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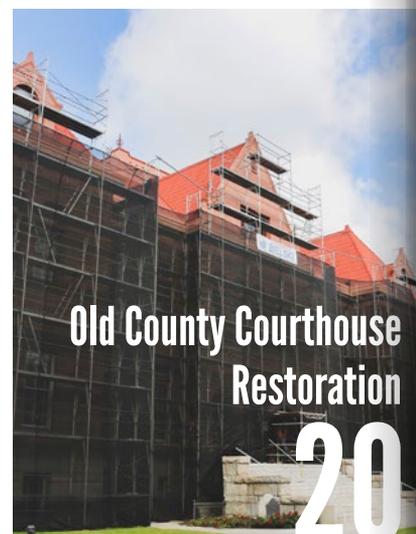
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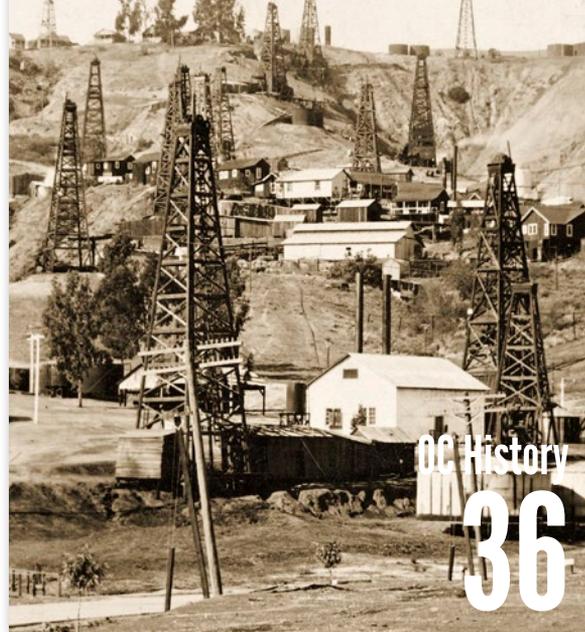
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FRANKLY SPEAKING

a message from CEO Frank Kim



FRANK KIM

While 2017 may be winding down, things are busy at the County of Orange.

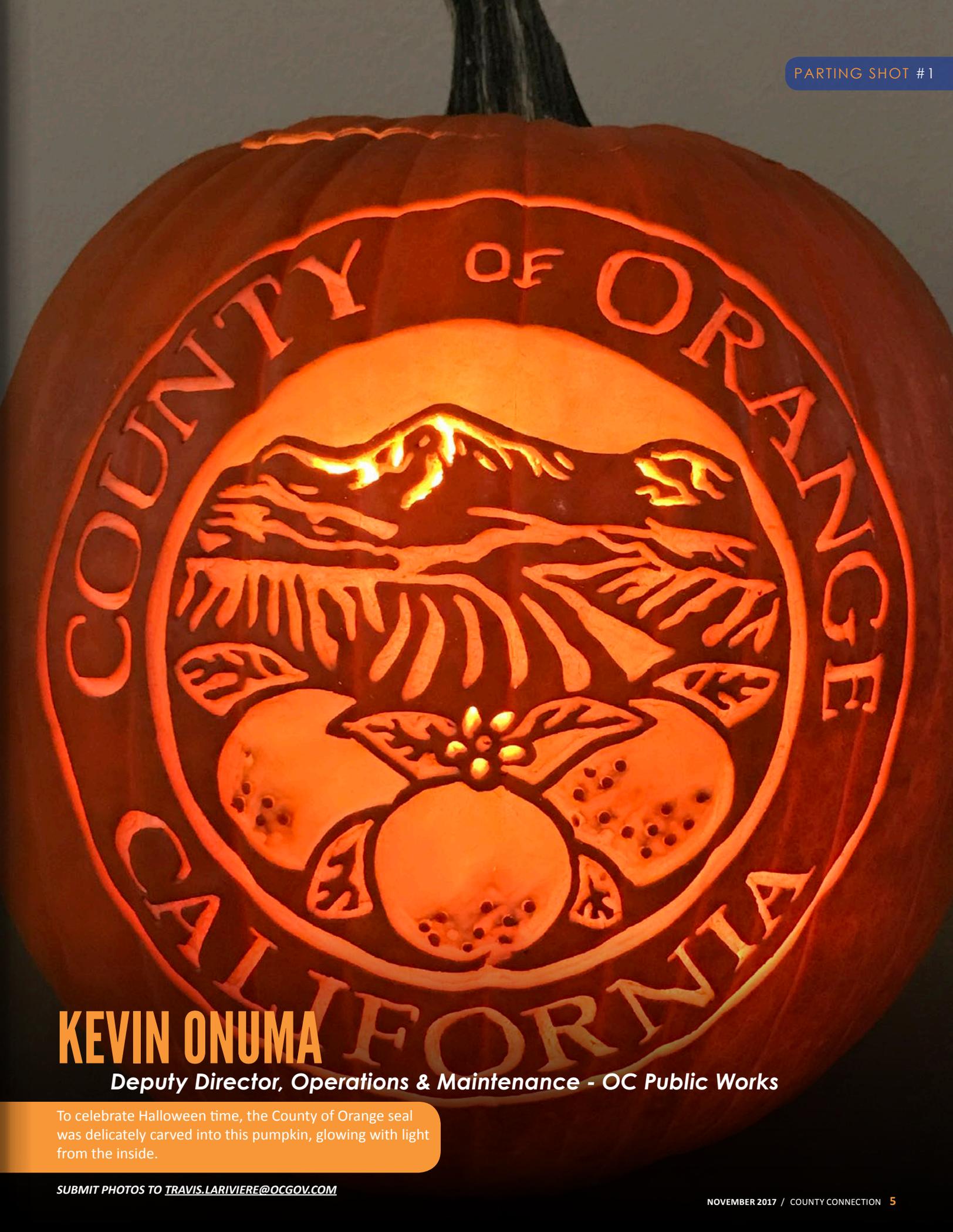
On October 9, we saw our County's Emergency Management teams spring into action with the [Canyon 2 Fire](#). For more than four days, personnel from multiple departments devoted resources to assist with the containment of one of the largest fires we have seen in more than a decade. I was on hand to see our OC Sheriff's Department Emergency Management team staffing up the Emergency Operations Center at Loma Ridge, and continued to be amazed at the ways we supported the efforts through recovery. Thank you to everyone who participated. For an in-depth look at the County's response, read the article [here](#).

Something I'd like to bring to your attention is the County's new policy regarding personal devices and records retention. Please take the time to read the article [here](#) and familiarize yourself with the policy. This is an important topic that we all need to be aware of, and ensure we are adhering to the new policy.

This month, we celebrate Veteran's Day. Thank you to all of our County employees who have served, or actively serve, in our military. I know there are many of you, and I am grateful for your service and sacrifice. A special thank you to our County Connection [Employee Profile](#) for this month, John Depko for sharing his story and for his more than 40 years of service to the County of Orange.

Lastly, as we head into the holiday season, you will see many opportunities to participate in the many ways the County offers to give back to the community. I hope you take the opportunity to do so, and to celebrate with your friends and family enjoying the traditions you hold dear.

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "Frank Kim". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a dark blue background that features a faint, stylized image of a building with a sign that says "Emergency".



KEVIN ONUMA

Deputy Director, Operations & Maintenance - OC Public Works

To celebrate Halloween time, the County of Orange seal was delicately carved into this pumpkin, glowing with light from the inside.

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EMPLOYEE PROFILE

“People here respect veterans, whatever war they fought in. I felt completely welcome with the County from day one.”

-JOHN DEPKO

JOHN DEPKO

Criminal Defense Investigator

Offices of the Orange County Public Defender

In recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is a U.S. holiday set aside to honor the nation's military veterans. Here at the County of Orange, John Depko is a veteran in every sense of the word. John is not only a veteran within the County, with a career with the **Offices of the Public Defender** spanning 42 years, he is also a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran who received both a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor.

John's military experience began in 1966, when he was drafted shortly after he turned 18.

"Two weeks after my 18th birthday, I got a letter in the mail telling me to report to the armory. It was my turn to go, so I went," John said.

John became part of the Army Infantry, following in the footsteps of his father who had served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1961 during both World War II and the Korean War. The discipline, structure and education John received growing up – through both his family life and his attendance at private Catholic schools – served him well right away in the Army, since John was selected from the enlisted ranks to be commissioned as a lieutenant.

"When I went to basic training, I thought I was going to be a private. They gave us all these tests, and the Army ended up telling me I could go to officer candidate school," John said. "What I didn't know then was that the Army was desperate to keep filling lieutenant ranks because they were seeing so many casualties in Vietnam."

So after John completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and advanced infantry training at Fort Lewis, Washington, he went on to officer candidate

school at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he became a U.S. Army infantry officer.

