




**2022**

# **ORANGE CITY FIRE ANNUAL REPORT**





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

### FIRE CHIEF SEAN DEMETROPOLIS

2022 has been one of the most rewarding years in my career. Not specifically for what I have accomplished personally, but what we have successfully achieved, as the Orange City Fire Department. When I pause to reflect on the time and efforts that contributed to our 2022 accomplishments, I cannot express my excitement that some of these lasting goals would come to fruition.

Fire Headquarters broke ground in January of 2021, and 2022 brought all the finishing touches to the complex. In September, over a span of two weeks, Fire Administration and Suppression moved in and began full-time operation out of the building. Talk about state-of-the-art; the Orange City Fire Department is living the dream of responding to emergencies out of this station. After several months and an Opening Ceremony on October 6, 2022, we all feel comfortable in our new home.

This year brought much work, but many rewards. The City Council approved moving forward with an Ambulance Operator program as part of the 2022-2023 budget. As approval of the budget was imminent, we met with Human Resources in April and got a plan together. As soon as the budget was in place on July 1, we began the hiring process. By the first week of November, we had 18 Ambulance Operators in a week-long academy led by Captain Mike Camba. We were sprinting to the finish line, or the "Reorganization" that took place on November 21. The reorganization forced some needed changes. We saw the "Light Force" concept removed after five years. Adding our fourth person back on the truck companies made us whole and took us back to our roots. As part of the changes, we now have two paramedics on all engine and truck companies. We have three rescues with a one-on-one system back in place, teaming up a Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter. This system was initiated in October 1995 but has not been in business for many years. This program gives the firefighter much more responsibility to operate the rescue and continues to build their knowledge of the city. With the three rescues, we have added two ambulances with two Emergency Medical Technicians out of fire stations 3 and 5. Adding one additional transport, we now capture almost 100% of all the transports in the city.

In 2022 we saw an increase in call volume by 8.77%, or by over 1,400 calls for service, putting our year-end total at 17,792. Annually we have seen an increase in call volume by 10% for many years, and I anticipate we will continually see a rise in call volume annually. With the addition of the 5th transport, we have seen a significant decline in our "surge" ambulances, thus fortifying our response model and not pulling from our east-end stations. With these crucial changes to the OFD, I could not be more impressed with the men and women who represent and serve our organization. Their dedication to meticulous hard work, and dedicated service to our citizens, are what makes the OFD so great. Thank you for a very memorable 2022, but let's get to work and make 2023 that much better.



**Sean deMetropolis**  
Fire Chief



**Andrea Brooks**  
Executive Assistant



**Jennifer Wilson-Charles**  
Finance Coordinator



**Cecilia Santos**  
Finance Assistant



**Brian Robles**  
Senior Office Assistant

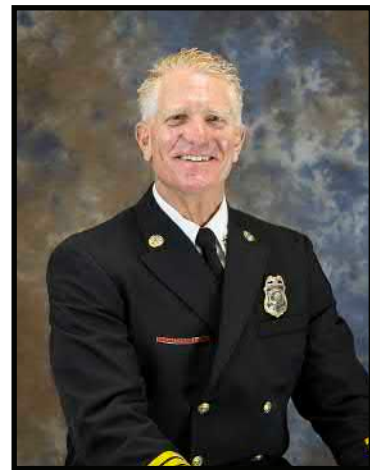


**Barbara Reid**  
Office Assistant

## OPERATIONS SECTION

### DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT STEFANO

In 2022, Orange City Fire Department responded to 17,760 calls for service, which was a 9 % increase in call volume. In 2020 we saw our first decrease in call volume in recent history, primarily due to the Global Pandemic, COVID-19. In 2022, we caught up to our pre-pandemic call volume, and we surpassed our busiest year to date. The Orange Fire Department made several operational adjustments, during the pandemic, in an effort to keep our personnel as isolated and protected as possible. However, in 2021 we slowly and methodically adjusted back to nearly 100% normal operations, and in 2022 we are firing on all pistons with 100% normal operations.



2022 proved to be a slower year, when it came to Campaign Wildland Fires, our fulfillment of the State Mission of assisting with response to said fires. Overall, the Orange City Fire Department responded to a total of 18 State Mission Fires throughout California, Oregon, and New Mexico.

Further, we successfully hosted a Battalion Chief's Academy, promoted one Battalion Chief, one Fire Captain, and one Fire Engineer. Additionally, for the first time in department history, we hired four of our Explorers, which we now call Cadets, as probationary firefighters who will complete their probation in June of 2023. Additionally, we sent three firefighters to paramedic school, who will finish in early 2023.

