



# City of Santa Ana Fire Services Month End Report February 2017



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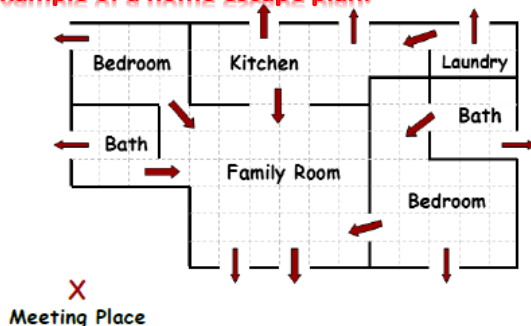
## NEWS AND EVENTS

### February safety message- Home Escape Plan

According to CAL FIRE, only 33 percent of American families have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Remember, every second counts during a fire. Create and practice a home escape plan so you and your family can get out quickly if the smoke alarm sounds. Households should practice home fire drills at least twice a year, making the drills as realistic as possible.

- ◆ Know what to do if a fire occurs.
  - Smoke and heat rise, so crawl low as you follow your escape plan.
  - Feel doors for heat before opening them. If a door is hot, leave it closed and use your secondary exit.
  - As you evacuate, close doors behind you to slow the spread of fire and smoke.
  - Go immediately to your outside meeting place. Call 9-1-1 from outside your home.
  - Once you're out, stay out. Never go back inside a burning building for any reason.
- ◆ Know what to do if trapped by fire.
  - Close the door. Use towels, linens, or clothing to seal door cracks and prevent smoke from entering the room.
  - Call 9-1-1 and tell emergency responders where you are in the home.
  - When firefighters arrive, signal for help from the window.

#### Example of a home escape plan:



1. Draw a floor plan or map of your home including all doors and windows.
2. Mark two ways out of every room.
3. Pick an outside meeting place in front of and a safe distance from your home.
4. Practice your escape plan twice a year. Teach children to escape on their own.
5. If the smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

**New OCFA Board of Directors member**

Please join us in welcoming Councilmember Juan Villegas, to the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors. Councilmember Villegas represents geographic ward 5 in the city of Santa Ana and is a 27-year veteran of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He is compassionate about serving the community, and his dedication and commitment have earned him several recognitions.



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**February 7  
Firefighter of the Year- Albert Morales**



The Elks Santa Ana Lodge # 794 presented an award to firefighter Albert Morales, with the "Firefighter of the Year" award. Firefighter Morales started his fire service career in 2004 and joined OCFA in 2012. He is the lead instructor on wildland firefighting for our recruit firefighters, as well as for the Wildland Chainsaws course. Firefighter Morales assists with the Peer Fitness program and holds the record for the Tower personal training fitness test. In his spare time, Albert volunteers at his children's school and helps aspiring firefighters prepare for fire service careers.

**February 22  
CERT Program**



Meet our newest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) #6 training graduates. The program prepares individuals to assist their community following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. This program is offered at no cost to the community. For additional details, contact Steve Rhyner via telephone (714) 647-5315 or email [srhyner@santa-ana.org](mailto:srhyner@santa-ana.org).



## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

<p><b>Refuse Fire-</b> February 11 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Chief Morganstern</p>	<p>At 5:50 a.m., OCFA dispatchers received a report of smoke near Interstate 5 and Broadway. Firefighters extinguished the fire in approximately 20 minutes, which involved personal belongings. SAPD is leading the investigation with the assistance of fire investigators, and the coroner was requested for one civilian death. Caltrans was requested to evaluate the overpass for heat damage.</p>
<p><b>Swift Water Rescue-</b> February 18 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Chief Espinosa</p>	<p>At 12:33 p.m., OCFA units were dispatched to the area of West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and North Fairview Street for a report of three individuals moving down the center of the channel in the Santa Ana River. Fire units were positioned along several bridges throughout the city in minutes. At First Street, a mother and daughter were pulled from the moving water by Santa Ana police Officers G. Esparza, E. Elizalde, D. Gonzalez and Cpl. R. Velasquez. As the search continued, a young boy was found near the West 5<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. The incident commander coordinated getting ground units to both locations for patient evaluation. All three patients were treated by paramedics and transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.</p>
<p><b>Structure Fire-</b> February 18 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Chief Espinosa</p>	<p>At 1:47 p.m., OCFA units were dispatched to South Shannon Street for a reported tank on fire. The first unit arrived to find a commercial business with tanks of Potassium Hydroxide burning inside. The automatic sprinkler system held the fire to the containers, and firefighters controlled the fire in approximately 30 minutes. Hazardous materials teams assessed the integrity of containers and had to develop a plan to stabilize the chemicals involved. There were no reported injuries to workers or firefighters.</p>
<p><b>Structure Fire-</b> February 20 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Fountain Valley Fire Department Engine 32</p>	<div data-bbox="425 835 1003 1272" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>At 3:27 p.m., OCFA units were dispatched to West Adams Street for a report of smoke inside a house. The first unit arrived to find a two-story house with light smoke coming from a window. The fire was declared under control in approximately 20 minutes. Paramedics treated two occupants for minor smoke inhalation and transported both to a local hospital. There were no injuries to firefighters. Edison and the Gas Company were both requested to assist at the scene.</p>
<p><b>Natural Gas Leak-</b> February 20 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Chief Henery</p>	<p>At 11:19 p.m. a Natural Gas Leak Outside response was dispatched to the area of East Camille St. First arriving units found a boat repair operation that had spilled approximately 25 gallons of gasoline onto the ground that had possibly entered the storm drain system. The Hazardous Materials team was called to the scene to assess and coordinate city and county agencies involved in cleanup and mitigation of the incident. All units were clear from the incident by 4 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Kitchen Fire-</b> February 24 <b>Incident Commander:</b> Chief Espinosa</p>	<p>At 8:37 p.m., OCFA units were dispatched to Vienna Drive for a report of a kitchen fire. The first fire department unit arrived to find a double-wide mobile home with fire coming out of several windows. The fire was controlled within 20 minutes and contained to the mobile home of origin. There were no injuries to occupants or firefighters although eight residents were displaced.</p> <div data-bbox="993 1514 1507 1887" data-label="Image"> </div>