As a young lieutenant, John deployed to Vietnam where he was responsible for leading a platoon in the 9th Infantry Division. His platoon conducted patrols of territory – doing what John calls "jitterbugging" – being picked up by helicopter and dropped off at various potential targets multiple times throughout a given day.

John vividly remembers one such day on Feb. 6, 1969.

"We had been jitterbugging all day, and we hadn't run into any contact. It was approaching dusk, and our colonel said he was going to send us to the Binh Phouc bridge, which had been blown up a couple of times already," John said.

The bridge had recently been rebuilt, and to protect the bridge for continued use by U.S. forces, John's colonel assigned one platoon to one end of the bridge and one platoon to the other.

"They flew us in to the south end of the bridge," John said. "It was getting dark, so we didn't have time to patrol the surrounding patch of jungle. Just as I was setting my head down on my helmet, which served as my pillow at night, I saw green fireflies – or what I thought were green fireflies. They were actually tracer bullets from an AK-47."

John's platoon was under attack. His platoon members had been sleeping in a circle, with his five-person command group in the center of the circle – consisting of two radio operators, the medic, the platoon sergeant and John.

As the platoon realized that they were taking fire, a grenade hit the middle of the circle of men, striking the radio operators and taking away their ability to call in artillery or airstrikes.

John jumped into action, calling for his men to shoot back. As John and his platoon members fought back over the next several minutes, they noticed the bridge blow up and the shooting then stopped.

“Once the shooting stopped, I saw that we had eight or 10 of us wounded, and the radio operators had been killed,” John said. One of the wounded men was John himself; although he hadn’t realized it initially, John had been hit in his leg with shrapnel from the grenade.

John’s experience that day resulted in him receiving a Purple Heart, a decoration given to those wounded or killed while serving, and a Bronze Star for valor, recognizing his leadership in the platoon’s counter-attack. The attack also indirectly led John to his career with the Offices of the Public Defender, since John was wounded and taken off the front lines for about six weeks – during which time he was tasked with investigating military court cases.

“They had to find something for me to do at base camp, so they said to go down to the Judge Advocate General corps, take a four hour class, and work on minor court martial cases,” John said. He learned then how to investigate cases in which military members were accused of things like insubordination, disobeying an order, assault or battery, and going absent without leave, and he continued to help with court martial cases throughout the remainder of his three years of service in the Army.

Years later, John was utilizing his GI Bill and attending school at the University of California, Irvine, and he was looking for a part-time job. The veterans’ office mentioned an internship opportunity with the Office of the Public Defender, and John – remembering his experience with military courts – reworked his resume and applied.

“That was 1975, when I started as an intern,” John said. Following his wartime experience, John had joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War and participated in protests, and the Offices of the Public Defender appealed to him as a means of standing up for those in need. “Because of my work in the military, I had to go defense-wise. The defendant only has me and the attorney on their side, so that was a

no-brainer for me.”

From John’s initial, 90-day internship with the County, he progressed through the ranks over 35 years with the Offices of the Public Defender – all the way to a Senior Supervising Investigator position. During that time, the Public Defender’s Office was instrumental in setting up the Veteran’s Court as part of the Orange County Superior Court’s **Collaborative Courts program**, which provides specialized in multi-agency services to veterans whose troubles have landed them in criminal court.

In 2010, John retired from his full-time position with the County, but since then he has been called back three times to fill temporary vacancies within the Offices of the Public Defender, with the Alternate Defender’s office. Today, John is filling in for six months as a criminal defense investigator. He continues to be called back, he believes, due in part to the skills that he learned in the Army.

“I think I brought the military with me – organization, attention to detail, discipline and a commitment to do whatever it takes to get the job done. I may not be the greatest in the world, but I’m pretty dogged,” he said.

Reflecting on both his career with the County and his military experience, John is grateful for how the County has treated him as a Vietnam War veteran – and how the County treats all veterans.

“People here respect veterans, whatever war they fought in. I felt completely welcome with the County from day one,” John said. “There are a lot of caring people in all the departments, and it is a great family. You wouldn’t think in a county this big that there would be that kind of family atmosphere – but you can feel it.”

For additional information about the Offices of the Public Defender visit their **webpage**. Information on resources available for veterans is also available at the **OC Veterans Service Office webpage**.

PLEASE SEND PROFILE SUBJECTS FOR COUNTY CONNECTION!

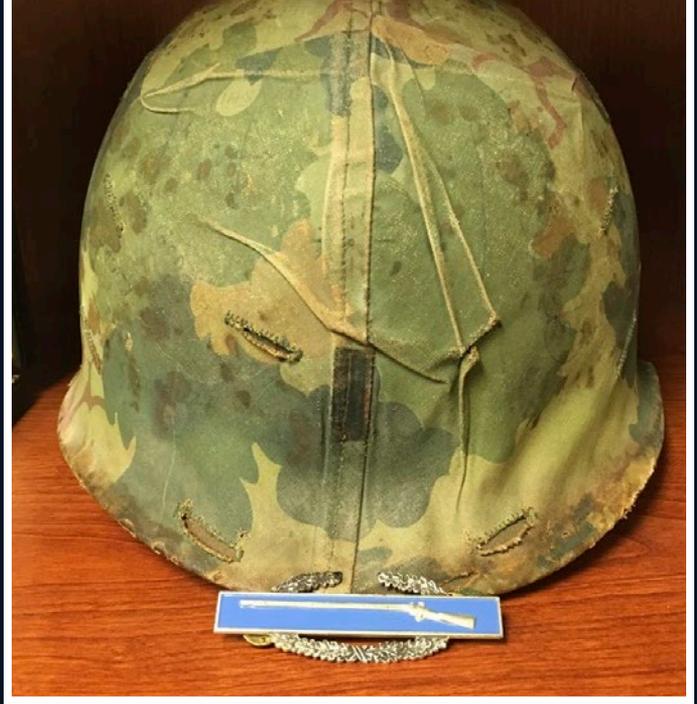
Do you know someone who would make a good employee profile? We’re looking for staff-level employees who love their job and carry the flag with enthusiasm both for their agency and the County as a whole. Send submissions to jennifer.nentwig@ocgov.com.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TRAVIS LARIVIERE / CEO COMMUNICATIONS



▲ John (middle) stands with his fellow soldiers during his time spent in Vietnam.

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▲ John's combat helmet presented with his Combat Infantry badge.

ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

The County of Orange is dedicated to supporting those who have served our country, providing veterans with financial, educational and health resources. The Orange County Veterans Service Office (OCVSO) helps lead Orange County's veteran initiatives, advocating for the rights of veterans and their dependents.

The OCVSO reports to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) and is a member of the California Veterans Service Officer Association. According to the CDVA, there are approximately 130,000 veterans who reside in Orange County, ranking the county the 4th largest veteran population in the state of California. The OCVSO serves an average of about 17,000 veterans each year.

They advise and counsel veterans through the process of submitting entitlement packages to the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration and the Cemetery Administration. The office offers a multitude of free services, such as Educational Benefits, Disability Pension Claims and Service Connected Disability. Their goal is to increase the number of benefits claims submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs., as well as getting their staff accredited at the national level, which will allow them to process more claims.

For more information about the OCVSO, visit their [webpage](#). You can also follow them on Facebook ([@OC Veterans Service Office](#)), on Twitter ([@oc_vso](#)) and on Instagram ([OC_VSO](#)).



▲ Information on the OCVSO webpage can be found at www.veterans.ocgov.com.

VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Information Provided by the OC Veteran Services Office

Bowers Museum Music for Veterans

Date: Nov. 18, 2017
Time: 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Location: 2002 North Main St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Additional info [here](#)

Fountain Valley Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Heritage Park (Behind City Hall)
17641 Los Alamos St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Additional info [here](#)

Westminster Community Service Department Senior Center Special Luncheon

Date: Nov. 10, 2017
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Senior Center Dining Room
Westminster Senior Center
8200 Westminster Blvd
Westminster, CA 92683
Additional Info: Luncheon Free for Veterans, non-Veterans pay \$4

Mission Viejo Veterans Day Event

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 2 - 5 p.m.
Location: Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

El Toro Memorial Park Veterans Day Event

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: 25751 Trabuco Road
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Dana Point Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 10 a.m.
Locations: Strands Vista Park
34201 Selva Road
Dana Point, CA 92629

San Juan Capistrano Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Veterans Park
31872 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Laguna Niguel Veterans Day Ceremony

Date: Nov. 11, 2017
Time: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Sea Country Senior & Community Center
24602 Aliso Creek Road
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Rancho Santa Margarita Recognition of Veterans

Date: Nov. 8, 2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers
22112 El Paseo
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

San Clemente Veterans Ceremony & Marine Corps Birthday Dedication of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Insignia Plaque Park Semper Fi

Date: Nov. 4, 2017
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Pier Bowl, San Clemente
Additional info [here](#)

GIVE BACK AROUND THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Courtyard Transitional Center in Santa Ana provides shelter each night for about 400 members of the homeless community. There are opportunities to give back this holiday season through donating items to the Courtyard.