One of the most exciting elements of 2022 was the approval, development, and implementation of an Ambulance Operator Program. This program, which is new to Orange City Fire, but not a new concept, allowed us to hire 18 EMTs, 12 full-time and 6-part time employees, who staff two BLS Ambulances, located at Station #3 and Station #5. Additionally, the hiring of these new OFD members allowed us to put a 4th person back on our two Truck Companies. This was accomplished by taking one ALS Rescue Ambulance out of service and moving those personnel back to the trucks.

These new AOs also allowed us to completely reorganize our entire department whereby every Fire Engine and Fire Truck were upgraded to having full Advanced Life Support capabilities (two paramedics on each Company). We kept three Rescue Ambulances in service, but downgraded their ALS capabilities to a 'one & one' (one EMT and one EMT Paramedic) per RA. So, with this new deployment model, we now have a total of five transport units, and nine ALS Companies to better serve our residents, visitors, and businesses.

In the 4th quarter of 2022, we moved into our new Fire Headquarters, located at 1176 E. Chapman. This nearly 35,000 square foot project includes a Fire Administration building, Fire Suppression living area, a massive parking lot, and a nearly 5,000 square foot reserve apparatus building. The cost of the new Fire HQ, which included a new Pierce Tiller Truck, as part of the overall cost was approximately \$22-23 million dollars. The new Fire HQ is a phenomenal building and will provide for the needs of the next 50-75 years.



**Alan Velasco**  
"A" Shift Battalion Chief



**Michael Diersing**  
"B" Shift Battalion Chief



**Casey Fieldhouse**  
"C" Shift Battalion Chief

## TRAINING AND SAFETY DIVISION

### CAPTAIN ROBERT LOBATO

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.

The Training and Safety Division coordinates all training and safety activities related to emergency responses.

The Training Captain reports directly to Deputy Chief of Operations, together they coordinate quality, skills maintenance training to all Orange City Fire Department emergency responders. 2022 was a huge transitional year, with much of the training going “back outside” for maintenance skills with an emphasis on county and regional trainings. This was all accomplished while other crews remained in their stations and were available for emergency response and during non-peak emergency response activities.

Captain Lobato erves as the training representative to the North Net Fire Training Center, a cooperative training center shared with Anaheim Fire Department, the Training Captains will team up to revise County-wide operating policies involving wildland firefighting, hazardous material responses, and emergency medical updates. North Net is constantly renovating the property grounds with new training props, improved audio-visual capabilities, classroom learning, technical rescue training with other agencies, promotes seamless teamwork when Firefighters from both departments respond to the same emergency incident.

The Training Capitan is also reponsible for responding to multiple incidents within the City in the capacity of Orange City Fire’s designated Safety Officer. Within this important role, the training captain functions as a staff liaison to the quarterly Safety Committee meetings attended by fire department employees, sends out safety bulletins as needed, and participates in fire station safety inspections. With the year ahead promising to be just as busy as 2022, the Training and Safety Division is ready to meet the challenge.

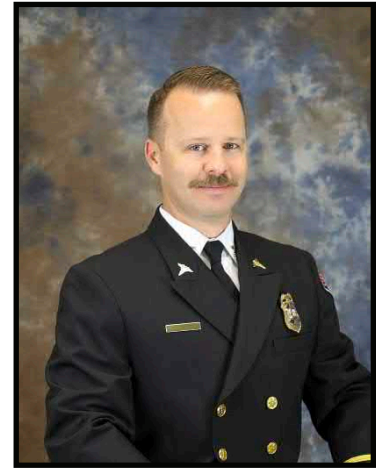




## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### EMS MANAGER BRYAN JOHNSON, RN

At 82%, medical emergencies were the most common call for service in 2022, with total call volume eclipsing the previous year. In response to the increased demand, the Orange City Fire Department (OFD) placed two ambulances into service, staffed by Ambulance Operators (AO). The AO is a new job classification for the City, allowing the OFD to better serve the community. The extra ambulance placed into service increases the Department's ability to run multiple medical aids during peak times and will improve response times to medical emergencies. The AO is a limited term appointment, allowing for mentorship and a hiring pool for those looking for a career in the fire service.



The Paramedic Membership program was rebranded and launched on the OFD website allowing members to enroll or renew online. The membership writes off any out-of-pocket costs, such as co-pays, deductibles, etc., for OFD treatment and transport. Memberships for residences and businesses with less than 10 employees are \$60 per year. For more info visit [orangecityfire.org](https://www.orangecityfire.org) or call 714-288-2534.

