

Greetings OC Employees,

Whatever your winter holiday traditions, customs and activities, I send to all members of the County of Orange family my best wishes for joyful, good times with your family and friends and my hope that you will have a very happy, healthy new year.

Happy holidays,

Mike Giancola
County Executive Officer



Deputy District Attorney Dennis Bauer Volunteers as Poll Worker 16 Elections to Date

On an average day, Senior Deputy District Attorney **Dennis Bauer** can be found serving the OC community by prosecuting criminal cases, as he has for the past 36 years. Come election season, however, Dennis serves the community by wearing a much different hat – that of a volunteer poll worker with the Registrar of Voters (ROV). But he has only been doing that for a quarter of a century!



Senior Deputy District Attorney
Dennis Bauer

Dennis began volunteering 25 years ago after a friend from church asked him to help at a local polling place. Over the course of 16 elections, he has served as a polling place clerk and an Election Day coordinator.

“After a few elections, I was asked to become a lead coordinator, supervising several polling places and multiple area coordinators, who all have multiple polling places under them. It’s a pyramid scheme,” he jokes.

Some 4,500 volunteers are needed to successfully run an election. In addition to supporting them, the lead coordinators help set up polling places, troubleshoot equipment problems and human issues, carry extra supplies, visit polling places and assist in closing the polls. Leads also carry a County radio and are in constant communication with ROV dispatch.

“Having the radio is a real bonus, because the leads listen to all the radio traffic throughout the day, and hearing each

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other’s issues prepares us to resolve similar challenges in our own areas,” he explains.

When asked what draws him back time and again, Dennis says, “It’s the feeling of accomplishment in facilitating our participation in open and free elections, a freedom not enjoyed consistently around the world. I enjoy being on a winning team. ROV **Neal Kelley** is nationally respected for the programs and procedures we have here in the OC, and our system is a statewide model.”

Dennis deeply values the democratic process, human rights, and civil liberties, making him a natural fit for his “day job” at the Orange County District Attorney’s (OCDA) office as well as his poll worker volunteerism.

He traces his roots to a work ethic he developed growing up on several family farms and by financing his college education working at a lumber mill. After college, Dennis served in the Navy and flew carrier-based reconnaissance in Europe during the Yom Kippur War of 1974 and later at the end of the Vietnam conflict. He retired from the Navy in 1975 and immediately started law school on the GI Bill. After passing the bar exam, he was hired by the LA County District Attorney’s (LADA) office in 1979 and prosecuted 44 jury trials in his first two years on the job. He later became the LADA polygraph specialist and then specialized in street gangs before leaving LA for the OC.

Among various roles at the OCDA, he was assigned to the department’s sexual assault prosecution unit (SAU) and lectured nationally for five years on the topics of DNA, date rape drugs, and violence against women – averaging 300 to 350 hours of non-compensated annual overtime.

“While in SAU, I developed an understanding of the trauma of that kind of victimizations,” he says.”

He also says his position at OCDA enables him to work with “an internal team of committed professionals and respected members of the bench and bar. I enjoy the challenges of reacting to new law changes and the sword-play of negotiating cases. I enjoy the challenge of presenting my side of the equation in a forceful and compelling way, and knowing when to ‘hold ’em’ and when to ‘fold ’em.’” ■

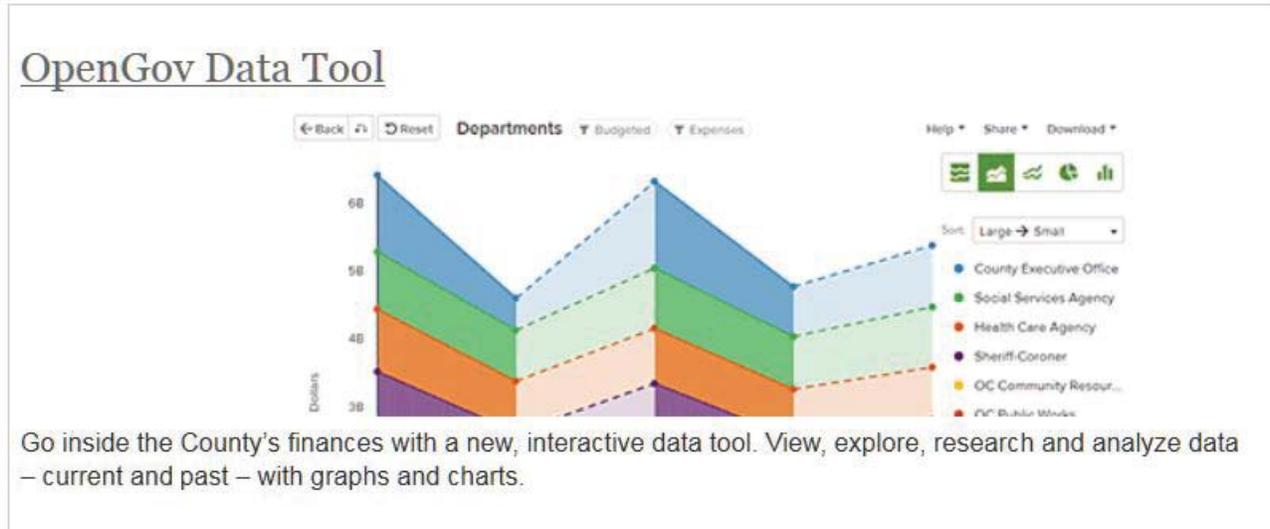
OC Waste & Recycling Poll Worker Stays in Town to Volunteer (For a Change)



