

CEO's Message



What Will the New Year Bring?

The Holidays are a time when people traditionally reminisce about the year past and think about what will happen in the year to come. That's true for the County, too, as we begin the process of developing a budget for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year.

In the face of tough times, our County family has again shown what it is made of – commitment to service, determination and innovation. This resolve is going to be more important than ever in the year to come because change in the conditions affecting the County is coming more slowly than we had hoped.

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10 Questions for JWA Operations Officer Nima Javadi

1. What is an Operations Officer?

In a nutshell, the Operations Officer represents the Airport Director throughout the daily operations of the airport. Some of the duties include:

- Daily Federal Aviation Regulation Inspections
- Respond as Incident Commander to airfield emergencies
- Represent John Wayne Airport Management and enforce policies & procedures regarding airline operations, Orange County Ordinances & Federal Aviation Administration regulations



As an Operations Officer at John Wayne Airport, Nima Javadi has one of the best views of all airport aircraft.

2. When did you start working for John Wayne Airport?

I started working for John Wayne Airport in November 2007. Prior to this, I worked as the Operations Officer at the Santa Barbara Airport for five years.

3. What is a typical day at work like?

I start by checking emails and review the activity log for the previous day. I then proceed to conduct the morning airfield inspection followed by conducting a fence line inspection and an inventory of transient aircraft. I monitor the morning departures and conduct routine inspections of the airfield and address any gate issues that may arise in respect to airline delays. I will respond in conjunction with the fire captain to manage any emergency incidents that occur on the airport, including medical aid responses. I will conduct a midday inspection of runways and taxiways. I then complete my paperwork and any additional projects I am involved with.

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There's an old saying that applies to our situation. "We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails." As conditions change, we will make the adjustments needed to stay on course. With the Board of Supervisors providing the direction needed to navigate these rough waters and utilizing the talents found in our County family, I know we will make it through the storm.

From all of us at the County Executive Office, please accept our best wishes for a happy holiday season. Spending time with family and friends during the holidays is one of the best possible gifts, so enjoy each moment!

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer



(10 Questions for JWA Operations Officer Nima

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4. What are the most important qualities an Operations Officer must have?

Keeping your cool and thinking rationally in the heat of the moment. Being able to prioritize tasks, as well as orchestrating and assigning tasks that need to be done is important. You also have to be multi-faceted because, as an Operations Officer, we have to solve a wide variety of problems at a moment's notice.

5. What do you think separates John Wayne from other airports?

The people. Almost everyone I work with has a passion for the job they are doing and everyone is trying to make John Wayne Airport a better place. Most of the time we are at the cutting edge of technology and come up with innovative solutions due to the location and size constraints that other airports then replicate.

6. What is your favorite airplane and why?

Gulfstream 550. It is a very graceful, magnificent and capable aircraft. It also has one of the longest ranges in its class of business aircraft.

7. What role does safety play in your job?

It plays a major role in my job. Inherently, being around aircraft is dangerous and I must constantly be alert and aware of the dangers surrounding me while conducting routine activities or even when I am responding to an emergency.

8. What is your favorite part about your job?

Being around aviation. I have one of the best views of aircraft operating at the airport.

9. How has your job changed since Sept. 11th?

Dealing with the Transportation Security Administration and ever-changing security rules are always challenging. Certain events prior to Sept. 11th that required a minimal amount of response are now multi-jurisdictional incidents, including police, fire, the FBI and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

10. What professional accomplishment are you most proud of achieving?

Obtaining my airline transport pilot license, my flight instructor license and my aviation management degree. ■

At-Risk Youth Earn Thanksgiving Turkeys as Gang Prevention Incentive

Turkey dinners were recently hand-delivered to approximately 420 at-risk students who succeeded in a Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) challenge to improve their attendance, behavior, and grades in time for Thanksgiving.

At the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, 450 students at 25 GRIP elementary and middle schools throughout Orange County were offered the opportunity to earn a Thanksgiving turkey dinner for their families by succeeding in a gang prevention challenge. The terms of the challenge were determined by each school and included no gang activity or clothing, no disciplinary action, perfect attendance, and improved grades.