EMS training continued throughout the year including topics such as Mental Health and Peer Support, Weapons of Mass Destruction and dosimeters; and patient assessment and treatment in austere environments such as structure fires, automobile extrications, and wildland environments. The entire Department was recertified for CPR in February and March, with Paramedics also completing the American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support course. In August, three Firefighters started their Paramedic training at OCEMT in Lake Forest with a completion date in Spring 2023.





## SERVICES SECTION

### DEPUTY CHIEF DOUG YATES

Deputy Chief Doug Yates commands the Fire Administration and Fire Prevention Divisions, which together make up the two main divisions of the Services Section of the department. Additionally, the Deputy Chief 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 \$36 million dollar budget, as well as continued facility upgrades and fire station repairs. The completion of our new Fire Station 1/ Headquarters located at 1176 E. Chapman Ave brought much excitement to both the Administration and Suppression divisions. This is a 29,000 sq. ft. building with four apparatus bays along with a 5,000 sq. ft. building for apparatus storage as well as disaster supply storage. Significant equipment purchases in 2022 were the addition of 21 mobile VHF radios as well as 120 BKR 5000 VHF pack sets. The radio upgrades were needed to support our personnel in our All-Risk approach to support the city, county, and state missions. In 2022 we took possession of one Type 1 fire engine along with two Chevrolet Tahoe command vehicles.

The Fire Prevention Division was responsible for 3,830 inspections throughout 2022. The Prevention Division led the inspection and life safety coordination of 43 special events. We saw a significant increase in attendance with our special events, such as the 3rd of July event, International Street Fair, the annual Treats in the streets and the annual Christmas tree lighting. The Arson division investigated over 70 fire incidents in the city and assisted our neighboring agencies with five investigations. Our CERT training consisted of the completion and graduation of two CERT academies and one recertification class.

Major projects in 2022 included the completion of our state-of-the-art Fire Station 1/ Headquarters. Additionally, we managed the research and development of several new safety items and new fire apparatus. All these activities were completed with the goal of improved safety, preparedness, recovery, and customer service.

The functions of the Services Section are instrumental in fulfilling the Fire Department's 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." We are committed to providing excellent service in the present and preparing for the future.





## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

### ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN MATT NELSON

The Administrative Captain is responsible for implementing the logistical plans of the department through preparation and management of the Fire Department budget, purchasing and servicing of tools and equipment, and the coordination of maintenance and repairs for all eight fire stations. Here are some of the Administrative Captain's accomplishments in 2022:



#### Mutual Aid Reimbursements

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, "drastic climatic and ecological conditions led to the anticipation of a potentially above-average wildfire season on the heels of two previous seasons in 2020 and 2021. However, while the number of fires in 2022 was only slightly below the 5-year average, the total acreage burned was well below the 5-year average; 363,917 acres burned in 2022 versus 2,322,496 acres burned on average in the past five years. Despite the 'quiet' year as measured in acreage, a number of significant wildfires burned in California in 2022; these include the Oak Fire in Mariposa County, which burned over 180 structures, the McKinney Fire in Siskiyou County, which caused 4 fatalities, and the Mosquito Fire in Placer and El Dorado counties, which was California's largest wildfire of the year." In 2022, the Orange City Fire Department provided valuable manpower and equipment for 19 wildfires as part of the Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of California. The Administrative Captain was responsible for maintaining and submitting accurate records in order to receive reimbursement for the resources provided to these incidents.

#### Apparatus and Equipment

The top priority of the Fire Department is to provide for the safety of its personnel and the public we serve. Making sure that our firefighters are properly equipped to perform their duties is essential to the mission. The Fire Department received one new Type 1 fire engine and two new command vehicles. The Type 1 fire engine will be used primarily for structural firefighting, while the command vehicles will be used for incident management by members of the Command Staff. The Fire Department was also able to replace the inventory of its VHF mobile and handheld radios. These radios are key to local, regional, and statewide mutual aid response communications. They allow us to operate on emergency incidents with both Cal Fire and the United States Forest Service.

#### Fire Stations

The construction of the new Fire Station 1 and Headquarters was completed in September 2022. This facility serves the portion of the city within a two-mile radius of Old Towne Plaza and is located at 1176 East Chapman Avenue. It accommodates both Fire Station 1 and Fire Headquarters.



**Ryan Cabote**  
IT Specialist





## FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

### CAPTAIN RYAN O'CONNOR

Deputy Fire Marshal Captain Ryan O'Connor supervises the Prevention Division under the management of Fire Marshal, Deputy Chief Doug Yates. The staff is composed of three Fire Safety Specialists, two Hazardous Materials Specialists and two Plan Examiners. A Senior Office Assistant and a part-time Office Assistant perform the administrative functions of the Division.

