

## New Deputy CEO Begins

In her second day on the job, Alisa Drakodaidis, new Deputy CEO for Infrastructure & Environmental Services, has Humpty Dumpty poised on a bookshelf behind her desk. A former boss gave her the memento as a reminder to be proactive and avoid the difficulty of putting broken pieces back together. With more than 18 years of public-sector experience working for Los Angeles County and Orange County, Alisa has worked collaboratively to enhance service delivery and organizational structures of many public service departments.

"I am looking forward to the diversity in this new position, especially getting involved with public work projects," said Drakodaidis. "My first steps include meeting with Infrastructure & Environmental department heads, field visits with operations staff, and reviewing long term projects."

Alisa characterizes her strengths as being very practi-

cal and structured while applying innovative and strategic thinking and planning. She enjoys challenges, working with people, and supporting residents in improving their well-being.



Alisa Drakodaidis, Deputy CEO for Infrastructure & Environmental Services

As head of Infrastructure & Environmental Services she will oversee five departments: Resources & Development Management Department; Housing & Community Services; Inte-

grated Waste Management; Registrar of Voters and Dana Point Harbor Department.

She joined the County in 2004 as the Chief Deputy Director of the Social Services Agency.

She also held various positions with the County of Los Angeles for nearly fifteen years including serving as an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Officer for the Probation Department responsible for Planning and Development and Administrative Services.

Alisa earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration at California State University, Long Beach and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Political Science from San Diego State University.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, horseback riding in San Diego and undertaking sewing projects. She resides in Lake Forest with her husband and eleven-year-old daughter.

# Sheriff's Employees Honored for Acts of High-Esteem and Heroism

At the 19th Annual Medal of Valor ceremony, 43 men and women of the Sheriff's Depart-

ment and two civilians received some of the highest recognitions which can be presented

from the department. Thirty-five of the medals awarded were for incidents involving the

use of vital life-saving techniques under stressful situations.

"These men and women are remarkable people who excelled under the most extreme circumstances and pressure situations," said Sheriff Mike Carona. "There aren't enough

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Sheriff Carona presented Medals of Merit, Lifesaving, Courage and Valor to 43 of the department's finest at the 19th Annual Medal of Valor ceremony.

## Tuition Reduced for County Employees

Beginning June 14, County employees will be eligible for reduced tuition at Chapman University's Irvine campus.

This new opportunity enables County employees to start or finish a degree program at a distinguished university with tuition reduced 10 percent from the usual rate. Classes will be offered outside of normal business hours as well as online in order to accommodate working adults.

The curriculum is accelerated and follows a quarter format, with courses scheduled nine weeks per session and occurring year round.

### Degree programs include:

- Computer Information Systems (BS)
- Criminal Justice (BA, MA)
- Health Services Management (BS)
- Health Administration (MA)
- Human Resources (MS)
- Liberal Studies (BA)
- Organizational Leadership (BA, MA)
- Psychology (BA)
- Social Sciences (BA)
- Sociology (BA)

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## New CAPS+ Newsletter Debuts

The County's financial, purchasing, human resources and payroll information systems, known as "CAPS" (County-wide Accounting and Personnel System) will soon be upgraded. The improved system, called CAPS+, will be a tremendous tool for County employees.

A new quarterly CAPS+ newsletter is available at [http://www.ocgov.com/images/caps/CAPS\\_Newsletter\\_April\\_2007.pdf](http://www.ocgov.com/images/caps/CAPS_Newsletter_April_2007.pdf) and provides updates about the benefits, impacts, scope and project status. The CAPS+ project will soon be completing the Envision Phase and recommendations for system implementation will be brought before the Board in June.

words to describe just how proud I am of each and every one of them. They are the finest examples of what the Orange County Sheriff's Department is all about."

One of the medals for lifesaving was presented to Deputy Doug Claypool for rescuing seven people from a burning building. As Deputy Claypool was patrolling an unincorporated area of Yorba Linda, he noticed smoke billowing out from an apartment complex.

The fire had taken over a garage and was quickly spreading to the attached apartments.

After requesting the assistance of the fire department, Deputy Claypool entered the apartment that was attached to the burning garage and evacuated one adult and three children who were sound asleep at the time.

Next, the deputy entered a second apartment upstairs from the fire and found another family asleep. A husband, wife and their infant child were all safely removed from the destructive path of the fire.

Also presented at the ceremony, was the department's highest honor. The Medal of Valor was awarded to three deputies – Craig Nelson, Marisela Elmore and Trenton Hoffman – who risked their lives to protect another.

"These men and women put their lives on the line every day," said Carona. "You don't

always hear about the amazing and heroic things that they do. This is one way we can show our appreciation and say thank you for their fine work and courage."

The following men and women received medals at a March 23 ceremony at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine.

**Medal of Merit**

Investigator Bill Baker  
Sergeant Tim Moy  
Sergeant Yvonne Shull

**Medal for Lifesaving**

Deputy Sean Hilliard  
Deputy Mark Kunar  
Deputy Matt Prince  
Deputy Lillian Granillo  
Sergeant Daniel Lurie  
Sheriff's Special Officer Robert Sims  
Deputy Rebecca Contreras  
Deputy Juliana Webb  
Deputy Larry Hahn  
Deputy Thomas Graham  
Deputy Jason Perez  
Sheriff's Special Officer Sean Fowler  
Sheriff's Special Officer Shawn Tangard  
Deputy Valerie Rehnelt  
Community Service Officer Darci Stumph  
Deputy Doug Claypool  
Deputy David Lee  
Deputy Tracy Harris  
Deputy Rocky Castellano  
Deputy Ehren Weidenkeller  
Deputy Kevin Geary  
Deputy Darren Sandberg  
Deputy Margie Sheehan  
Deputy Michael Carlson  
Deputy Frank Tomeo  
Deputy Steven Wayt  
Deputy Brain Shelton  
Deputy Carlo DiGanci