**Structure Fire-**  
February 27  
**Incident Commander:**  
Chief Espinosa





At 2:32 p.m. OCFA units were dispatched to West 2nd Street for a reported explosion with windows blown out. The first fire department unit arrived to find a two-story townhome with fire coming from the garage and first story. Approximately 40 firefighters controlled the fire in 45 minutes and contained the fire to the unit of origin. One adult sustained serious burns and was transported to the burn unit. SAPD, OCSD bomb squad, and fire investigators worked together to investigate the incident.

## INCIDENTS BY MAJOR CATEGORY

	Fire	Over-Pressure Rupture	EMS / Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural	Other	Total
<b>1/30/2017 to 2/5/2017</b>	10	0	335	5	4	45	10	0	97	506
<b>2/6/2017 to 2/12/2017</b>	5	1	336	4	16	46	23	0	81	512
<b>2/13/2017 to 2/19/2017</b>	8	0	329	19	19	49	15	0	56	495
<b>2/20/2017 to 2/26/2017</b>	15	0	300	3	5	28	12	0	69	432
<b>Total</b>	38	1	1,300	31	44	168	60	0	303	1,945

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

<b>February 1 Administrative Captain</b>	Administrative Captain Stephen Horner provided a presentation on Light Search & Rescue for the Community Emergency Response Team program at Centennial Park.
<b>February 2 Administrative Assistant, Community Education</b>	Administrative Assistant Jocelyn Casillas and Community Educator Milton Neira held an informational meeting for the Community Emergency Response Team Amateur HAM Radio program.
<b>February 7 Engine 75, Community Education</b>	Crew, Community Relations and Education Supervisor Randy Harper, and Community Educator Milton Neira provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from OC Home School in Santa Ana.
<b>February 7 Engine 74</b>	Crew provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Washington Elementary.
<b>February 9 Community Education</b>	Community Educator Milton Neira provided a presentation on disaster and emergency preparedness to the Parent-Teacher Association at Fremont Elementary School in Spanish.
<b>February 15 Community Education</b>	Administrative Captain Stephen Horner provided a presentation on Disaster Medical #1 training for the Community Emergency Response Team program at Centennial Park.
<b>February 17 Community Education</b>	Community Educator Milton Neira provided a fire safety tour of Orange County Fire Authority Headquarters for the Consulado de México en Santa Ana group.

<p><b>February 17</b>  <b>Administrative</b>  <b>Captain, dispatcher</b></p>		<p>Fire Captain Stephen Horner and Dispatcher Samantha Maria Soto assisted in the activation of the Santa Ana Emergency Operations Center to monitor storm impacts and manage resources effectively.</p>
<p><b>February 20</b>  <b>Truck 71</b></p>	<p>Crew provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to the public.</p>	
<p><b>February 21</b>  <b>Engine 74,</b>  <b>Community Education</b></p>	<p>Crew and Community Education Specialist Milton Neira provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at South Coast Metro Children’s Village in Santa Ana.</p>	
<p><b>February 22</b>  <b>Community Education</b></p>	<p>Community Education Specialist Milton Neira provided a fire safety presentation on smoke alarms and heaters to a local businesses.</p>	
<p><b>February 22</b>  <b>Administrative Captain</b></p>	<p>Administrative Captain Stephen Horner provided a disaster and emergency preparedness presentation to the City of Santa Ana Emergency Operations Center.</p>	
<p><b>February 22</b>  <b>Administrative</b>  <b>Captain, Engine 74,</b>  <b>Engine 77</b></p>	<p>Administrative Captain Stephen Horner and crews supported the final skills class of the city of Santa Ana’s CERT #6 program.</p>	
<p><b>February 25</b>  <b>Administrative</b>  <b>Captain, Engine 77</b></p>	<p>Administrative Captain Stephen Horner and crew provided a static display and fire safety information at the Mini Townsend Resource Faire.</p>	
<p><b>February 25</b>  <b>Engine 75</b></p>	<p>Crew provided a static display and engine tour to parents and students of El Sol Academy during their Music Arts Festival.</p>	
<p><b>February 27</b>  <b>Truck 75</b></p>	<p>Crew provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to KidsWorks.</p>	