The Prevention Division added a second Plan Examiner position to review construction plans that are submitted to the city's building division. The Plan Examiner ensures that proposed construction meets the minimal fire, life-safety requirements of the California Fire Code. In day-to-day activity, the examiner works closely with various city departments including the Building Division, Planning Division, Public Works, and the Water Department. The addition of the second Plan Examiner has dramatically increased the speed and efficiency of reviewing construction plans, which in turn, allows the Fire Department to provide our customers with enhanced service.

As a participating agency within the Orange County Certified Unified Program Agency, the Orange City Fire Department has two designated Hazardous Materials Specialists (HMS) with a mission to provide regulatory oversight and technical guidance to business owners as well as first responders dealing with hazardous materials. The HMS ensures hazardous materials are handled and stored in compliance with the California Fire Code and Health and Safety Code. They are trained to handle hazardous materials spill incidents and citizen complaints of illegal dumping or abandoned hazardous materials through coordination with local HazMat Teams, ensuring public safety through proper cleanup and disposal. With more than 600 HazMat sites in the City of Orange, the HMS is a vital component to the Fire Department as they strive to protect lives, property, and the environment.

The three Fire Safety Specialists are assigned to a variety of fire inspections for the Prevention Division. Their assignments are divided into various scopes of fire regulation, including but not limited to: new construction, vegetation management, special events, and state-licensed facilities. Their inspections include new projects and annual inspections that exceed 600 inspections. Although each individual is designated to a specific assignment, the group as a whole performs a multitude of other functions that include responding to public queries, complaints, and educating the public regarding fire safety.

Our Prevention Department is committed to preventing fires, the loss of life and property as well as to protect the environment and increase the quality of life for our community.



**Dale Eggleston**  
Haz-Mat Specialist



**Thang Nguyen**  
Haz-Mat Specialist



**Rosie Flores**  
Plans Examiner



**Lucy Echevarria**  
Plans Examiner



**George Jediny**  
Fire Safety Specialist



**Robert DeSimone**  
Fire Safety Specialist



**Gabriela Menendez**  
Fire Safety Specialist





## FIRE INVESTIGATION/ARSON UNIT

### INVESTIGATOR JIM SPRIGGS

Fire Investigator Jim Spriggs completed his fifth year as Fire investigator 1. This position is responsible for the investigation of fire and explosion incidents, determining cause and origin of such incidents, documentation of resulting damage and injuries, and is on call 24 hours a day. This position is also responsible for coordinating with Orange Police Department and the Orange County District Attorney's Office in terms of prosecution of arson suspects and coordinating counseling and rehabilitation of youth offenders.

Investigator Spriggs participated in multiple other activities during the year including Weapons Training with the Orange Police Department, required continuing education in Investigator related training, serving as Treasurer with and participating in the Orange County Arson Task Force, responding to the cities of Fullerton and Brea to provide Fire Investigator services through agreements between agencies, coordinating Orange Fall and Spring CERT classes and refresher classes with the Orange Police Department, and mentoring apprentice Investigators.

Captain/Paramedic Anthony Gutierrez (Fire Investigator 2) continued his work with Investigator Spriggs as a "Shift Investigator" for 2022. In addition to his primary assignment as a Fire Captain at a fire station, Anthony assisted Jim as an in-city, backup resource. "Investigator Two" 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 or several investigators are necessary.

Deputy Fire Marshal/Captain Ryan O'Connor continued his work with the Fire Investigation office as Investigator 3 in 2022. Ryan retains his primary assignment as Deputy Fire Marshal and is available as a back-up resource for investigations after-hours during the week, and larger, more complex investigations.

In 2022, Investigators 1, 2 and 3 responded to 70 investigations within the city including 15 that were determined to be the result of arson. Several of these fires are still under investigation with charges pending. The Fire Investigative unit has a good working relationship and works closely with OPD. Investigator Spriggs responded to and was the lead investigator of two additional fires through agreements with Brea and Fullerton as a back-up resource.



**Anthony Gutierrez**  
Fire Captain  
Investigator 2



**Ryan O'Connor**  
Deputy Fire Marshal/PIO  
Investigator 3



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

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. Orange Fire personnel provide instruction and training in Disaster Medical Operations, Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Light Search and Rescue Operations, and Incident Command modules of the CERT Program. CERT members are dedicated to the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods by participating in exercises and training (when available).