GRIP currently operates in seven Orange County cities and is run by the Orange County District Attorney, Probation Department, Anaheim Police Department, Buena Park Police Department, Orange Police Department, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department in the Cities of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton, and the north unincorporated areas.

"Some of these kids were tough to reach," said



District Attorney Tony Rackauckas hand delivers a turkey dinner to a program participant.

District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. "When the GRIP team walked in, some of these kids were throwing gang signs and acting like they didn't care. When they were told that their good behavior could earn something for their families, they broke down in tears."

Approximately 420 students successfully met the challenge and earned turkey dinners, complete with side dishes, to feed a family of eight to 10 people. All of the dinners, valued at over \$10,000, were donated by Albertsons and Saddleback Church.

A "Great Escape" of a Different Kind

It's not often that a law enforcement agency touts the success of a "Great Escape." But this "Great Escape" is a successful program of the Orange County Sheriff's Department designed to keep former jail inmates from returning to custody.

On October 20th, Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens offered her congratulations to 20 former jail inmates who are working to turn their lives around and have succeeded in staying out of jail for more than a year. The Great Escape program is designed to help repeat offenders beat drug and alcohol habits and become productive members of the community. With the help of Working Ward-

robes, an organization in Costa Mesa, each of the 20 Great Escape program participants was outfitted with men's suits and women's business attire that will help them blend in with the professional crowd. The Marinello School of Beauty in Lake Forest donated makeover services so the former inmates present a professional image.

The potential cost savings associated with the Great Escape program are significant. The average cost of housing an inmate in the Orange County Jail is about \$40,000 a year. If each of these 20 program participants had spent the year

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in jail, it would have cost taxpayers about \$800,000.

Since the opening of the Great Escape Resource Center in January 2007, over 1,200 former jail inmates have visited the facility to obtain resources. Assistance offered at the Great Escape Resource Center includes referrals to residential treatment programs, housing and shelter information, food and clothing referrals along with direct links to other community based providers. It is the Sheriff Department's hope that by providing these services, Orange County communities will be safer, recidivism rates will decrease and families will be brought together. ■

CSAC Presents Challenge and Merit Awards to Orange County

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) presented seven awards for creative and cost-effective County programs as part of CSAC's annual Challenge Award competition at the Nov. 23rd Board Meeting. The competition's highest distinction – the 2010 Innovation Award – was claimed this year by the District Attorney's Office for the Trial Attorney Partnership program.

"I'm pleased that our County departments are being recognized for their outstanding efforts," said Janet Nguyen, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. "Through the commitment and creative spirit of County employees, these innovative and resourceful programs have been developed during difficult budget times to meet the needs of Orange County residents."

★ Innovation and Challenge Award – (District Attorney's Office) The Trial Attorney Partnership trains and deputizes experienced civil attorneys to prosecute misdemeanor cases while volunteering for the District Attorney's Office.

★ Challenge Award – (Clerk-Recorder's Office) Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and

CSAC AWARDS SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



District Attorney Tony Rackauckas deputizes local civil attorneys who volunteer in the Trial Attorney Partnership Program as civil misdemeanor prosecutors.

San Diego Counties have successfully collaborated to allow authorized statewide and national submitters to record documents electronically in multiple counties through a single web portal.

★ Merit Award – (Registrar of Voters) The Corporate Sponsorship Program promotes the civic involvement of partnering businesses that provide poll workers and polling places in Orange County's elections.

★ Merit Award – (Health Care Agency) The

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Orange County Health Care Agency set out to create a virtually integrated delivery system that improves quality of care and reduces costs to the healthcare safety net.

★ Merit Award – (OC Waste & Recycling)
Orange County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers and Material Exchange Programs provide an environmentally and economically practical solution to household hazardous waste management.

★ Merit Award – (District Attorney's Office)
The Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention program is a community-wide collaboration to prevent gang crimes at targeted schools and surrounding neigh-

borhoods through education, community-building and intervention/suppression efforts.