Karalyn Meeh, OC Waste & Recycling’s budget and finance services manager, is no stranger to volunteering. After returning from her tenth trip to Rwanda, where she travels annually to oversee a child-sponsorship program, she decided to expand her volunteerism to local civic duty, as a poll worker. “I really enjoy being involved with the election process,” Karalyn said. “When I think about the price it has cost those who came before us to ensure our freedom and our right to vote, and for all the hard work that goes into the election process, sacrificing one day of my time is a very small way to show my appreciation.”

Recommend a colleague to be profiled! Send submissions to Jessica.Good@ocgov.com.

New Interactive Data Tool Supports Financial Transparency



“OpenGov” offers online, finger-tip access to County budget; it’s part of a financial transparency effort made accessible via technology.

For members of the general public and County of Orange employees alike, a new, online financial data tool provides access to the County budget like never before. And it provides the ability to analyze and share financial data in a few clicks.

Launched Nov. 19, the tool is called OpenGov. It is one element of the County’s effort to deliver financial transparency.

Through OpenGov, users can, for example, find budget reports and spending and revenue details displayed in highly readable graphs and charts. Users also can drill down into details of individual or multiple County departments and agencies, to compare, contrast and analyze current and historical data.

It offers County employees opportunities for analyzing and presenting budget data, using a dynamic, interactive tool that is updated monthly and features user-friendly graphical illustrations. It also features the “Top 10 Data Sets” online landing page.

The launch of OpenGov has been months in the making. **Kathleen Long**, financial planning manager, has been in the driver’s seat, validating budget and actual data delivered by the Auditor-Controller, working with OpenGov to customize the Orange County views on the site, and training colleagues. The system is one outcome of a financial transparency initiative sparked by Chief Operating Officer **Mark Denny** and **Mike Kerr**, assistant to the COO.

Click here to try it out:

<http://ocgov.com/about/openoc> ■

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Journeys Through Orange County's Origins, Obstacles and Opportunities

Entering Bear Country *By Chris Jepsen*

To experience “old Orange County,” visit our back country – the canyons, wetlands, wilderness parks, and of course, the Santa Ana Mountains. In “the shadow of Old Saddleback” one can still find mountain lions, salamanders, mule deer, bats, snakes, badgers, golden eagles, woodpeckers, and innumerable other wild animals. Sycamores line our creeks, oaks grace our mountains and valleys, pines top the ridges, and the chaparral and coastal scrub brush give our rolling hills not just the look but also the distinct smell of Old California.

Some species that once roamed Orange County – like wolves, antelope, and California condors – are gone, but still survive elsewhere. Others, like saber-toothed cats and duck-billed dinosaurs are extinct now.

Notably, the Santa Ana Mountains were the last refuge of our state animal: The California grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos californicus*). These bears once roamed our flatlands until a growing human population made them head for the hills. The local Indians thought the deity Chinigchinich sent bears (which they called “Hunwutvum”) down from the mountains to punish people for their transgressions.

Bears were a threat to livestock during the Mexican rancho era, and vaqueros made a sport of tracking and lassoing them prior to killing them or dragging them off to participate in gory bull and bear fights. In such fights, a bear and a long-horned bull were chained together in a corral or pit, and spectators would bet on which animal would survive.

In the decades after California joined the Union, bears were still hunted – sometimes after attacks on livestock, apiaries, or people, but sometimes

just for sport. Ultimately, even the mountains weren't safe for the bears.

