stations will serve as drop-off sites for new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. Gift cards will also be accepted.

For additional information, please contact your fire department representative:

Anaheim Fire & Rescue	Natali Rudometkin	714-765-5092
Brea Fire	Kathy Schaffer	714-738-6500
Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue	Brenda Emrick	714-327-7406
Fountain Valley Fire	Michelle Rudaitis	714-593-4436
Fullerton Fire	Kathy Schaffer	714-738-6511
Garden Grove Fire	Paul Whittaker	714-741-5633
Huntington Beach Fire	Vincent Anderson	714-536-5411
Laguna Beach Fire	Jim Brown	949-497-0700
Newport Beach Fire	Raymi Wun	949-644-3110
Orange City Fire	Robert Stefano	714-288-2500
Orange County Fire	Milton Neira	949-564-8887

The **Orange County Fire Authority** serves the cities of Aliso Viejo, Buena Park, Cypress, Dana Point, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Placentia, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, Yorba Linda, and the unincorporated areas of Orange County.

Monetary donations can be made to the Orange County Toy Collaborative in care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1505 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Attn: Jamie Swayze. Checks should be made payable to the **Orange County Toy Collaborative**.

Toy Request/Family Referral Sheets are available at all Orange County Fire Stations and at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul office at 1505 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705.