★ Merit Award – (OC Community Resources) Families Literacy Partnerships provides resources and programs to assist adult learners to become learning partners with their children ages five or younger.

The winning programs were selected from hundreds of entries throughout the state based on their innovative and resourceful solution to a problem, as well as the ability to be replicated and the use of cost-effective practices. ■

Give the Gift of Hope with Holiday Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud."

~Helen Dyer

Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa & Friends

The 2010 Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa & Friends annual gift drive is underway now through Dec. 23rd.

The program continues to grow since its inception in 1962. Last year, over 41,000 gifts were distributed to needy children and teens, and more than 2,500 elderly and disabled adults received gifts through Senior Santa and Friends.

Look for the Angel Tags and collection boxes in



your office building and at OC Public Libraries countywide. Donations can also be dropped off at the Operation Santa Claus Store located at 1505 E. Warner Ave., Santa Ana, 92705.

YOU CAN DONATE!

New unwrapped toys, gifts, gift certificates and monetary donations help Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa and Friends fulfill holiday wishes for less fortunate members of our community.

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YOU CAN VOLUNTEER!

Help at our Santa Ana location by unpacking, sorting and preparing donated gifts and toys for distribution.

To learn more about how you can help brighten someone's life this holiday season, including opportunities to volunteer your time, view the Operation Santa Claus/Senior Santa and Friends flyer [online](#) or call (714) 679-2438.

Holiday Hope 2010: Food for Families

Holiday Hope is a Health Care Agency (HCA) holiday assistance program that began in 1985 to provide food for the agency's neediest clients during the holiday season. HCA staff works with a variety of clients ranging in age from infants through senior citizens, many of whom have serious medical and nutritional problems. Each year, employees refer their most impoverished clients to Holiday Hope to help these families receive food.

The Holiday Hope program is solely supported through the generosity of County employees. Volunteer to feed a family by making a cash donation to purchase grocery gift certificates.

For further information or to share in this season of giving, please contact Sylvia Goldie at (714) 834-6620 or by sending an e-mail to sgoldie@ochca.com.

To send a cash donation, please complete the donation form located [online](#), make your gift payable to Holiday Hope, and mail to:

Holiday Hope – HCA Volunteer Services
405 W. Fifth Street, Suite 300
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Donations need to be received no later than Dec. 23rd. ■

Ceremonial Deed Signing Transfers 20,000 Acres of Open Space to OC Parks

All five members of the Board of Supervisors along with Irvine Company Chairman Donald Bren signed a ceremonial deed on Nov. 30th, marking the official transfer of 20,000 acres from the Irvine Company's ownership to OC Parks for its continued preservation and guided recreation. The ceremonial deed illustrates the land title's chain of ownership beginning with the King of Spain, to the Irvine Company and now to the County of Orange.

After signing the deed, Bren shook OC Parks Director Mark Denny's hand and stated, "It's all yours."

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From left: Supervisor Moorlach, Vice Chairman Campbell, Irvine Co. Chairman Donald Bren, Supervisor Bates, Supervisor Nelson, Chair Nguyen and OC Parks Director Mark Denny smile after signing the ceremonial land deed.

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The 20,000 acres of open space, which was once pasture land to cowboys and cattle, is the largest single land donation in the history of the OC Parks department. The wild land more than doubles the size of OC Parks' land holdings to nearly 60,000 acres.

The area includes Limestone, Fremont, Black Star, Gypsum and Weir canyons. Public programs on the land are offered by the Irvine Ranch Conservancy, under contract with OC Parks. Much of the Irvine Ranch Open Space is adjacent to existing County Regional and Wilderness Parks. Gypsum and Fremont canyons are next to Irvine Regional Park;

Limestone Canyon next to Limestone Canyon and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park; and the Laguna Laurel portion will be operated as a part of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park.