In 2022, 55 combined volunteers graduated from the initial 20-hour CERT course, with a total number of volunteers increasing to 590 active members. The Orange CERT team has 39 members that have completed the CERT Mutual Aid Program training requirement, allowing them to assist other cities in a disaster or major emergency. With their basic skills, these community members are able to assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Join the Orange CERT team today by calling 714-744-7477 or e-mail, [CERT@orangepd.org](mailto:CERT@orangepd.org) for details on the next training class.

***Be prepared! Be a CERT volunteer!***



Jim Spriggs



Stephan Fan



Jesse Mulder



Benny Avila

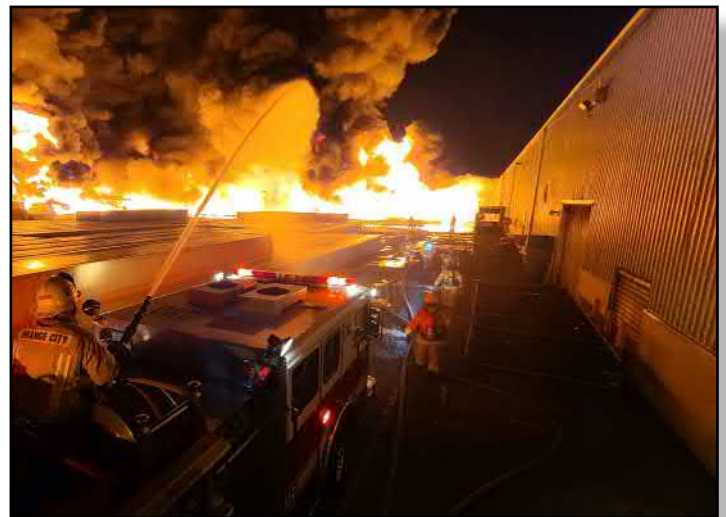


Ricky Hardy



Cole Ingle











# GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW FIRE HEADQUARTERS

Since 1969, the Orange City Fire Department has been serving the community from 176 S. Grand Street. Over the course of the last six decades, the community's needs for emergency services outweighed the capabilities of the Orange City Fire Department. On Sunday, September 10, 2022, the OFD unveiled a new, state of the art Fire Headquarters for suppression and administration on 1176 E Chapman Avenue.

The ground breaking work for the relocation began in January 2021. The city owned property that once served as the city's water department would soon be home to a fire headquarters with modern capabilities. The 1.5 acre lot allows for continued growth for the administrative bureau, training division, testing equipment, and apparatus storage to meet the city's accelerating needs. Energy efficient lighting, biotank water filtration, HVAC and emergency alert systems are a few of the notable improvements. Individual dorm rooms for firefighters was an important progressive move to meet the needs for crews as more women begin to join the fire service.

With the relocation, the city and fire department recognized the history and growth that laid the foundation for the new headquarters. A small museum is on display at the front of the fire station. The antique fire engine is the center piece of memorabilia surrounded by an old fire pole, a time capsule dated 1976, historic photos, and antique tools and equipment. The original bell that rang as the city's emergency alert system is proudly on display accompanied with a historic brass fire hydrant to honor the traditions of firefighting.

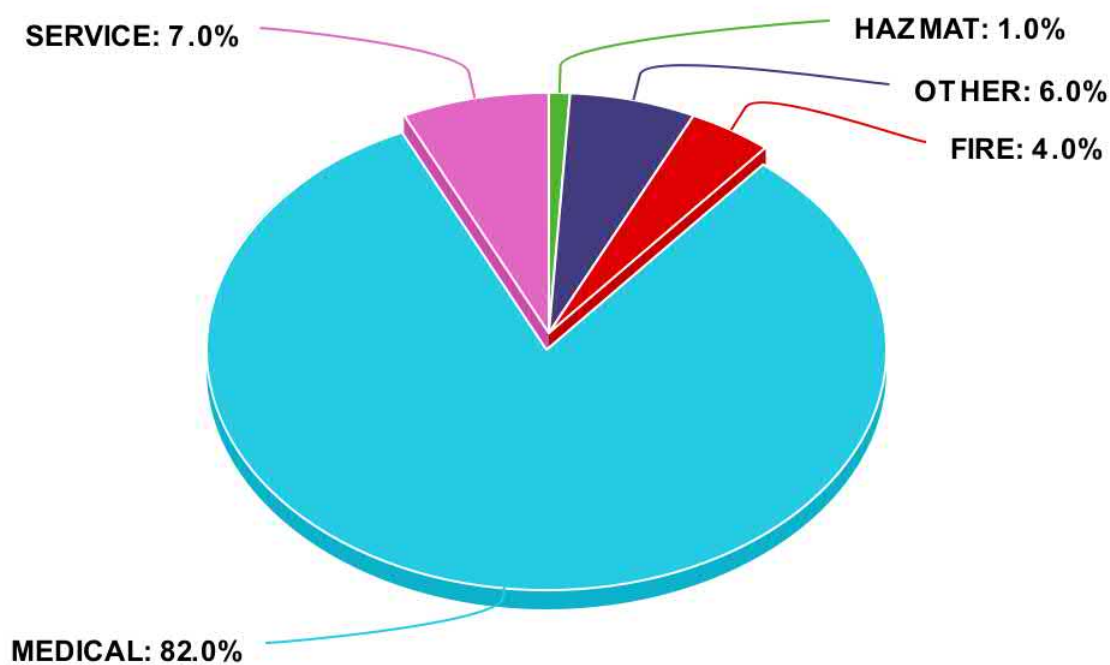
Station 1 is one of eight fire stations in the city. With a collaborative effort of city personnel, contractors, consultants, and public officials, the 29,000 square foot fire headquarters is prepared to provide exceptional customer service to the community of Orange.