Below is their current list of needed items:



ITEMS NEEDED:

- Cases of water
- Paper towels
- Coffee grounds
- Shelving system for clothing
- New or gently used blankets
- Plastic tables and chairs
- Rain Ponchos
- Flip-top plastic storage bins
- Plastic utensils
- Men's and Women's undergarments
- Large serving plates
- Laundry detergent



Donations are accepted at the **Courtyard Monday** through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. You may call us first at (714) 494-9418 to coordinate your donation drop off, but no appointment is necessary. Please ask staff for a donation receipt. Visit **CityNet's Courtyard webpage** for additional information.



BRITTANY CLEBERG

Accounting Technician - OCERS

"I captured this photo on September 26th of the sunrise and smoke from the Canyon Fire. Beauty can come from ashes."

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DESIREE REYES

Eligibility Technician - Social Services Agency

This photo was captured from Peter's Canyon following the Canyon Fire 2 in October.

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CANYON FIRE 2

- THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE -

◀ The wild fire, named the Canyon Fire 2, near Coal Canyon on the west side of Irvine Park burning towards Santiago Canyon Road.
Photo credit: OC Parks

Many County of Orange personnel were enjoying a day off for Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 9, when they were called upon to assist with a wildfire that was quickly ravaging Anaheim Hills and surrounding communities. Thousands of OC residents were forced to evacuate their homes, and major roads were closed down. Along with the Orange County Fire Authority and the 677 fire personnel deployed, many County employees took part in the emergency response and relief efforts.

The **OC Sheriff's Department** led the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), guiding emergency response efforts and helping coordinate both County and non-County agencies. Executive and management staff from across the County, such as the **County Executive Office**, **Social Services Agency**, **County Counsel**, **Health Care Agency**, **OC Waste and Recycling** and **Probation** were called to assist with emergency operations.

"The EOC is the central coordinating point for resources and information. It allows all County agencies and our response partners to co-locate and solve difficult problems," said Donna Boston, Emergency Management Division Director, OC Sheriff's Department. "The very nature of an emergency situation means that there isn't enough information, time or public safety resources available to solve the problem at its start. The EOC ensures responders are tackling complex problems and serving the whole community in areas like public information, alert and warning, evacuations, care and shelter of our community members, responder safety, and ultimately with the recovery of our community."

In addition to the OC Sheriff's Department, which helped with road closures and redirecting traffic, **OC Parks** and **OC Animal Care** also assisted with evacuation efforts. Personnel from the OC Zoo, which is part of OC Parks, evacuated more than 100 animals from the zoo with the help of OC Animal Care staff.

OC Animal Care provided board and care to small animals brought to the OC Animal Care Shelter as a result of their owners being evacuated due to the fire. Their Business Licensing and Shelter Services staff responded to the Los Alamitos Racetrack, where they helped provide care for evacuated horses.

As the Canyon Fire 2 continued on Oct. 9, the South

Coast Air Quality Management District issued a Smoke Advisory, and Orange County Health Care Agency's Public Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler published information on avoiding smoke inhalation.

At 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, the County proclaimed a local emergency in response to Canyon Fire 2. The proclamation was issued by Chairwoman Michelle Steel, **Second District Supervisor**, on behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

As Oct. 9 turned into Oct. 10, County personnel worked through the night to help respond to Canyon Fire 2. OC Waste & Recycling deployed their "fire-trained" landfill site crew who were on call to help operate the heavy equipment used for cutting roads and clearing debris. OC Public Works provided two dozers and three dozer operators for approximately 100 hours throughout the duration of the fire, cutting fire breaks along the 241 between Santiago and Gypsum Canyon.

OC Parks staff responded to fires in close proximity to them by evacuating Santiago Oaks, Irvine and later Peters Canyon regional parks due to the fire's proximity. Additionally, Yorba Regional Park was evacuated and prepared to host fire crews as a command post. Park staff helped coordinate employee responses to the fire, keeping visual contact with the fire front and communicating with other staff members, as well as fire personnel.

Throughout the day on Oct. 10, firefighters made progress in containing more and more of the fire. At 5 p.m. on Oct. 10, **evacuations were lifted** for the majority of residential areas impacted by the fire.

As residents returned home, OC Animal Care helped staff reunite with animals that had been evacuated – even going the extra mile to reunite unaccompanied horses (evacuated by concerned friends/neighbors) with their

owners by networking through various social media sites and in the community.

A Red Cross shelter, which had opened on Oct. 9 through coordination between the Social Services Agency's Care and Shelter Branch Coordinator, the City of Anaheim, and the American Red Cross, remained open through noon on Oct. 11.

On Oct. 13, a **local assistance center opened** for those affected by the Canyon Fire 2. The center served as a one-stop shop of information and resources to guide affected residents toward rebuilding their lives and many times their homes. Working alongside staff from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Division, City of Anaheim Emergency Management, OC Health Care Agency, the American Red Cross, Community Organizations Active in Disaster and more, the OC Social Services Agency led the effort to bring all the right partners together to make the local assistance center a reality. SSA team members reached out to ensure representation and resources from Health Care Agency, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Clerk-Recorder, Assessor, OC Community Resources, private insurance companies and **more**.

Following the fire, OC Parks continued to see hot spots and other hazards. OC Parks staff maintained round-the-clock coverage at 18 key locations for nearly two weeks to prevent curious members of the public entering dangerous areas and impeding the continuing work of fire crews.

Once it was safe to enter the parks, staff began the task of damage assessment. This included checking structural integrity of buildings, cataloging damaged infrastructure, examining trees and developing plans to restore public

access.

Amazingly, most of OC Parks' structures in the burned parks escaped damage, apart from the Peacock Hill stables at Irvine Regional Park, which were destroyed and red-tagged. The OC Zoo was unharmed, and all the animals had returned by the end of the week. One week after the fire, the Irvine Park Railroad Pumpkin Patch and some interior portions of Irvine Regional Park reopened. The zoo reopened the following weekend.

The Canyon Fire 2 was the biggest wildfire to hit Orange County in the past decade, causing millions in damages and forcing thousands to evacuate. But the County was there to respond, distributing necessary information, providing victims with immediate aid and connecting OC residents impacted by the fire with the resources they need to get back on their feet following the fire.

The County will continue to plan, train and prepare for emergencies such as the Canyon Fire 2. Training and drills, such as those held at the EOC, ensure staff members are ready to respond when there is an emergency.

"There is a clear benefit to emergency planning and participating in training before reporting to the EOC during a real emergency. There is a positive connection in practicing to respond that makes everyone more able to function at the optimum level during highly stressed situations," Boston said. "Training ahead of an emergency establishes the situational memory required during a real emergency situation."

All Orange County residents are encouraged to be prepared for emergencies by making a kit that includes supplies for all family members, even pets. Residents are also encouraged to have a plan for reuniting and communicating with family during an emergency. Visit **ReadyOC.org** for tips on what to include in an emergency kit and go to **AlertOC.com** to register to receive important emergency notifications.

1. (Top Left) Staff from OC Parks and OC Animal Care returned animals to the OC Zoo in Irvine Regional Park, once they were cleared to repopulate the area that had been evacuated as a result of Canyon Fire 2. Staff members had practiced an evacuation drill just a week earlier.

Photo credit: OC Register

3. (Middle Left) Some areas of the affected parks may experience extended closures to allow the land and habitat to recover, similar to the closure Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park experienced following the 2007 Santiago Fire.

Photo credit: OC Parks

5. (Bottom) During an Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting on Oct. 17, the Supervisors recognized first responders, those who ran the EOC, as well as other County and non-County agencies for their efforts during and after the Canyon Fire 2.

Photo credit: CEO Communications

2. (Top Right) Of the more than 9,000 acres damaged in the Canyon Fire 2, more than 7,000 acres are within four OC Parks regional parks: Irvine Regional Park, Santiago Oaks Regional Park, Peters Canyon Regional Park, and Irvine Ranch Open Space. Other facilities, including several regional trail segments, were also damaged.

Photo credit: OC Parks

4. (Middle Right) The OC Sheriff's Department assisted with evacuations and road closures due to Canyon Fire 2, ensuring people were not in the line of danger.

Photo credit: OCSO



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Conservation work is currently underway on the Old Orange County Courthouse south façade to help preserve the historic building. The project is part of ongoing preservation efforts to the structure, which was built in 1901 and rehabilitated in the 1980s.

The preservation efforts began on Sept. 18, 2017, and are expected to be completed by the end of 2017. The

maintenance and repair work will improve safety and performance of the exterior building features, including sandstone, granite, concrete bond beam, wood windows and gable roof/dormers.

Functions within the Courthouse remain open during the preservation work, despite the appearance of scaffolding along the south façade of the building.