The very last of Southern California's grizzlies – a female, misleadingly nicknamed “Little Black Bear” – was shot somewhere above Holy Jim Canyon in 1908. The bear's skin was displayed in the window of Turner's Shoe Store in Santa Ana (121 W. 4th St.) before being sent to the Smithsonian, along with the bear's skull.



A California Grizzly (taxidermied) on display at the Old Courthouse. Photo by Chris Jepsen.

In 1975, when historian Jim Sleeper contacted the Smithsonian for more information, they could no longer locate the pelt or skull. Our last California grizzly had vanished completely. It seemed an especially sad ending to an already sad story.

But earlier this year, while assisting local naturalist Joel Robinson with research, Museum Specialist Esther Langan finally found our furry friend (the bear, not Joel) in a Maryland storage facility of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History. So the story of Little

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Black Bear continues. And so, it would seem, do her cousins...

Although the last California grizzly died here over a century ago, hikers, game wardens, forest service employees, and even marines at Camp Pendleton have reported rare sightings of black bears (*Ursus americanus*) ever since. According to *Sleeper's Boys' Book Of Bear Stories*, the bears occasionally seen today are probably descended from escaped pets. One such bear, trained to ride a bicycle, escaped from its owner near Corona in 1973 and into the Santa Ana Mountains. If you hear a bicycle bell in the woods, run. ■



Early OC attorney E.E. Keech (right) and friend, bear hunting circa 1900. Photo courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

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Human Resource Services News You Can Use

Open Enrollment has Closed – Health Plan ID Cards on the Way

If you made a benefit change during Open Enrollment and/or completed OC Healthy Step 3 (Non-Smoking Attestation), the Benefits Center mailed your personalized Benefits Confirmation Statement within 10 days after your election. Upon receipt of your Confirmation Statement, you have 10 business days to report any corrections to your elections to the Benefits Center. If you did not make any elections during Open Enrollment, you will be mailed a Confirmation Statement by mid-December confirming your 2015 benefits coverage and related costs.

If you have changed health plans, your new health plan ID cards will be mailed to you prior to Jan. 1, 2015. If you do not receive your ID cards, please call your new health plan. If you need your health plan's phone number, please call or visit the Benefits Center. If you added a dependent during Open Enrollment, don't forget

to **return the Dependent Verification Form and required supporting documentation to the Benefits Center no later than Dec. 31, 2014.** Without the required documentation, your dependent coverage will not be effective on Jan. 1, 2015 even if you received your health plan ID cards. Your next opportunity to add your dependent will be Open Enrollment for 2016.

The new 2015 health plan and other benefit rates will be reflected on your Jan. 2, 2015 paycheck. Your 2015 benefit rates can be found on your Confirmation Statement or by visiting the Benefits Center website at: www.benefitweb.com/countyoforange.html -- click on My Benefits then Coverage Details.

If you have any questions, please call the Benefits Center at (866) 325-2345, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except on holidays.

Around the County News, Events and Happenings



Bob Hope USO Opens at John Wayne Airport (JWA)

On Nov. 10, JWA joined the airports across the nation that welcome troops and their families, a tradition dating back 73 years. A grand opening event commemorated the milestone. The festivities included a ribbon-cutting and tour of the USO Center, along with congratulatory remarks made by Board of Supervisors Chairman **Shawn Nelson** and Bob Hope USO Chairman Rear Admiral Steve Briggs, USN (ret). The USO Center features a stocked canteen, movies, travel assistance and free Wi-Fi for members of the military and their guests. It is located in JWA Terminal B, next to the baggage claim area on the Arrivals Level. [Read more.](#)



Pictured (l-r) Sergeant Nick Huttinga, U.S. Army National Guard; Petty Officer 2nd Class Grant Cooper, U.S. Navy; Private Jozlyn Brown, U.S. Army National Guard; Petty Officer 3rd Class Everett Nonles, U.S. Navy; Sergeant Eddie Reyes, U.S. Army.

Clerk-Recorder Launches Passport Services in South County



Clerk-Recorder Nguyen and 5th District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett cut the ribbon to officially open the passport services office for business.