Other notable features of the modern headquarters are its classic architecture, which reflects the Spanish Revival style of Old Towne Orange, and an additional apparatus bay that houses some of the department's equipment and vehicles for Wildland firefighting and Urban Search and Rescue.

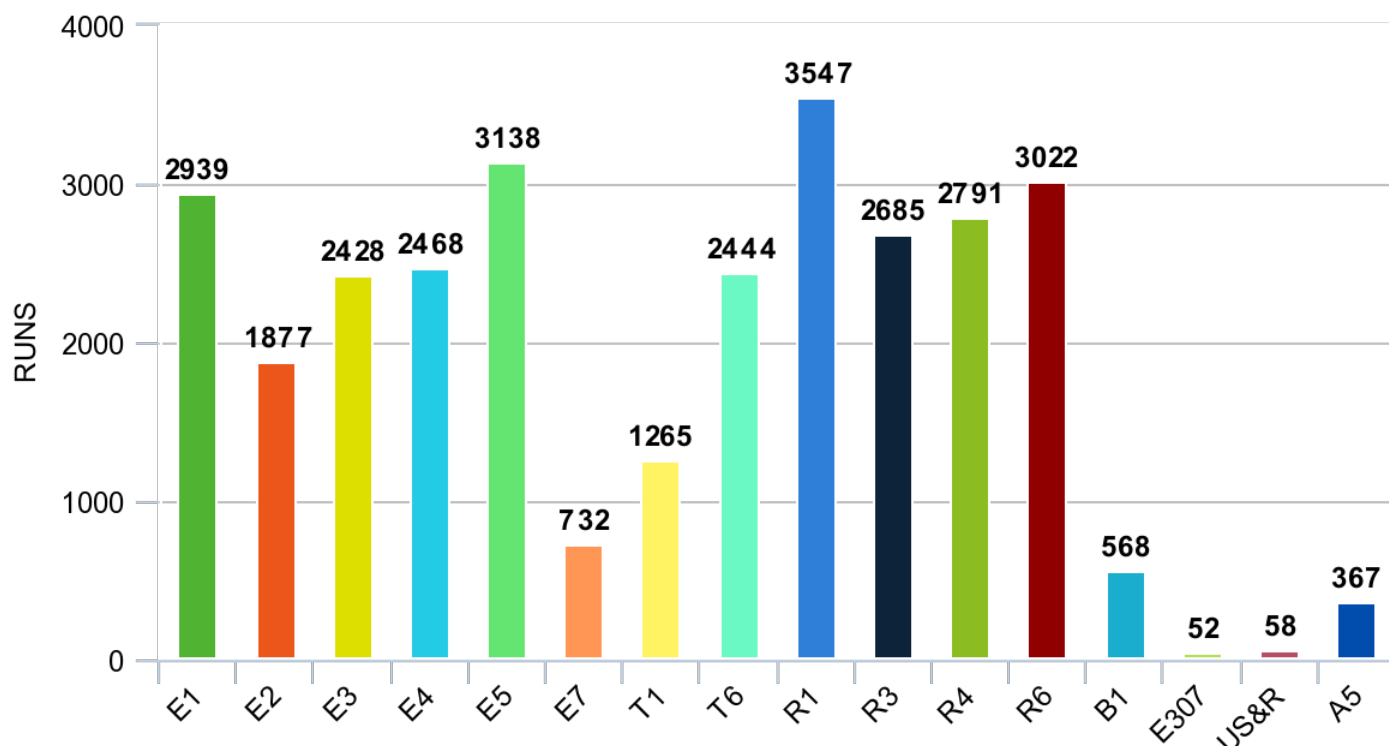
The total cost of the project was \$23 million, and was paid for through bonds issued to the city. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the public took place on October 6th, 2022, and included speeches from the Fire Chief Sean DeMetropolis as well as Mayor Mark Murphy. A luncheon followed for guests and community leaders.