The wild lands are available for passive recreation through various scheduled programs. These activities include hiking, mountain biking, equestrian rides, naturalist-guided tours and managed wilderness access days. Information regarding tour schedules and activities in the Irvine Ranch Open Space are available online at www.ocparks.com or www.irvineranchconservancy.org. ■

Upper Newport Bay Project Celebrated

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Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Upper Newport Bay Restoration Project were (l-r) Orange County Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach, U.S. Congressman Ed Royce, Newport Beach Mayor Keith Curry and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein.

County officials recently joined with representatives of the City of Newport Beach, the State and Federal governments and several private sector organizations to celebrate the completion of the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The \$47 million dollar project involved the dredging of 2.3 million cubic yards of material from the bay to remove sediment and restore tidal water circulation. Second District Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach cited the partnership efforts of the County, the City of Newport Beach, the Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game and the Coastal Conservancy for the success of this project. "Together, we helped save a national resource, one of the last remaining wetlands in Southern California and made this a better place for endangered species and their natural habitat," said Supervisor Moorlach.

Much of the funding for the project was provided by the Federal government, including over \$17 million dollars from the Federal stimulus program. U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Ed Royce were among those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center located on the Upper Newport Bay. ■

2011 Emergency Management Training Schedule

The Orange County Sheriff Department's Emergency Management Division has announced its schedule of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training courses for 2011. As County employees, we are all designated as Disaster Service Workers. County employees, serving in the capacity of a Disaster Service Worker, may be called upon to participate in exercises for preparedness or an activation of the County's EOC in the event of real emergency.

Training opportunities are available to acquaint you with the EOC, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), your role during an emergency, and to prepare you for participation in exercises, such as the graded exercises related to the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) that are required by the Federal government.

[Click here](#) for more information on the 2011 training schedule. As always, check with your supervisor or manager before signing up for any training courses. ■



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

To All County Employees:

When a disaster strikes, the impact upon the community can be devastating. It takes a team of dedicated, *trained Disaster Service Workers* working together to mitigate the effects of the disaster and to help rebuild the community. Your County identification designates you as a *Disaster Service Worker*. The California Government Code, Section 3100 describes all public employees including state, county, and city, as "disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law". As a *Disaster Service Worker* you may be called upon to participate in exercises for preparedness or activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of a disaster.

Training opportunities are available to acquaint you with the EOC; Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the CA State mandate; your role during an emergency; and to prepare you for exercises, such as the Federally Graded San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Plume Phase Exercises.

A description of the courses and the Training Schedule are attached. To register for a course, please select your choice(s) from the Training Schedule, complete the information below and return this to your agency Emergency Services Coordinator. **NOTE: If you do not know the name of your agency Emergency Services Coordinator, please contact Peggy Erdner at the Emergency Management Bureau at (714) 628-7156 or by email at perdner@ocsd.org.**

The Emergency Management Bureau looks forward to seeing you in the near future and we thank you for your support.

TO REGISTER: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED: E-MAIL TO MCHORN@OCSO.ORG OR FAX TO (714) 628-7154

NAME OF COURSE/SESSION:	DATE OF COURSE:
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NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	
WORK PHONE	
CELL PHONE	WORK FAX
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	

CONFIRMATION FOR TRAINING AND A MAP TO THE EOC WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVED REGISTRATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION WITHIN ONE WEEK OF TRAINING DATE, PLEASE EMAIL mchorn@ocsd.org

Get the 411 On OC Health Care Agency

1. The Health Care Agency (HCA) is the first in the nation to use rapid testing procedures of Ocean Waters. The technology, called polymerase chain reaction (qPCR), provides same day results to reduce exposure to potential disease causing organisms, enhance public awareness and promote informed choices.
2. HCA now provides health care to federal detainees of the Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE) program to meet federal standards. Up to 838 male and female detainees received care through the new program.
3. As a first for Orange County, a new 24-hour Crisis Prevention hot line (877-727-CRISIS) provides toll-free, immediate, confidential, culturally and linguistically appropriate over-the-phone suicide prevention services to any resident in crisis. A new Warm Line Network (877-910-WARM) offers telephone-based, non-crisis services to anyone who is struggling with mental health issues.
4. The Medical Services Initiative (MSI) Connect technology application received awards from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and from InformationWeek 500. The application is a web-based electronic health records system designed to provide critical patient information at the point of care.