The OC Clerk-Recorder Department has begun accepting and processing passport applications at its South County branch, another step taken by Clerk-Recorder **Hugh Nguyen** to increase accessibility to the services offered by his department. The addition of passport services at the South County branch office creates a one-stop shop for applicants born in Orange County. Applicants can obtain their birth certificate at the downstairs main office, and then apply for a passport at the upstairs office. Supervisor **Lisa Bartlett** participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, held Nov. 20. The branch location is 24031 El Toro Rd., Suite 150, in Laguna Hills. Hours are 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. [Read more.](#)

Around the County continued

OC Parks Becomes Beneficiary of 2,500 Open Space Acres Gifted to County

At its Nov. 18 meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted to accept 2,500 acres of open space donated to the County by the Irvine Company, for preservation and public recreation. The donation enables additional connectivity to the 20,000 acres the Irvine Company gave to the County in 2010, which marked the largest single donation of land to the County in its history. The gifted land previously was slated for construction of approximately 5,000 homes and is made up of four separate parcels, one in Anaheim and three in Orange. [Read more.](#)



One of the gifted land parcels is Mountain Park, located near the 91 Freeway and 241 Toll Road in Anaheim Hills. It is surrounded on three sides by land already owned by the County and managed by OC Parks.

Haster Basin Project Yields Award for OC Parks and OC Public Works

The Orange County Business Council has announced the recipients of its 4th Annual Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards, a program developed to recognize leaders, policies and programs in local government that eliminate barriers to economic growth and private sector jobs creation. The Haster Basin Recreation Pak received the Award for Sustainable and Green Development, which recognized the effort's improvement of a 100-year-old flood protection system and addition of "two acres of high-quality park land to an area in need of recreational space. What was previously a lightly-used jogging path is now a highly-frequented park with an updated jogging path, added soccer fields, new facilities, a playground, and much-needed water quality improvement. The community support for this project is outstanding, with noticeably increased traffic through the park since its opening in February," according to the Council's news release.

HCA Helps Employees Prepare for Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, getting a seasonal influenza vaccination is the best way for you and your family to be prepared. The annual vaccination program for County employees expanded its reach in November. In addition to offering vaccinations at Employee Health Services, HCA provided them to employees in a make-shift clinic set up in the Hall of Administration. Since early October, HCA has provided more than 1,340 vaccinations to County employees. If you were not able to take advantage of the County program, you are encouraged to get the immunization from your health care provider or at one of many community locations offering the vaccination. [Click here](#) for the flu vaccine location finder. [Click here](#) for more information about influenza vaccinations.



Around the County continued

District Attorney's Office and Partners Provide Thanksgiving Dinners for At-Risk Youth



(left to right) Detective David Lopez, Garden Grove Police Department; Sergeant John Reynolds, Garden Grove Police Department; Deputy Christopher Emerson, OCSD; Deputy Gerry McCann, OCSD; and Deputy Tim Walker, OCSD.

For the fifth year in a row, at-risk students who succeeded in the District Attorney's Orange County Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP) challenge to improve their attendance, behavior, and grades were awarded a complete turkey dinner. Approximately 855 students successfully completed the challenge and each earned a holiday dinner donated by Ralph's, Food 4 Less, and Saddleback Church, complete with side dishes to enjoy with their families. The holiday meals were distributed at participating schools Nov. 19 by deputy district attorneys, police officers, deputies, investigators, probation officers and OC GRIP staff. [Read more.](#)

OC Waste & Recycling Ramps up Participation in America Recycles Day

Spurred by OCWR's social media campaign, more than 700 residents brought old paint, e-waste, household chemicals and batteries for proper disposal to the Nov. 15 America Recycles Day at the County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers.

Using Tweets, Facebook posts and emails, along with local newspaper announcements, OCWR's pre-event promotion generated a 26-percent increase in participation over the average Saturday. Types of hazardous waste materials collected included cleaning, gardening, and painting products; propane tanks and other flammable products; and e-waste such as computer monitors and TVs. All customers received a free pizza voucher and a coupon for a free child admission to the OC Discovery Cube and the Eco Challenge exhibit there in recognition of their support for the environment. You can see OC residents and OCWR's Community Outreach Ambassadors in action at the Anaheim center in OCWR's Flickr albums: [America Recycles Day 2014](#) and [#WeRecycle](#).



125th Anniversary Seal to Fade in History

As 2014 begins to draw to a close, Dec. 31 also marks the end of the County’s commemoration of its Quasquicentennial.

That means the OC125 seal in print and digital communication will fade into the Orange County Archives and be replaced by the regular County of Orange seal. After January 1, if you notice the commemorative 125th seal on a website, please copy and paste the URL in an email and send to ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com. ■



American Red Cross Blood Drive Set for Dec. 10 and 11

I gave blood today.

American Red Cross

It's not the fanciest accessory.
Nor the most expensive.
But to someone in need of lifesaving blood,
it's the most important.