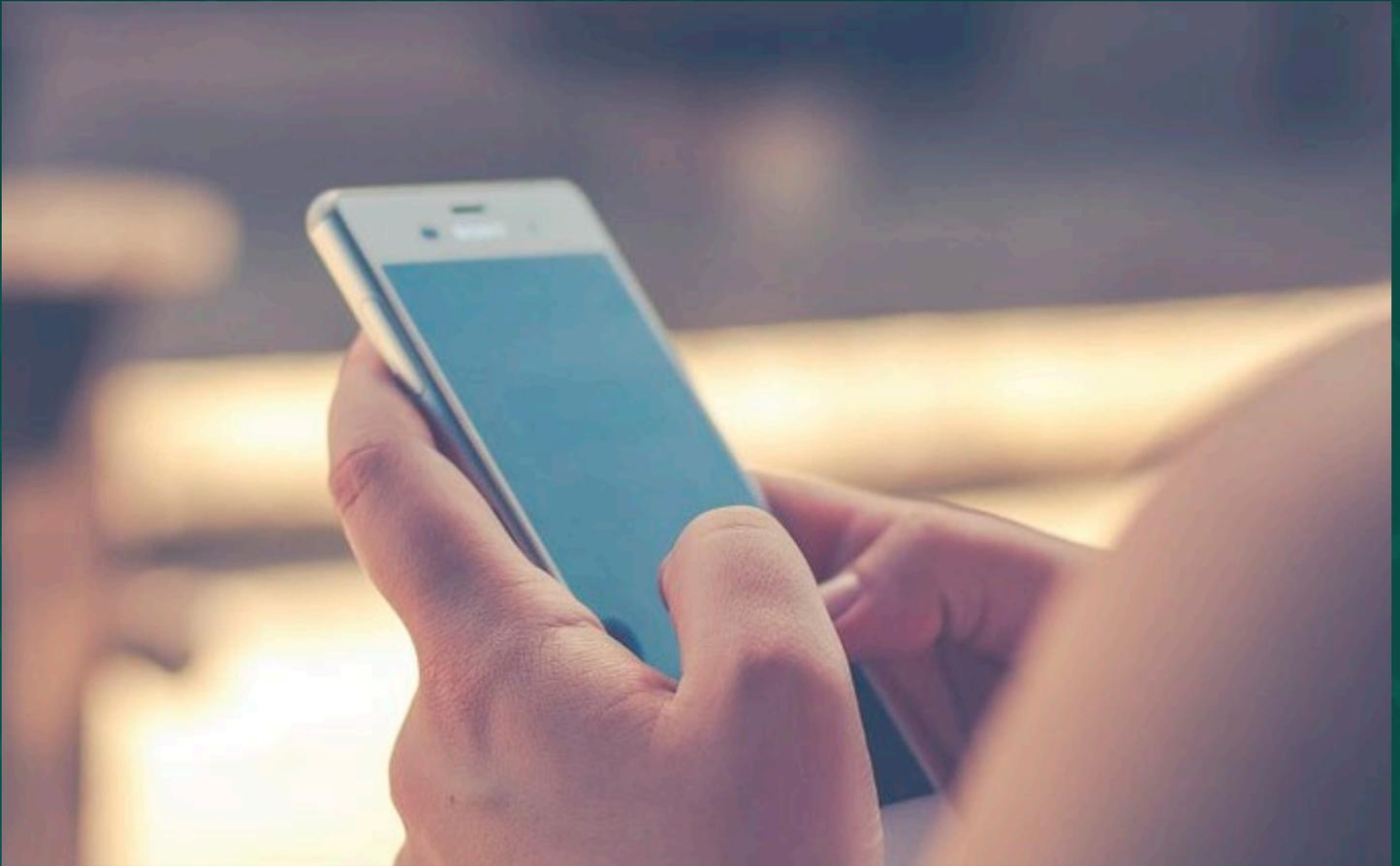
OLD ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION EFFORTS UNDERWAY

The contractors are working with County staff and tenants to maintain full building access and to minimize construction-related noise and disruptions during normal business hours.

At the project's conclusion, the results may not be obvious at first glance. However, there are many repairs both small and large for safety, performance

of the materials, and aesthetics which make this preservation project essential for the building's long-term preservation and public enjoyment for years to come.

NEW COUNTY POLICIES ON USE OF PRIVATE DEVICES/ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT



On March 2, 2017, the California Supreme Court opinion in *City of San Jose v. Superior Court* held that communications on personal devices and accounts used by government employees that are related to public business are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (PRA).

As a result of this Supreme Court decision, the County of Orange developed the County policy titled, “Restrictions on Use of Private Devices and Accounts for County Business.” The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on the proper identification, retention and handling of public records that may exist on private devices or private accounts outside of the County’s electronic and communications systems. After completion of the meet and confer process with labor unions, this policy was approved by the County Executive Officer on September 11, 2017.

The County Records Management Policy was established to provide one guiding document on effective

and efficient records management in compliance with state and federal laws. The policy includes language that is consistent with the private devices and accounts policy. Also, the policy provides direction on the retention and disposition of County records, including emails and text messages. This policy was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 26, 2017.

Both policies will be effective December 1, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact your department Custodian of Records. Training on these policies will also be available through your department Custodian of Records.

These new policies and training materials are available in the County Policy Library, please click here: [County Records Management Policy](#) and [Restrictions on Use of Private Devices and Accounts for County Business](#).

CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN IN ORANGE COUNTY REPORT SHOWS IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR COUNTY YOUTH

The Orange County Children's Partnership (OCCP) released the **23rd Annual Conditions of Children in Orange County** on Oct. 17, offering a comprehensive assessment of the health, economic well-being, education, and safety of the County's children.

The report is published each year by the OCCP, a collaborative group including several County offices and departments as well non-County agencies, community organizations and individuals. According to the report, the following areas have shown improvement for the lives and well-being of Orange County's youth:

- Overall hospitalization rates for serious mental health and substance abuse conditions among children dropped for the first time in five years.
- Overall college readiness rates have increased, with University of California / California State University eligible students rising to 51.1% - an increase of 13.8% in 10 years.
- The number of youth belonging to gangs saw a 80.6% decrease of in the total number of known gang members ages 10 to 17 years old in Orange County. This is despite a national trend that shows an increase in gang membership in 49% of jurisdictions nationwide.



“Our children deserve to have a safe, healthy environment with access to high-quality education. I’m pleased to see the positive progress and outcomes in this report that help our youth in Orange County live better, healthier and happier lives,” said Supervisor Andrew Do, who serves as the Chair of the Orange County Children’s Partnership (OCCP), the collective that is responsible for publishing this report.

In addition to the positive outcomes that have been made within the realm of mental health, college readiness and stemming gang membership in the County, strides have also been made in decreasing child abuse in Orange County, reducing the rates of the uninsured County youth as well as mitigating preventable child in youth deaths in Orange County.

“This report serves as an important tool to assist our communities in meeting unmet needs and continuing to improve the lives of children in Orange County,” said Mike Ryan, Director of the County of Orange Social Services Agency and Co-Chair of the OCCP. “While the report shows improving outcomes in some areas, we know that there is more work to be done to ensure that all our County’s children can thrive.”

To find out more about the other indicators and read the full Report, visit www.ohealthinfo.com/phs/about/family/occp.

THE HEART OF ADOPTION: THE KIMS' JOURNEY AS RESOURCE FAMILY

IN RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER BEING NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

Orange County residents Tony and Erin Kim always felt compelled to be resource parents. They loved children and considered adoption early on in their marriage.

Two years after the birth of their first child, the Kims started seriously looking into adoption options – from international to local adoption. However, a friend of theirs who worked in the foster care system posed a simple question: “Have you ever considered becoming resource parents?” The question struck a chord.

“If there are kids in our community, why would we do anything else?” said Tony Kim.

So, in 2008, the Kims started the process of becoming a resource family. Initially their goal was to be resource parents who ultimately became adoptive parents. After becoming certified resource parents, they waited for their first placement.

The Kims got their wish just two weeks before celebrating Christmas with their biological children in 2009 when they were told that they would have their first placement. “Our kids were six and four at the time and our daughter just fell head over heels for the child,” said Erin Kim.

In order to bond the child to the family and to help their biological children understand what it meant to be a resource family, Erin created a visual representation of their new resource family. She made two separate pieces of a heart that were woven together with string with two separate strings below each piece that she placed on the door of the child’s room. One piece of the heart had the child’s name; the other had their family’s name. Erin then explained to her children how the two pieces of the heart represented their relationship with the new child in their family. The pieces of the heart being intertwined showed the love their family will always have for the child, while the strings below illustrated how permanent their familial bond was or would be. Erin then explained to her children, “We don’t know how long the child will be with us, but we will leave the strings untied in case the child will stay with us a short amount of time or if the child will stay with us forever.” Her daughter understood the concept but was constantly trying to tie the pieces of the string together. And after two years of caring for and loving the child, the Kims ultimately adopted the child.