To get more of the 411, visit www.ochealthinfo.com.



Service Awards

For the Month of November

35 YEARS

William Price
Assessor

Terresia Lambert
Social Services Agency

30 YEARS

Dana Cardi
District Attorney

Diana Jung
District Attorney

Roger Kuhaupt
OC Public Works

David Unger
OC Public Works

Alfred Campos
OC Waste & Recycling

Muriel Soden
Probation

Sandra Rubalcava
Public Defender

Julia Woodward
Public Defender

Helen Brennan
Social Services Agency

Trinh-Nghia Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Ruth Rodriguez
Social Services Agency

Jennifer Tran
Social Services Agency

Cong Truong
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Elizabeth Gomez
District Attorney

Linda Turnbull
District Attorney

Lee Chaney
Health Care Agency

Silvia Galvan
Health Care Agency

Carl Kerckhoff
Health Care Agency

Eileen Lao
Health Care Agency

Tuong Nguyen
Health Care Agency

Annette Villa
Health Care Agency

Tuyet Vuong
Health Care Agency

Jason Mimoso
John Wayne Airport

Jeffrey Dickman
OC Public Works

Mark Billings
Sheriff-Coroner

John Borrego
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert Carter
Sheriff-Coroner

Yung Chi
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Ellis
Sheriff-Coroner

Daniel Elsner
Sheriff-Coroner

Omar Faria
Sheriff-Coroner

Stuart Greenberg
Sheriff-Coroner

Lynn Koehmstedt
Sheriff-Coroner

Benjamin Laguna
Sheriff-Coroner

Ernesto Lucero
Sheriff-Coroner

William Nelson
Sheriff-Coroner

Deanna Patrick
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Toledo
Sheriff-Coroner

Tuyet-Bach Dinh
Social Services Agency

Maureen Gautschi
Social Services Agency

Helen Grohman-Collins
Social Services Agency

Aurelia Herrera
Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

Jay Hormuth
Auditor-Controller

Bao Tran
Auditor-Controller

Sylvia Burnell
Child Support Services

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Antonio Castillo
Child Support Services

Nancy Michelle
County Executive Office

Cheryl Bartter
Health Care Agency

Lori Beglau
Health Care Agency

Jo Ann Bowland
Health Care Agency

Lisa Howell
Health Care Agency

Micaela Madrigal
Health Care Agency

Annette Mugrditchian
Health Care Agency

Elaine Papst
Health Care Agency

Christina Quintero
Health Care Agency

Nancy Garafalo
Human Resources Department

Kevin Randall
John Wayne Airport

Nicholas Summers
John Wayne Airport

Peggy Delima
OC Community Resources

Grace Raya
OC Community Resources

Matias Belardes
OC Public Works

Forrest De Spain
OC Public Works

James Pratte
OC Public Works

Eric Brougham
OC Waste & Recycling

George Ker
OC Waste & Recycling

Lisa Angell
Probation

Maria Bravo
Probation

Susan De Lacy
Probation

Richard Escamillo
Probation

Kathleen Miller
Probation

Roberta Moyer
Probation

Victor Rodriguez
Probation

Makerita Silao
Probation

David Sperry
Probation

Clifford Barnard
Sheriff-Coroner

Samuel Castellanos
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert Hoffman
Sheriff-Coroner

Farzana Mahmood
Sheriff-Coroner

William Mitchell
Sheriff-Coroner

Douglas Payne
Sheriff-Coroner

Cheryl Alexander
Social Services Agency

Gloria Castro
Social Services Agency

Ronald Grigsby
Social Services Agency

Connie Guillen
Social Services Agency

Gary James
Social Services Agency

Agnes Kartika
Social Services Agency

Luz Ramirez
Social Services Agency

Daniel Rodriguez
Social Services Agency

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