

# COUNTY Connection



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## Ask the CEO



It's now been almost one year since I became a member of the County's employee team, and I wanted to share a few thoughts with you on this anniversary.

First, let me thank each one of you for your contributions to the success of the County of Orange. The most rewarding part of my job is meeting you on a day-to-day basis. It is tough to get out of this office, but I've visited and toured many departments and projects and more will follow!

I believe that the strength of this County, above all other counties, for resolving day-to-day issues lies in the combination of Board leadership and your individual contributions in support of Board direction.

Managing a tight budget while still producing a positive result is one of the year's major accomplishments for which you all deserve credit. We came in

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## Honoring the County's Military Heroes

**J. M. Aquino**



Chief Petty Officer  
Navy  
Sheriff-Coroner

\* **Ulafala Aurele**



Chief Petty Officer  
Navy  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Dennis Bauer**



Lieutenant  
Navy  
District Attorney

**Ronald J. Bihner**



Specialist 5  
Army  
Sheriff-Coroner

\* **Marc Biletski**



Sergeant 1st Class  
Army  
John Wayne Airport

**Edward T. Blount**



MSGT E-5  
Army  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Troy Chavers**



Sergeant  
USMC  
Sheriff-Coroner

\* **Joseph Frantz**



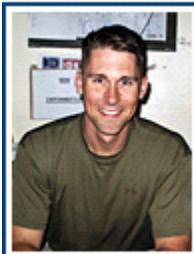
E4/Gunners 3rd Class  
Coast Guard  
John Wayne Airport

\* **Andrew Gillette**



AMN  
Air Force  
Public Library

\* **Jason Goodale**



1st Lieutenant  
USMC  
Social Services

**Ronald Granados**



SPC  
Army  
IHSS Public Authority

**Charles E. Hollis**



MSGT E-8  
USMC  
Sheriff-Coroner

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well under budget in FY 2004-05 and could, therefore, decrease our dependence on critical reserves that had been intended to soften the blow of State revenue take-aways.

There have been other successes such as the Board-led bankruptcy debt refunding (saving \$100 million) and the current and previous United Way campaigns that have raised more than \$1 million

Our most important successes frequently go unnoticed by the general public. You won't see newspaper headlines that commend County employees for the number of children receiving social services and health care or for the number of code enforcement case reductions, the number of criminals arrested, landfills operated in an environmentally sensitive way, safe landings at John Wayne Airport, and so it goes.

On behalf of the Chairman and the Board of Supervisors, thank you for your good work that goes unnoticed as well as your achievements that are noted by customers and staff alike. I'm grateful to you for your support of the Board of Supervisors' direction and vision. You are the backbone of this organization and you're a part of the best County in the State – no, the best in the nation!

Please say hello as I come by your worksite.

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**Ken King**



Sergeant E-5  
Army  
CEO/Real Estate

**Kelvin Knight**



Corporal  
USMC  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Thomas Knoy**



Specialist 5  
Army  
Sheriff-Coroner

**\* Zac Langhauser**



P.F.C  
Army  
Health Care Agency

**John S. Leyerle**



Captain  
Coast Guard Reserve  
John Wayne Airport

**\* Don Mead**



Sergeant  
Army  
RDMD

**Richard Mendez**



Specialist 5/E-5  
Army  
Sheriff-Coroner

**\* Phillip Morgan**



LCPL  
USMC  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Joshua Munoz**



E-4  
Army  
Probation

**William Onstott**



Major  
Army  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Julian Patrascu**



Staff Officer  
Coast Guard  
Aux.Social Service

**\* Ray Montoya**



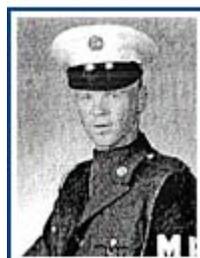
Lieutenant Jr Grade  
Navy  
Social Service Agency

**Juan Reynoso**



Sergeant  
National Guard  
Social Service Agency

**Bruce Robinson**



SP/4  
Army  
Probation

**\* Stephen Ruiz**



Corporal  
USMC  
RDMD

**\* Duane Strosaker**



Specialist 4th Class  
Army  
Social Service Agency

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**Bob Tunstall**



Sergeant  
USMC  
RDMD

**Atip Viskul**



2nd Lieutenant  
Army  
Auditor-Controller

**Virginia Sutton**



Staff Sergeant E-6  
USMC  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Group from Housing & Community Services - Veterans Services**



(From Left)  
Mike Kissamitakis-MSgt-USA, John Parent-GySgt- USMC,  
Joe Ford-GySgt-USMC, Neil Reich-Major-USMC, Doug  
Boeckler-Spec 4-USA , Eva Burdett-1<sup>st</sup> LT.-USAF, Harold  
Henriksen-Sgt-USAF, Jack Luster-PO2-USN, Richard Crowe-  
SFC-USA

**\* Family member of County employee**

## Registrar of Voters Adds New Services

With the November 8 election just around the corner, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has implemented a number of key improvements and plans to get votes counted in record time.

Neal Kelley, Acting Registrar, said that he and his staff expect the first results from absentee ballots and early votes to be reported at 8:05 p.m. on election night. They also plan to announce the final, unofficial results by 12:30 a.m.

New and helpful features are also available at the ROV website at

<http://www.oc.ca.gov/election/>. On Election Day, the site will have live photos that show the flow of election supplies including the ballots to be tallied, arriving at their warehouse from the polling places. The website will also provide voter turnout numbers along with updated information by precinct.

“One of our goals is to be able to quickly resolve any problems or questions that arise at polling places on Election Day,” said Kelley. “To do this, we will stage three Rapid Deployment Teams at strategic locations in the county. Their vans will be equipped with back-up elections equipment and supplies.”