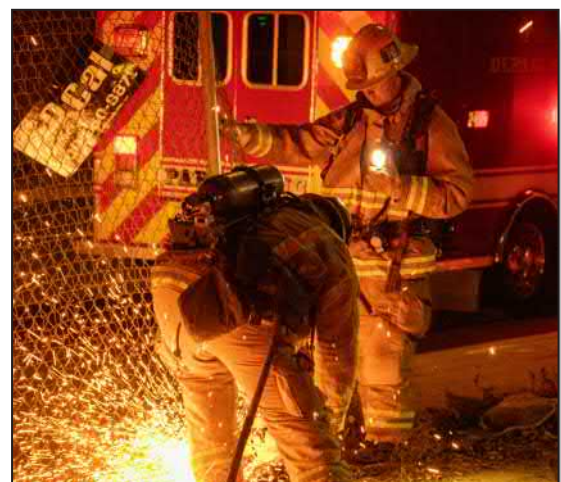
# 2022 RESPONSE STATISTICS



RUNS BY UNIT







# 2022 NOTABLE INCIDENTS

## January 7, 2022

Residential Structure Fire: Single story residential home with exposure risks. Forcible entry required in order to gain access by OT1. Knockdown in approximately 45 minutes with the assistance of 25 firefighters from OFD & OCFA in coordination with OPD. No injuries occurred

## February 9, 2022

Four Alarm Commercial Structure Fire: OE3 dispatched just after midnight to find a heavy column of smoke coming from a large 24 acre industrial property. Multiple large foam buns were on fire in the businesses' yard. The fire was fought defensively with the request of a total of four alarms for assistance from OCFA, ANA, Fullerton, OPD, & SoCal Edison. No firefighters were injured. This would become the largest and highest dollar loss fire of the year.

## February 11, 2022

Residential Structure Fire: OE3 dispatched late evening after 1900 hours to a multi story apartment complex to find a first floor garage fire with heavy smoke and fire showing. The fire spread to three garages and caused damage to the living quarters of one apartment unit. The fire was quickly knocked down with the help of OPD & ANAFD. No injuries reported.

## March 1, 2022

Commercial Structure Fire: OT6 responded in the evening to a Burger King on West Chapman Ave. After forcing entry to the structure, it was declared that the building was fully involved with no occupants inside. The fire transitioned to a defensive attack with a primary goal to contain the fire to the single building and not affect the surrounding area. Approximately 30 firefighters assisted with the extinguishment with the help of OPD. No reports of injuries occurred.

## March 21, 2022

Second-Alarm Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 3 responded to a two-story apartment complex to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the second floor. There was a report of needed rescue of three people trapped on a balcony. OE3 quickly rescued the three individuals. Orange Battalion 1 upgraded the incident to a second-alarm requesting additional resources. With the coordination of vertical ventilation, the fire was quickly knocked down in approximately 20 minutes. Twenty-five firefighters responded to the incident. Three civilians were treated and transported for minor injuries. Seven residents were displaced and received assistance from the Red Cross.

## March 25, 2022

Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 8 responded to a single family residence for an investigation with nothing showing. Upon their search, they discovered light smoke emitting from the attic of the home. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire.

## April 26, 2022

Hazardous Materials Response: Orange Engine 5 responded to reports of a hazardous materials incident on the 1200 block of W Collins. Upon arrival, OE5 found a five gallon barrel of phosphoric acid that was knocked over. OE5 swiftly isolated the incident, denied entry, and assisted with evacuations. HAZMAT teams donned PPE to neutralize the hazardous material. One employee was transported for minor symptoms from their exposure.

## May 5, 2022

Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 3 responded to a multi story, single family residence to find heavy smoke and fire venting from multiple windows on the second floor. With coordination between vertical ventilation and fire attack, the fire was extinguished in under 25 minutes. Seven family members were displaced and received assistance from the Red Cross. The family's dog, cat, rabbit, turtle and two snakes died in the blaze. There were no reported injuries.



### **May 18, 2022**

Wildland Fire Deployment: The OFD had several members of a California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Type 3 and 6 assist to combat the largest active wildland fire in the United States in the Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico. The Hermit's Peak Fire started burning April 6, while the Calf Canyon Fire started April 19. The two fires merged on April 22 with a combined size of 299,565 acres with only 26% containment. The fire had destroyed hundreds of homes and structures with over 12,000 households evacuated. The OES Task Force was committed to a 14 day deployment with the possibility of being extended to 21 days.