While the Kims were overjoyed with adopting their first child, they began to understand the importance of the reunification process for the children that they foster. The Kims grew to understand that their role as a resource family is to place the needs of the child above their own wants and desires - and to champion the child’s wishes whenever possible. They’ve become mentors to many of the biological parents working to reunify with their children and help set up visitations.

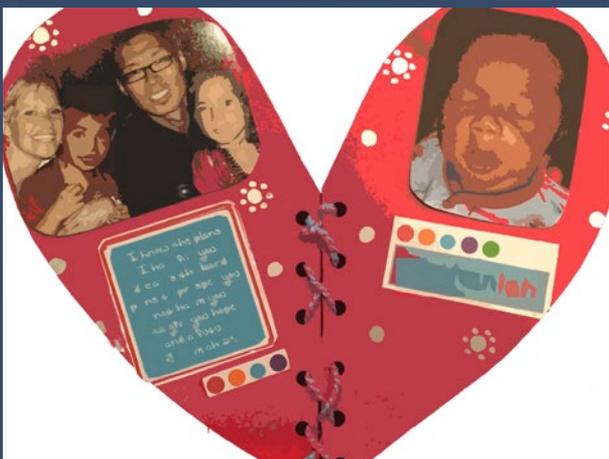
The Kims now have two adoptive children and two biological children, all the while continuing to foster other children through the Social Services Agency. In addition, Erin helps train new resource families in order to help them understand the challenges and rewards that come along in the resource family journey.

“There is no greater calling for a family than to open up your home for a child who needs a loving and safe home,” said Tony Kim. And the Kims are embodiments of this credo.

Have you ever considered becoming a resource family? Find out more by visiting www.oc4kids.com/.



▲ Tony and Erin Kim



HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A section for news regarding wellness, benefits and other employee services

Annual Benefits Open Enrollment for 2018

This year's annual benefits Open Enrollment period has begun and ends on Friday, Nov. 17. This Open Enrollment period is only for County of Orange provided health plans and benefits.

To view your 2018 benefit rates and options and to make changes to your 2018 benefits coverage:

- Click to visit the Benefits Center website for your 2018 benefits information at countyoforange.ielect.com

To Access Your Account and Make Elections:

1. Go to: countyoforange.ielect.com.
2. Enter your Username: first 4 letters of your last name (or full last name, if shorter) + last 6 digits of your Social Security Number.
3. Enter your PIN: **For new users, your PIN is your birthday (MMDDYYYY).**
 - a. **For returning users, forgot your PIN?** To reset your PIN, select the "Forgot PIN?" button on the landing page. Once you select "Forgot PIN" you will be brought to a new page and asked to enter your Username, then click "Submit." Answer the security question you created when you logged in for the first time, then click "Submit." Create a new PIN, then click "Save."
4. Click the "Login" button. If accessing your account for the first time, follow the instructions to create a new PIN and security question, then click "Save."
5. To review or make new elections, click on "Enroll Now" under "Quick Links" on the "Home" page.
6. Navigate through the site to make any changes or add dependents to your plan.
7. Review your elections in the Election Summary.
8. **You must click "Confirm Election" on the "Election Summary" page to complete the enrollment process.** Clicking "Save" at the end of each step allows you to save your changes but does not confirm your 2018 OE elections. Only elections that are confirmed will become your benefits for 2018. Your Benefits Confirmation Statement can be printed, emailed or saved to your computer as a PDF file.

- Call a Benefits Specialist at (800) 858-7266 Monday through Friday, from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Pacific Time, except on holidays.

You can also view and make your Open Enrollment elections from your mobile device! Simply log on to countyoforange.ielect.com using your smart phone or tablet. It's easy, and a Benefits Confirmation Statement will be mailed or emailed to you following your elections.

Remember it's click or call to make changes to your 2018 County benefits coverage.

PROCUREMENT POINTERS

In 1998, the Board of Supervisors authorized the County Executive Office, in collaboration with the Auditor-Controller's Office, to implement a purchasing card program to help streamline the County of Orange purchasing process for small dollar, one-time purchases. The County of Orange soon began utilizing the State of California's CAL-Card program.

The County's CAL-Card program consists of two card types, the Purchasing Card ("P-Card") and the Travel Card. The P-Card is utilized to purchase goods and services. The Travel Card is utilized for the purpose of making travel related charges on behalf of a County department, as well as all food related purchases for both travel and on-site County business.

The CAL-Card program streamlines the purchasing process by eliminating purchase orders and Petty Cash payments required to make one-time purchases, and also streamlines the accounts payable process by requiring only one monthly payment to the bank that previously required individual payments to multiple vendors. The cost of cutting a check is also avoided.

The County Procurement Office (CPO) monitors CAL-Card activity to ensure the cards are used in accordance with the Contract Policy Manual and CAL-Card Policy & Procedures.

The recently revised CAL-Card Policies and Procedures can be found on the CPO intranet site here.

CPO will provide a one-hour CAL-Card training session on November 16, 2017, for the County's CAL-Card program participants and Deputy Purchasing Agents. Assignment and use of CAL-Cards is authorized by each County department.



Congratulation to the County's newest DPAs!

The County's newest Deputy Purchasing Agents (DPAs) were sworn into office Oct. 24, 2017, during a ceremony at the County Procurement Office.

These new DPAs completed 32 hours of training provided by the National Institute for Public Procurement (NIGP), an eight-hour course on the County's Contract Policy Manual (CPM) and also passed a test on the CPM. Each DPA is required to annually complete 10 hours of training and pass a test on the CPM every two years. Beginning in January 2018, all DPAs will also need to complete an ethics every other year.

▲ From left to right: Jordyn Lett, Tyrone Waiters, John Parr, Diana Vo, Robert Ford, Kellie Aumond, Kevyn Cobos, Uriah Creighton, Rob Richardson (County Procurement Officer), Derek Coor, Robin Gurien, Christina Rojas, Choy Pham, Jessica Loy. (Ian Rudge was not present). (Photo Credit: County Procurement Office)

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Employees Heed Call to Action When Hurricanes Pummel Texas and Florida

When hurricanes Harvey and Irma struck in Texas and Florida, Orange County's Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) CA-1 sprang into action to quickly mobilize and deploy team members and supplies when the call for help came in.

Within eight hours after receiving that call, Mike Steinkraus, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Hospital Preparedness Manager and DMAT CA-1 Deputy Commander deployed doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, emergency medical technicians, communication specialists and logistics personnel to both Texas and Florida to backfill other DMAT teams assisting from California, Hawaii and Wisconsin. From this group, OC Health Care Agency employees Dr. Mark Chew, EMS Pharmacist and Joe Vargas, Public Health Services Health Promotion Program Supervisor flew to the NRG Arena in downtown Houston to provide support.

"The value of DMAT members are multifold; not only do they constantly prepare and train for their missions, they can immediately deploy and provide much needed medical services in areas devastated by disaster," said Tammi McConnell, Division Manager, Emergency Medical Services. "Upon their return, they share their experiences to improve our own local disaster planning efforts here in Orange County."

Dr. Chew, DMAT Clinical Pharmacy Unit Leader, operated an "emergency department" and received patients in the Federal Medical Station (a temporary non-acute medical care facility

that contains a cache of medical supplies and equipment, as well as beds to accommodate up to 250 people for three days) where his team helped alleviate capacity surge at local hospital ERs. As an Emergency Planning Analyst, Joe was in charge of managing logistics for the organization, coordination and delivery of medical supplies to clinical personnel.

Orange County DMAT is one of 22 Level-One teams within the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) that is fully capable of providing emergency medical care during and after a disaster, either natural or manmade. The team is fully deployable within eight hours of notification, are self-sufficient for 72 hours and are equipped to treat up to 250 patients a day. To learn more about DMAT, visit the NDMS website [here](#).



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF HEALTH CARE AGENCY

County Staff Rolls Up Their Sleeves for Hurricane Harvey Blood Drive

With an opportunity to help locally, County employees, including our own OC Health Care Agency Director Richard Sanchez seized the opportunity to donate blood during a special OC Red Cross blood donation drive to support Hurricane Harvey relief efforts on Sept. 12.



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF HEALTH CARE AGENCY

▲ Pictured (left to right): Dr. Mark Chew and Joe Vargas.

Participants Go Door-To-Door to Test Emerging Mosquito-Borne Disease Response Plan

Freshly sprayed with sunscreen and mosquito repellent (with DEET, of course), three teams of 10-12 people donned their sunglasses, packed their supplies and, with maps and clipboards in hand, headed out to canvass an Anaheim neighborhood and knock on residents' doors to put their just-in-time training to the test.

Sixty-nine participants from the OC Health Care Agency, **Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCVCD)** and the **City of Anaheim** worked together to simulate and test their capabilities to respond to a local transmission of an emerging mosquito-borne disease such as Zika, dengue, or chikungunya. With an increase in the mosquito population throughout Orange County (read an OC Resister article [here](#)), this collaborative exercise could not happen at a more appropriate time.