Give Something that Means Something

All blood drive participants will receive two complimentary tickets to the Laugh Factory & Grammy Museum at LA Live, a coupon for a free Like It creation at Cold Stone Creamery, a \$5 coupon for Acapulco Restaurants, a discounted ticket offer to an Anaheim Ducks game at the Honda Center and an LA Kings game at Staples Center.

The drive takes place Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10 and 11, from 9 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. in the Bloodmobile, which will be at the Orange County Hall of Administration (333 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana).

To participate you must sign up on line: www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code OC1. Questions? Contact Employee Health Services at EHS@ochca.com or call (714) 565-3780. ■

County Holiday Activities and Programs Round Up

DANA POINT HARBOR



Several holiday themed activities are scheduled:

- IlluminOcean is a display featuring 10 oversized lighting sculptures with more than 225,000 LED lights. It runs through Jan. 4, 2015.
- 40th annual Boat Parade of Lights takes place Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- Holiday in the Harbor offers activities for families and kids, including a visit from Santa. Dec. 5, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Santa Paws is a fundraiser for the www.PetProjectFoundation.com and offers pet photos with Santa. Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- See all event descriptions visit www.danapointharbor.com

OC PARKS



Holiday special activities and events include:

- **Christmas Train** at Irvine Park Railroad (inside Irvine Regional Park). Through December.

- **33rd Annual Victorian Christmas**, offers holiday traditions of the past. Heritage Hill Historical Park, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **Christmas at the Zoo**, including story time with Mrs. Claus and a visit with Joly Old St. Nicholas. Inside Irvine Regional Park. Activities are free with paid Zoo admission. Dec. 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Heritage Hill Historical Park **Candlelight Walk**, featuring more than 1,000 luminaries, carolers and musicians. Dec. 13-14, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOPE 2014 - Food for Families

The Health Care Agency is sponsoring this special assistance program, which began in 1985 to provide food for the agency’s neediest clients during the holiday season. HCA staff work with a variety of clients ranging in age from infants through senior citizens, many of whom have serious medical and nutritional problems. The program is designed to provide these families with a holiday meal. To participate contact: **Karla Amezquita** at 714-667-5614 or KAmezquita@ochca.com.

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE



Supervisor **Shawn Nelson** invites employees to participate in the Holiday Gift Drive for **Operation Santa Claus** and **Senior Santa & Friends**. The effort was launched in 1962 when County employees joined together. It has grown to provide gifts and necessities to more than 42,000 children, teens, and families and more than 2,500 low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. Questions? Call 714-679-2438. ■

Holiday continued



From the Auditor-Controller: DD and W2

Huh? What's DD and W2?
 Bet you know already:

DD is direct deposit – as in having your paycheck directly deposited into your designated bank account. W-2 is the name of the tax information form that employers provide to employees, documenting your annual earnings.



Why are we talking about these? Because the Auditor-Controller wants to make sure you are aware that direct deposit is a great alternative to receiving a printed check:

- Convenient time-saver. You don't need to go anywhere or wait in line to deposit your paycheck; it goes directly into your account.
- Safer than mailing checks. Each year more than 4 million paychecks are lost or stolen.
- Allows immediate access to funds from virtually anywhere.
- You can have your money deposited to a savings or checking account.

It's easy to sign up for direct deposit, and only takes a few minutes. Click [here](#) for the Direct Deposit Authorization Form; submit the form to Central Payroll.

And the W2? The Auditor-Controller will send W-2s the home address of employees in January 2015. If you recently moved or changed your address, please contact Human Resources to update your address, to ensure you receive your W-2 in a timely way. ■

Congratulations

to the following County of Orange Employees on their years of service awards for the month of November.