### **May 24, 2022**

Commercial Structure Fire: Orange Engine 1 responded to a single story commercial structure to find smoke and fire showing from the rear of the building. The incident was upgraded to a working structure fire. Orange Light Force 1 utilized vertical ventilation operations to assist interior crews with fire containment and extinguishment. The fire was quickly knocked down in approximately 15 minutes. There were no reported injuries.

### **June 25, 2022**

Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 7 responded to a two-story residential structure fire to find heavy smoke and fire showing. The incident was upgraded to a working structure fire. Crews quickly pulled hose inside the house initiated fire attack and conducting a primary search for individuals. The fire had extended from the first floor into the second story. Vertical ventilation operations were utilized to assist with combatting the blaze. There were no reports of any injuries. The fire was knocked down in approximately 24 minutes.

### **July 13, 2022**

Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 3 responded to a two-story townhome to find heavy smoke and fire venting from the second-story window. Orange Engine 3 upgraded the incident and began to attack the fire. As additional crews pulled and stretched hose lines to assist fire attack, Orange Light Force 1 provided horizontal positive-pressure ventilation, secured utilities and provided salvage operations.

### **August 5, 2022**

REMS Deployment: The Orange City Fire REMS team geared up and took off to the Yeti fire that took place in Klamath National Forest. The crew spent almost two weeks working alongside of Hot Shot crews where they delivered training, and a victim removal on rope rescue incidents that were within the main incident.

### **September 30, 2022**

Residential Structure Fire: Orange Engine 5 responded to a large apartment complex with smoke and fire showing from a unit on the second floor. After declaring the incident to a working structure fire, Orange Engine 5 passed command to Orange Battalion 1 and began making an aggressive attack on the fire. After approximately fifteen minutes the fire was knocked down. Two adults, three children and two dogs were displaced and received assistance from family.

### **November 23, 2022**

USAR Response: at approximately 2:30am, your Orange City Fire Urban Search and Rescue members responded to a traffic collision for a vehicle into building. A vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, collided with a power pole and then into an apartment complex leaving one of the unit's structural integrity compromised. Thanks to the special expertise of our USAR team, the building was made stable for the time being. The driver sustained minor injuries and was arrested by the Orange Police Department for driving under the influence.

### **December 27, 2022**

Garage Fire: Orange Truck 2 responded to the report of a residential structure fire. During investigation, Orange truck 2 found a working garage fire beneath one of the apartments unit. Orange Truck 2 and Orange Engine 4 began attacking the fire and searching for potential victims. No Firefighter or civilians were injured. The crews were able to stop the fire before it could extend into the residence.

## 2022 PROMOTIONS AND HIRES

**Casey Fieldhouse** – Promoted to Battalion Chief  
**Justin Cunanan** – Promoted to Fire Captain  
**Kevin Linehan** – Promoted to Fire Engineer  
**Blake Kaiser** – Assigned as Probationary Firefighter  
**Parker Colton** – Assigned as Probationary Firefighter  
**Tyler Jones** – Assigned as Probationary Firefighter  
**Christian Balladares** – Assigned as Probationary Firefighter  
**Ryan Clark** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Kyle Deiters** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Blake Hansen** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Sydney Jenkins** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Alex Jimenez** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Luke McDonald** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Jacob Molinaro** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Dillan Morgan** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**George Ochoa** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Ryan Pierce** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Christoval Sanchez** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator  
**Matthew Tiqui** – Assigned as Ambulance Operator



## 2022 RETIREMENTS



**Scott Conniff**  
32 YEARS

*Thank you for your  
service!*



**Jim Fournier**  
33 YEARS



## **FIRE CHIEF**

Sean deMetropolis

## **DEPUTY CHIEFS**

Doug Yates, Robert Stefano

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MANAGER**

Bryan Johnson

## **BATTALION CHIEFS**

Alan Velasco, Mike Diersing, Casey Fieldhouse

## **STAFF CAPTAINS**

Robert Lobato, Matt Nelson, Ryan O'Connor

## **FIRE INVESTIGATOR**

Jim Spriggs

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

Dale Eggleston, George Jediny, Lucy Echevarria, Robert DeSimone, Rosie Flores, Thang Nguyen  
Gabriela Menendez

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Andrea Brooks, Barbara Reid, Brian Robles, Jennifer Wilson-Charles, Cecilia Santos

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