Teams of staff from HCA's Epidemiology & Assessment (EPI) and Emergency Medical Services/Health Disaster Management (HDM) programs, OCVCD inspectors, and volunteers from the City of Anaheim, HCA and Medical Reserve Corps, simulated a response to a mosquito-borne disease where they tested: the household interview, specimen collection and tracking process, offered residents West Nile Virus (WNV) education and prevention information, and searched for mosquitoes and possible breeding sources.



▲ Team members from HCA and the Medical Reserve Corps head door-to-door to simulate the household interview, specimen collection and tracking process, and provide residents with WNV education and prevention information.



▲ Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control team members search for mosquitoes and possible breeding sources in and around homes during the exercise.

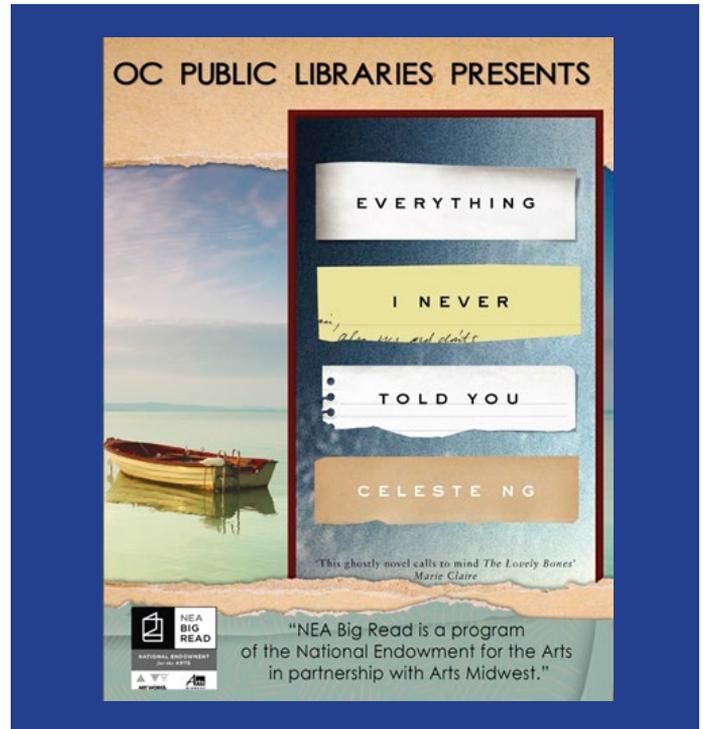
"This was a great experience and builds on the already strong relationship between Anaheim and our partners at OC Health Care," said Mike Lyster, City of Anaheim Chief Communications Officer. "When the inevitable public health challenge arises, our residents, businesses and visitors can know that we have partnerships and planning in place to tackle it."

This exercise tested the Neighborhood Education Team (NET) process recently developed by EPI based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and lessons learned from the local transmission of Zika in Texas and Florida.

EPI's medical directors, public health nurses and epidemiologists investigate individual cases and outbreaks of reported communicable diseases and monitor disease trends, often providing current statistics and other information to doctors, hospitals, the public and news media. To learn more, visit the **Epidemiology & Assessment** webpage. HDM staff plan and coordinate preparedness and response exercises for the Health Care Agency. For more information about communicable disease response planning, contact Dr. Michele Cheung at mcheung@ochca.com.

OC Public Libraries Participates in the NEA Big Read

OC Public Libraries is proud to participate in the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Big Read of “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng. The book explores the universal theme of belonging, family expectations, sibling conflict and the struggle to understand one another. The NEA Big Read Grant supports organizations across the country in developing community-wide programs which encourage reading and participation by diverse audiences. Join OC Public Libraries October 2017 through March 2018 for exciting programs and book discussions culminating with a meet-the-author event.



Bus Breakdown Turns into Library Fun for Anaheim Elementary Students

An Anaheim Elementary school bus broke down on Oct. 5 at the Library of the Canyons, so the 30 students got to enjoy an hour break at the library and Saddleback Gateway!



PHOTO COURTESY OF OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Science Behind the Scene: OC Crime Lab Empowers Girl Scouts at STEM event

Billing forensic science as a cool career doesn't seem a hard sell.

Blood spatter, crime scenes and fingerprint analysis can pique the interest of even the mildly scientifically inclined, but inspiring young girls and women to consider a career in science remains an important mission.

The Orange County Crime Lab was among many organizations and companies tasked with empowering more than 450 Girl Scouts about pursuing a STEM career.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) event held Oct. 15 at Cal State Fullerton also included Google, Space X, Aquarium of the Pacific, Microsoft, and the Discovery Science Cube.

The OCCL booth was flooded with Girl Scouts waiting to try their hand at several forensic activities.

Senior Forensic Scientist Stephanie Callian, Asst. Director Jennifer Harmon, Forensic Scientist Vanessa Hancock and Forensic Scientist Vanessa Meneses volunteered their time to walk the girls through several Crime Lab techniques.

The Girl Scouts learned to study the characteristics of fingerprints, perform basic chemical separation – a skill that aids in evidence analysis – and how to examine blood spatter (which was paint, in this case).



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

▲ Senior Forensic Scientist Stephanie Callian, Asst. Director Jennifer Harmon, Forensic Scientist Vanessa Hancock and Forensic Scientist Vanessa Meneses

"It gave us the opportunity to share our love for science with some budding chemists, biologists, and crime scene investigators," Harmon said.

The collective response from the Girl Scouts was as expected: Forensic science is, of course, very cool.

PROBATION

30-Year Veteran of United States Marine Corps Celebrates Upcoming Retirement

Master Sergeant Sean P. Sargeant, a Deputy Probation Officer with the Probation Department, officially retired from the United States Marine Corps. Sean's retirement ceremony was held on September 16, 2017 at the 1st Civil Affairs Group, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in Oceanside. The ceremony was to honor and celebrate Master Sergeant Sargeant's 30 years of service to our country. His official retirement date will be on Nov 21, 2017 (30 Years USMC)

His deployments include:

- Battleship New Jersey (1 deployment)
- 3rd Battalion 1st Marines (2 deployments; Somalia)
- 1st Civil Affairs Group (3 deployments; Iraq/Afghanistan/ Kuwait)

There were at least 50 friends and family in attendance at the ceremony, including his wife of 27 years, Delores and their son Sean Michael. The ceremony included a special honor



given by Congressman Luis Correa. The setting was outdoors overlooking the ocean and Master Sergeant Sargeant arranged for military vehicles to be on display for attendees to view and the Marine Corp band to play during the ceremony. The ceremony was followed by dancing and celebrations.

CAREER PAGES

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

See below for this month's highlighted career opportunities with the County. Please check out the County's website at www.ocgov.com/jobs for details on all current opportunities or follow us on social media.



Dates included below refer to closing deadlines as of publication date. Please refer to the job announcement for specific details.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Don't miss these career opportunities

OPEN NOW

Forensic Scientist I – ASAP
Mental Health Specialist (Correctional Health Services) – ASAP
IT Network Engineer II – ASAP
Principal Network Engineer – ASAP
Public Information Officer – ASAP
Public Health Microbiologist Trainee – ASAP
Human Resources Manager – 11/03/17
GIS Technician – 11/06/17
Administrative Manager I (Child Support Services) – 11/06/17
Facilities Mechanic Leadworker – 11/07/17
Senior Social Worker – 11/16/17