40 YEARS

Janice M. Dunford
Child Support Services

35 YEARS

Crispina T. Beleber
Auditor-Controller

Velma A. Trevino-Brambila
Child Support Services

Lorena A. Rios
District Attorney

James D. Morris
John Wayne Airport

Jeanette A. Brone
OC Public Works

John M. Honsberger
OC Public Works

Dorothy V. Gamino
Sheriff-Coroner

Rosa I. Manzo
Sheriff-Coroner

30 YEARS

Linda Casas
Auditor-Controller

Steven A. Danley
County Executive Office

Evangelina Camarena
District Attorney

Sina A. Pousima
District Attorney

Marta McCanne
Health Care Agency

Anita R. Covey
OC Community Resources

Yolanda Monteon-Martinez
Probation

Joseph L. Saddler
Sheriff-Coroner

Kenny J. Wong
Sheriff-Coroner

25 YEARS

Patria P. Torres
Child Support Services

Lawanda Crawley
County Executive Office

Robert L. Richardson
County Executive Office

Ramona M. Macias
District Attorney

Maria E. Aguilar
Health Care Agency

Elizabeth Bausman
Health Care Agency

Bri Dewey
Health Care Agency

Grace Eskander
Health Care Agency

Virginia Fernandez
Health Care Agency

Valerie Kenekeo
Health Care Agency

Juraj Masaryk
Health Care Agency

Patricia Palacios
Health Care Agency

Brenda J. Puepke
Health Care Agency

Kathleen B. Dumas
OC Community Resources

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**25 YEARS
CONTINUED**

Dennis J. McGuire
OC Community Resources

Mary M. Collins
OC Public Works

Richard M. Licerio
OC Public Works

Louie A. Lopez
OC Public Works

Robert C. Valle
OC Public Works

Sandra K. Bloch
Probation

Ana G. Rosas
Probation

Catherine E. Stiver
Probation

Eric S. Brown
Sheriff-Coroner

Annette K. Corrao
Sheriff-Coroner

Noel D. Dela Llana
Sheriff-Coroner

Lorence J. Esslinger
Sheriff-Coroner

Marcelo E. Jimenez
Sheriff-Coroner

Kenneth M. Kropidlowski
Sheriff-Coroner

John J. O’Leary
Sheriff-Coroner

Nancy C. Rangel
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert D. Rivas
Sheriff-Coroner

Aaron L. Schulte
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert A. Scott
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert A. Stoffel
Sheriff-Coroner

Debora A. Vandor
Sheriff-Coroner

Daniel R. Velderrain
Sheriff-Coroner

Juan G. Villegas
Sheriff-Coroner

Renee L. Virgoe
Sheriff-Coroner

Laurence Werner
Sheriff-Coroner

Kathleen L. Bridges
Social Services Agency

Sherry De Hoog
Social Services Agency

Jane F. Dong
Social Services Agency

David Glidden
Social Services Agency

Frederick M. Grindle
Social Services Agency

Minh P. Ngo
Social Services Agency

Michelle D. Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Phuong-Lan T. Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Tieng V. Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Margaret E. Prima-Verbeck
Social Services Agency

Kelly J. Rice
Social Services Agency

Rebecca Servin
Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

John C. Pape
Airport Operation

Saida Lopez
Child Support Services

Rosemary Dey
County Executive Office

Sharon K. Hoang
Health Care Agency

Suzanne B. Volkas
Health Care Agency

Ralph Mugica
OC Community Resources

Alexander Solis
OC Waste & Recycling

Richard D. Cota
Probation

Paul A. Fleming
Probation

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20 YEARS CONTINUED

John C. Hall
Probation

Karen M. Maturino
Probation

Salvador E. Melgar
Probation

Gina I. Reyes
Probation

Maria C. Turner
Probation

Martha A. Sambrano-Aguirre
Public Defender

Jason L. Danks
Sheriff-Coroner

Randy S. Taylor
Sheriff-Coroner

Denise Curry
Social Services Agency

Gail L. Dempsey
Social Services Agency

Irma M. Guillen
Social Services Agency

Theresa P. Lim
Social Services Agency

Tanya M. Montoya
Social Services Agency

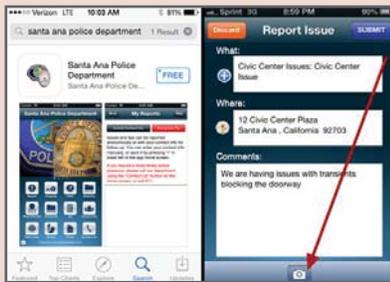
Mahonri V. Sapiga
Social Services Agency

Peter M. Swisher
Social Services Agency

Service Awards are announced in each edition of County Connection in the month immediately following work anniversaries, not in the month of the anniversary. If you believe there has been an error or omission in reporting your years of service, please email Tracy.Ayres@ocgov.com.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Free Santa Ana PD Mobile App Supports Personal Safety



For employees who work at any of the County’s facilities in Santa Ana, the Santa Ana Police Department mobile app can be used to report any type of suspicious activity, a person who appears to have a mental health disorder or issues that directly diminish the quality of life in the area. You can report anonymously or provide your contact information, and you can attach photos. Reports go directly to patrol supervisors. The free app is available for iPhone and Android.

COUNTY OF ORANGE MISSION STATEMENT

“Making Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services.”

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