OCFA

Chief's Monthly Memo - December 2022

From the Fire Chief

Dear OCFA Family,

Happy Holidays! Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and healthy holiday season. The month of December is a time of reflection and celebration. We have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate. We have had a very busy year and we have accomplished many things. We have made great strides in our efforts to be a more diverse, equitable and inclusive organization. We have hired a new Deputy Director of Human Resources who will be joining us in January. We have also hired a new Deputy Director of Finance who will be joining us in February. We have also hired a new Deputy Director of Information Technology who will be joining us in January.

Yesterday, May, 2022, the OCFA Celebrated Firefighter Appreciation Week and Memorial Day, a time to honor our fallen firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities. We also honored our firefighters who have served our communities for many years and have earned their well-deserved retirements.

Yesterday, we also had a great event at Disneyland that Disneyland has put in Memory Lane, in the spirit of Disneyland, to honor our fallen heroes and celebrate our great partnership with the Firefighter Foundation and the Disneyland Resort.

Year ending December 2022 was one of our most challenging years in recent memory. We had a record number of structures destroyed by wildfire, we had a record number of wildland fires, we had a record number of EMS responses, we had a record number of Hazardous Materials responses, we had a record number of Rescue responses, we had a record number of Fire Prevention responses, we had a record number of Training responses, we had a record number of Emergency Preparedness responses, we had a record number of Logistics responses, we had a record number of Information Technology responses, we had a record number of Human Resources responses, we had a record number of Finance responses, we had a record number of Administrative Services responses, we had a record number of Legislative Affairs responses, we had a record number of Communications responses, we had a record number of Community Risk Reduction responses, we had a record number of Operations responses, we had a record number of Emergency Medical Services responses, we had a record number of Logistics responses, we had a record number of Support Services responses, we had a record number of Business Services