PROMOTIONAL

Facilities Operations Manager
(Administrative Manager I) - ASAP

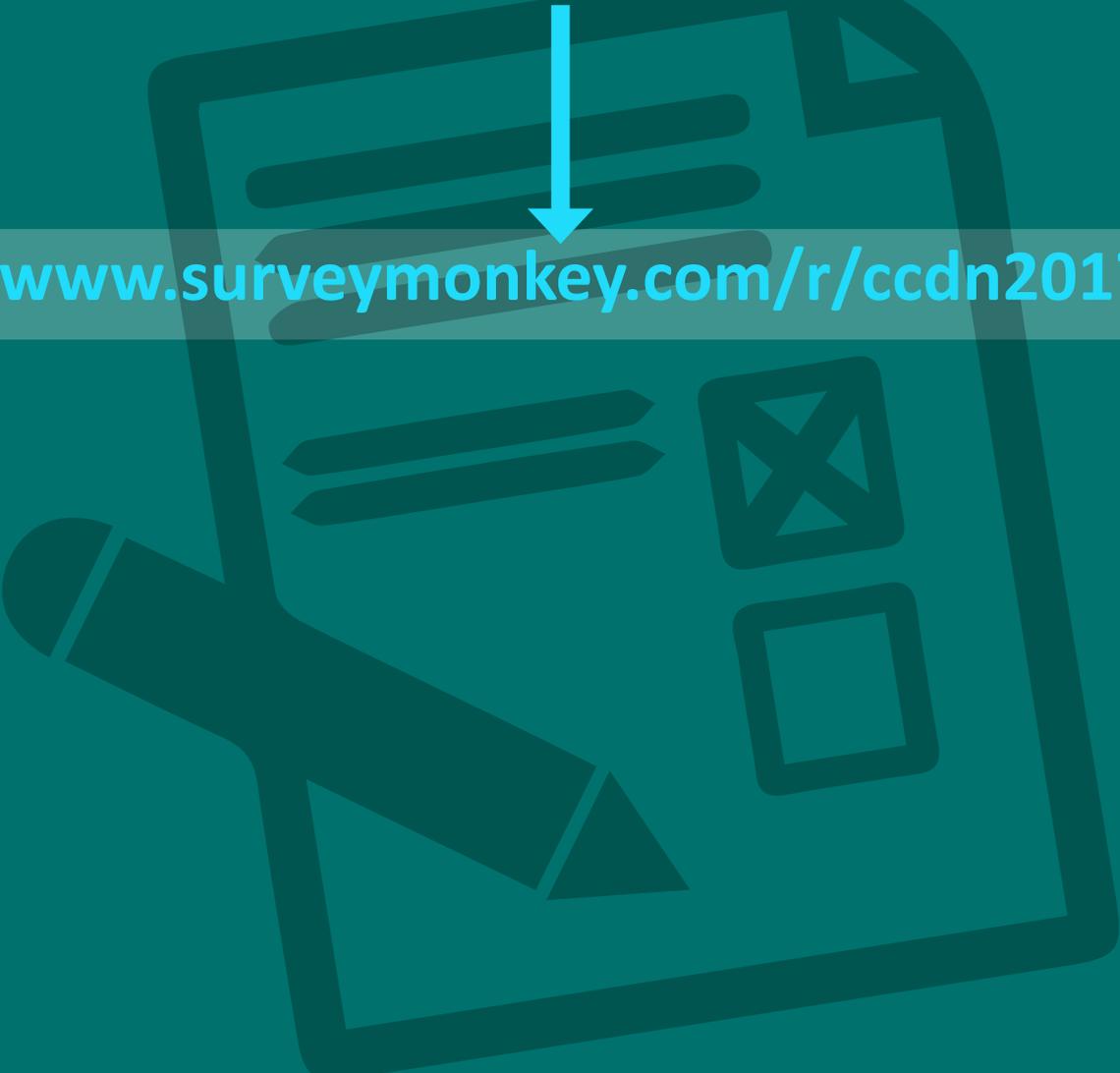
Be sure to check the website often for any career opportunities that may be listed!

COUNTY CONNECTION READERSHIP SURVEY

You have a chance between now and Nov. 10, 2017, to take a quick survey and share your feedback and input about County Connection!

CEO Communications wants to hear from you via a quick and easy readership survey, to help make the monthly County Connection publication as engaging, informative and useful to you as possible.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We need your input to make county connection the best it can be. Here is the link to the survey:

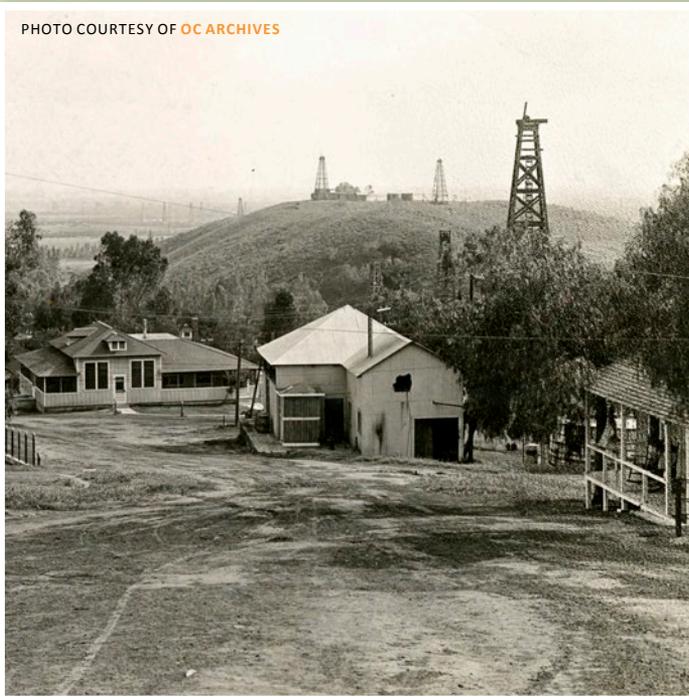
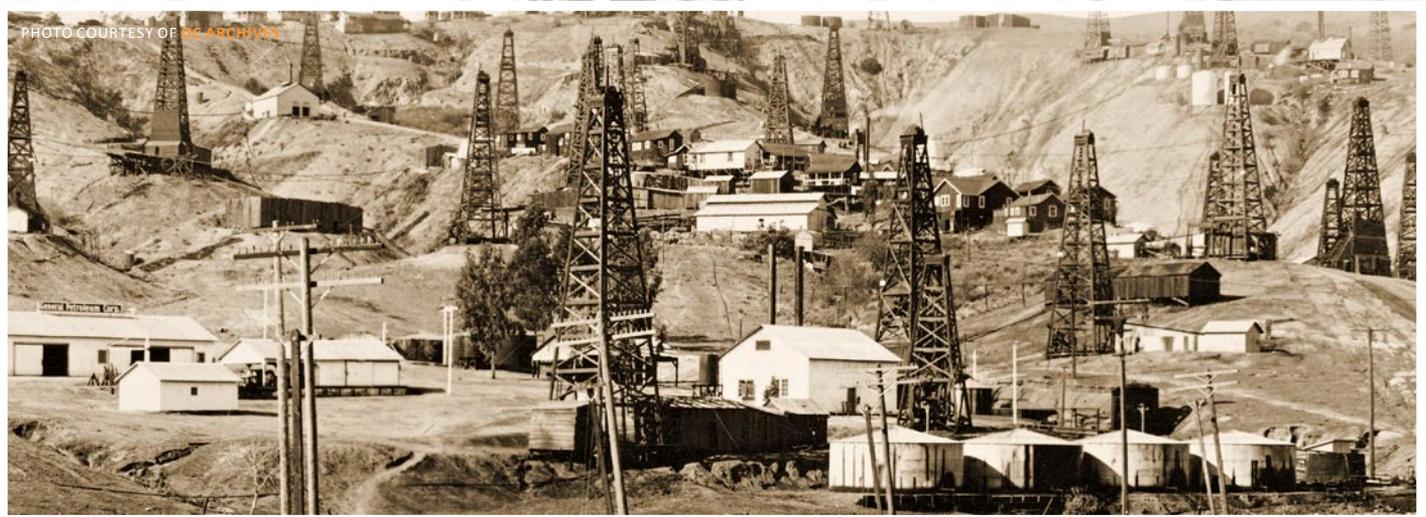


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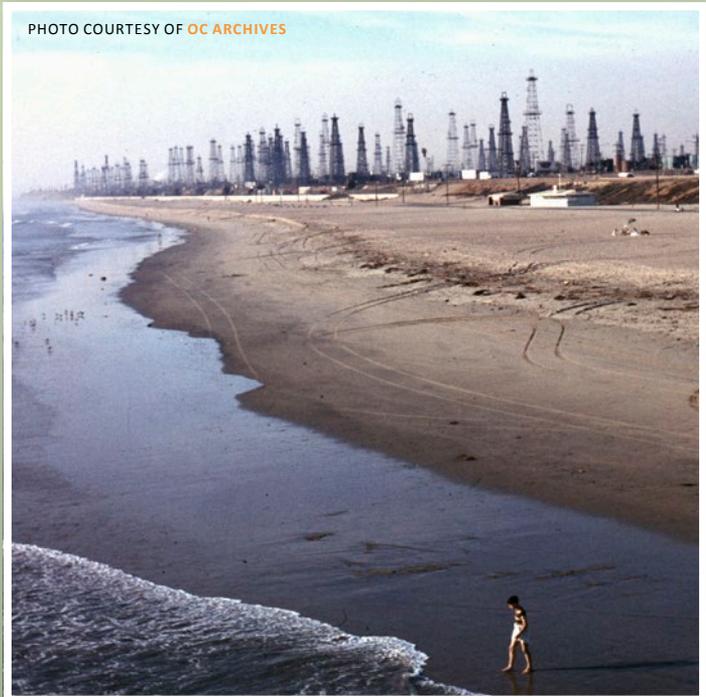
OC HISTORY

JOURNEY THROUGH ORANGE COUNTY'S ORIGINS, OBSTACLES AND OPPORTUNITIES

▼ An oil camp in Brea, circa 1923



▲ Site of today's Olinda Oil Museum and Trail, circa 1920



▲ View from the Huntington Beach Pier, 1956

A CRUDE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY OIL

BY CHRIS JEPSEN

Oil has long been one of Orange County's most important natural resources. Indians used "brea" (tar) that naturally oozed from the ground to waterproof baskets and boats and to glue broken objects back together. In the rancho era, brea sealed the roofs of adobes, was used as fuel, and was part of a mixture used to minimize dust on dirt floors. Two local ranchos – Cañada de la Brea and Rincón de la Brea – were even named for the goeey black stuff. In the mid-1860s, Anaheim's first mayor, Max Strobel, promoted the potential of Brea Canyon's petroleum deposits, but early attempts at drilling there proved unprofitable. However, in 1885 a new well in the hills above La Habra "came in," with the oil being used to power a sugar factory in Chino. It was followed by a second successful well nearby.