For a first in the state, each team’s van will be equipped with a GPS tracking device so their proximity to the polling place needing assistance can be monitored.

“Our overarching goal is to provide a smooth election with rapid, accurate results,” said Kelley. “We’re going to give it everything we’ve got to reach those goals.”



ROV staff receive Judges Booth Controllers (JBC) containing votes on election night.

## United Way Campaign Steps into High Gear

The United Way campaign is off to a great start thanks to all of you. Here is a brief summary of some campaign highlights from United Way Chairperson Jan Goss, Integrated Waste Management Director:

- **Leadership Breakfast** - generated a record amount for this event totaling \$13,265, which included four new Leadership pledges totaling \$4,000.
- **Grand Avenue Kick-off and Car Show** – generated nearly \$2,200 despite inclement weather.
- **Golf Tournament** – generated a record amount for this event totaling \$20,245.
- **Civic Center Kick-Off** – generated \$15,200.
- **E-Way Pledging** – generated more than \$75,000 in pledges---an increase of nearly 98 percent over last year.



Airport Director Alan Murphy (left) braces over the dunk tank as First District Supervisor Lou Correa takes aim at the United Way Kick-Off on October 6. Proceeds from this and other activities benefit the United Way.

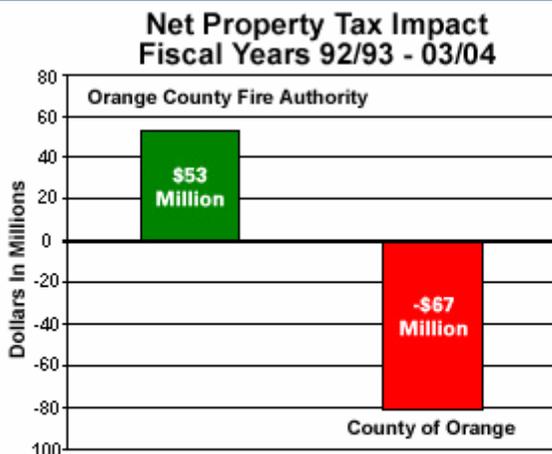
## Employees Fill 352 Barrels For Hurricane Survivors



At a rate of more than 100 barrels per week, County employees turned a three-week clothing drive into an over-the-top success for Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief

“I want to thank the agency coordinators and generous County employee for their hard work and giving spirits,” said Bill Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “Thanks to all that work, 352 barrels of new and like-new clothing are already on their way to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.”

The Social Services Agency filled more barrels than any agency or department and came in with 61 barrels. They were closely followed by Probation with 54 barrels. Dana Point Harbor Department filled the highest per capita amount with two barrels per employee. The clothing drive was held in collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Community Action Partnership.



As depicted in the above map, the Orange County Fire Authority provides services to 43% of the Orange County residents, while the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney provide services to all Orange County residents.

## Facts To Consider About Measure D

### Purpose of Proposition 172

- Proposition 172 was approved by California voters in 1993 to provide funding for public safety activities with funds allocated by the Board of Supervisors.
- The specific intent of Proposition 172 was to provide a permanent offset for the loss of property tax revenues to counties and cities that was shifted from the County by the State of California (Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds).

### Property Tax Impact to the County and OCFA

- OCFA receives property tax funding that is exempt from the shift of Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF). OCFA has lost no funding, in fact, its property tax allocation increased post-ERAF.
- OCFA only serves 43% of the county residents, while the Sheriff and District Attorney serve all of the residents of Orange County.
- Since 1992/1993, The County's share of property tax has decreased while the Orange County Fire Authority's (OCFA) share has increased. For Fiscal Year 03/04, this increased share gave them an extra \$7 million.
- In Fiscal Year 03/04, ERAF shifted from the County to the schools was \$261 million while Proposition 172 revenue received was \$236 million, resulting in a loss of \$25 million to the County General Fund.
- Since Fiscal Year 92/93, the cumulative ERAF impact to the County, even with the offsetting revenue from Prop. 172, is a net loss of more than \$67 million.

### Impact on Reallocation in Proposition 172

- Proposition 172 revenues pay for nearly 60% of the District Attorney's operating budget and nearly 50% of the Sheriff's operations budget, since inception of Proposition 172, the net growth in property tax has given OCFA an extra \$53 million.
- There are no projected available resources to backfill any revenue reallocated to OCFA.
- The growth in Proposition 172 is not keeping pace with the property tax that the County lost with the ERAF shift.
- By Fiscal Year 08/09, the proposed reallocation is projected to provide OCFA with more than \$30 million from the Sheriff and District Attorney's budgets. It is projected that staffing for Sheriff's Department and District Attorney will be reduced.



**25 Years**

**Sunny Bittle**  
CEO-Risk Management

**Ronald Cafferty**  
District Attorney

**Maria Carrasco**  
Public Defender

**Helen Chen**  
Health Care Agency

**Greg Derr**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**Luther Dixon**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**Wayne Johnson**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**Yolanda Jordon**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**Nedenia Lane**  
Public Administrator/  
Guardian Department

**My-Van Malmberg**  
Social Services Agency

**Mitchell Miller**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Richard Miller**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department  
**Helen Moreno**  
District Attorney

**Robin Park**  
District Attorney

**Maria Ramirez**  
Social Services Agency

**John Robinson**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**John Stanley**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Donald Turrentine**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Robert Wise**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**35 Years**

**Wendy Pearce**  
Social Services Agency

**30 Years**

**Barbara Brook**  
O.C. Public Library

**Kyoko Nakawaki**  
O.C. Public Library

**Pauline Notch**  
Social Service Agency

**John Ortega**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Brenda Roa**  
Social Services Agency

**Peggy Stanovich**  
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