Union Oil came to Orange County in the 1890s, bought much of the land in the Brea area, and pumped millions of barrels of oil there. East of Union's property, the town of Olinda sprang up to serve the oil drilling operations of the Santa Fe Railroad. (The first well at Olinda still produces, and pools of natural brea still seep from the ground nearby.) Soon, more oil companies began operating in the area. Further exploration proved rewarding in the West Coyote Hills, in the hills above La Habra, and – by the late 1910s – in Placentia and Yorba Linda.

In 1920, Standard Oil brought in their first successful well in Huntington Beach. The sleepy little beach getaway was transformed overnight into a bustling hub of dirty, smelly industry. Bars, boarding houses and tent camps on the beach were filled with roughnecks from places like Oklahoma and Texas. By the end of 1920, Huntington Beach's oil fields produced as much as 20,000 barrels a day. More fields were soon found nearby, and the few areas not controlled by Standard Oil were leased by scores of other new companies which sprang into existence to take advantage of the boom. The coastline was soon visually clogged with oil derricks, even as the industry's

tax contributions paid for the construction of beautiful new schools and other civic projects. In fact, oil was at least twice as profitable as the citrus industry in 1920s Orange County.

In the 1930s, an independent oil company accidentally dug one of their Huntington Beach wells at an angle, bringing up oil from undersea property claimed by Standard Oil. "Slant drilling" would prove to be an important innovation in the oil industry. But this first instance triggered a major legal battle over who had the rights to oil under the ocean. Orange County's Superior Court decided that the state owned the rights, but that the state could lease those rights to oil companies wishing to slant drill or (later) drill from offshore platforms.

The last big oil strike in Huntington Beach came in 1953, just east of Main Street. Around that same time, Fire Chief (and pioneer California surfer) Bud Higgins began pressing for the removal of unused and highly flammable wooden oil derricks that dominated the city's coastline and skyline.

Today, many oil fields have been largely pumped dry and others have been cleaned up and "civilized" considerably. Well heads now tend to be clustered together and camouflaged in low profile structures. Some are even disguised as typical tract houses in the middle of suburban neighborhoods. But for many longtime Orange Countians, the sound of old pumps and the smell of crude oil still bring back memories.

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CYBER SECURITY CORNER

Public Wi-Fi: Understanding the Risks Involved

Public Wi-Fi has become the norm and can be found almost everywhere — in hotels, coffee shops, restaurants, airports, hotels, and other places of business, transportation, and leisure. If the public Wi-Fi does not ask you for a password or security code, you can assume the connection is unencrypted and may not be protected. Some public Wi-Fi requires a password or security code to connect, but this may be a shared password. For example, your favorite restaurant’s Wi-Fi.

Within the confines of Orange County facilities, you may notice different Wi-Fi connections. These connections, for the most part, are what is considered to be private Wi-Fi. The only County-provided public or free Wi-Fi network is labeled as OC Public. County employees should treat OC Public as if it is any other public Wi-Fi connection.

Public Wi-Fi connections are generally unencrypted, and therefore vulnerable to interception. This means it could be visible to anyone with the intent and know-how to see what you are doing on the internet through said Wi-Fi connection. Hackers (aka bad actors) could have access to information you are sending out onto the internet such as important emails, personal information, passwords, banking information and credit card information.

If you need to access sensitive data or sites in public, it is highly recommended to connect to a secure Wi-Fi or encrypted websites. The openness of Wi-Fi radio wave signals, combined with the availability of eavesdropping software, allows a cybercriminal to steal your login credentials and personal information if you’re not careful. It’s similar to overhearing a private conversation in a crowded restaurant.

When using public Wi-Fi, please take the precaution to understand these potential risks and understand what County data you can actually access via this connection:

What can be directly accessed when connected to public Wi-Fi?

- Outlook web access
- Microsoft Office
- Internet
- County VPN services

What cannot be directly accessed when connected to public Wi-Fi?

- Outlook client (email access)
- County intranet websites
- VTI
- Any applications that require a login through the County Network

TIPS WHEN USING PUBLIC WI-FI:

- **Pay attention to what sites you visit.** Be cautious of websites that require you to login with a username or password such as a financial institution, social networking sites, webmail, mobile banking, etc. Hold off on accessing any of the sites that contain your private information until you are connected to a secure, private network.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** When accessing your mobile devices in public such as a laptop, iPad/tablet or smart phone, make sure that nobody is watching over your shoulders to see what you have typed.
- Use a VPN (Virtual Private Network). Create a network within a network solution to make sure everything that you do on the public Wi-Fi is private. Anyone in the local area will only be able to see that

you are connected to the VPN and will not be able to see what you are doing on it.

- Use an SSL Connection. Enable the “Always Use HTTPS” option on websites that you frequently visit or that require you to enter your login credentials.

- Turn off Sharing. When connected to the internet or a public place, turn off sharing from the system preferences or control panel depending on your operating system.

- Keep Wi-Fi off when you don’t need it. Although you haven’t actively connected to a network, Wi-Fi hardware on your mobile device is still transmitting data between any networks within range.

- Always keep a constantly running internet security solution (anti-virus or malware scan). By having a security solution on your mobile device, once connected to the internet, your device will be protected from viruses and malware.

- Don’t stay permanently signed into accounts. Once you finish using your account, log off.

- Do not use the same password on different websites. This will prevent getting hacked on all accounts if one of your passwords are compromised.

- Consider changing your mobile device settings to not automatically connect to nearby Wi-Fi. This way you will have the option to determine when and how your device will connect to public Wi-Fi.

Drive Safe - Don't Drive Drowsy

November marks the beginning of holiday activities with family and friends, scheduled parties and the unfurling of travel. Automobile travel is the major form of transportation at this time of the year and accounts for the highest fatality rate.

Most of us are aware of the dangers of drinking and driving but unaware that Drowsy Driving can be just as fatal. In fact, like alcohol, sleepiness slows a person's reaction time, decreases awareness, impairs judgment and increases the risk of crashing.

Identifying driver fatigue as a crash factor is very difficult but there are a number of clues at a crash scene that the driver was "drowsy," "tired," or "exhausted" and fell asleep at the wheel. Drowsy driving accidents usually involve only one vehicle with one alone driver, no skid marks or the presence of other evasive maneuvers, and injuries are usually serious or fatal. To prevent sleepiness or drowsy driving, get plenty of sleep and don't take sedating medications while driving. Also, when tired do not consume alcohol and drive. Any of these factors can have cumulative effects and combined can to a large extent increase an individual's risk for a drowsy driving related crash.



1) Driving drowsy is not as fatal or serious as drinking and driving incidents.

- A. True
- B. False

2) Driver fatigue is very easy to identify as a crash factor.

- A. True
- B. False

3) The effects of sleepiness are similar to drinking alcohol and driving as it can slow reaction time, decrease awareness, impair judgment and increase one's risk of crashing.

- A. True
- B. False

4) Drowsy driving clues at crash scene accidents are:

- A. No skid marks or the presence of other evasive maneuvers
- B. Involve only one vehicle with one alone driver
- C. Crash scene injuries are serious or fatal
- D. All of the above

Quiz answers: 1. B, 2. B, 3. A, 4. D

Contact CEO Risk Management Safety and Loss Prevention Program at 714-285-5500 or email Safety@ocgov.com for additional information.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT Earthquake Preparedness

The Great Shakeout drill on Oct. 19 was a continuing effort to help educate and remind everyone that an earthquake can happen at any time. Your preparedness can make all the difference for yours and your family's safety.

According to the U.S Geological Survey, southern California area has about 10,000 earthquakes each year. Most of them are so small that they are not felt. Only several hundred are greater than magnitude 3.0, and only 15-20 are greater than magnitude 4.0

Although evacuating the building might be your first instinct to do, it is best to Drop, Cover and Hold On. Continue to observe your surroundings and relocate any items at your desk that may have potential to fall on you.



Recognizing our long-serving employees and their years of dedication to the County of Orange.

40 YEARS

Probation

ELIA F SILVA

35 YEARS

Health Care Agency

LORALEE PAGE-ORTEZ

Social Services Agency

JUDY B KHOUTSAVANH

30 YEARS

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