Deputy Kent Carpenter  
Deputy David Zindroski

**Medal of Courage and Lifesaving**

Sergeant Doug Doyle  
Sergeant John Stanley  
Deputy Joshua Beeney  
Deputy Joshua Brass  
Deputy James Porras

**Purple Heart and Medal for Courage**

Sheriff's Special Officer Melvin Guevara

**Medal of Valor**

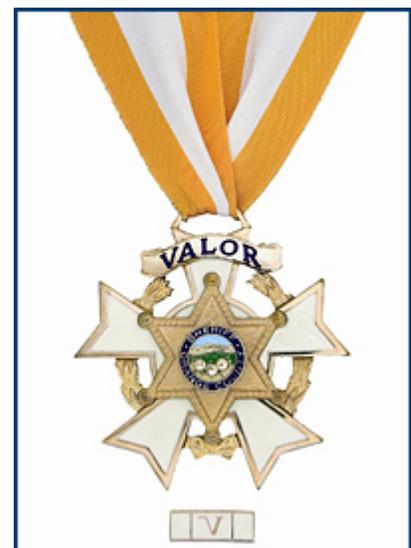
Deputy Craig Nelson  
Deputy Marisela Elmore

**Purple Heart and Medal of Valor**

Deputy Trenton Hoffman  
**Medal of Courage**  
Deputy Jeremy Campbell

**Community Member Plaques**

Michael Mirando  
Dean Hood



The Medal of Valor, the department's highest honor, was presented to three deputies at a recent recognition ceremony.

# County People/County Places Photo Contest

You can help us show the public who we are and what we do in just a few easy steps:

1. Get permission from your immediate supervisor to participate.
2. Snap some photos in color digital format with high resolution. County People category photos should highlight employees doing their jobs. Be sure to have the people appearing in your photo(s) sign our model release form [www.ocgov.com/pcontest/modelrelease.pdf](http://www.ocgov.com/pcontest/modelrelease.pdf). County Places category photos should feature an interior or exterior County location.
3. Submit a color photocopy of each entry by PONY to Pat Markley, CEO Community/Media Relations, Hall of Administration. Include a completed application form [www.ocgov.com/pcontest/PhotoContestApplication.pdf](http://www.ocgov.com/pcontest/PhotoContestApplication.pdf) and model release(s). Packets must be received by the CEO's office by the end of the day on June 22.
4. Semifinalists will be selected and asked to submit their photos on a CD or e-mailed in a JPEG format. Gift cards will be rewarded to the winners!



Call 714.834.6203 or e-mail [Jessica.Jakary@ocgov.com](mailto:Jessica.Jakary@ocgov.com) to learn more.

## Get The 411 On OC Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department

- The Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department (OCSD) is the second largest sheriff's department in the State of California and the fifth largest in the nation. The department employs approximately 4,000 individuals and maintains reserve units totaling more than 800 personnel.
- OCSD, underwritten by an annual budget of \$680 million, is composed of four organizational functions: Operations, Investigations/Communications/ Court Operations, Jail Operations and Special Services. An Assistant Sheriff administers each function, while Captains and Directors are responsible for the daily command of divisions.
- The Sheriff-Coroner Department oversees and operates five jail facilities that house more than 6,500 inmates on a daily basis. The Musick Jail Facility uses inmate labor to farm 35 acres of agricultural land and oversee a poultry operation. In recent years, the farm has produced approximately \$750,000 worth of vegetables and eggs for use in jail kitchens.
- OCSD is contracted to patrol 12 cities and 350 square miles of unincorporated areas. Law Enforcement and Security Services are provided through similar agreements to the Orange County Superior Court, John Wayne Airport and Orange County Transportation Authority.

To get more of the 411, visit: <http://www.ocsd.org/>

## County Weights & Measures Program May Soon Recover Inspection Costs

Orange County has a vibrant business sector that boasts establishments ranging from grocery stores, gas stations and taxicab companies to recycling centers, airports and parcel post companies. As different as these businesses appear, they all have one common thread – reliance upon weighing, measuring and/or price scanning devices.

With the inspections of these devices by the Resources and Development Management Department's (RDMD) Sealer of Weights & Measures Program, residents can stand in line at the grocery store and fill up the gas tanks in their cars with confidence that they are getting the amount of goods they are paying for.

"This enforcement program is about quality control," said RDMD/ Sealer of Weights & Measures Rick Le Feuvre. "Without ensuring that weighing/measuring devices and price scanners are accurate, consumers lose confidence in the marketplace. We help create a level playing field and provide a level of trust."

The RDMD/ Weights & Measures operation has been functioning for more than 40 years. However, a new state law (AB 889) now allows California Counties to increase fees to help recover the cost of the inspection and testing of weighing/ measuring devices, and to establish new fees to recover costs for the inspection and testing of price scanners.

This cost recovery

bill, signed into law in October 2005, provides an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to set fees for the County's weights and measures inspections conducted throughout the area at approximately 6,000 businesses. The proposed fee schedule is comparably lower than those currently charged by the four neighboring counties, while at the same time still providing needed relief for the County's general fund.

"We do not intend to have dozens of weights and measures specialists running around," said Le Feuvre. "We will maintain a small staff of 11 enforcement personnel. The goal of this is to maintain minimum service levels and costs while still maintaining acceptable compliance rates."

A letter was sent in March to all identifiable affected businesses explaining the proposed fee schedule. The public was then given the opportunity to comment on the matter. All comments were then submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review.



Bob Grosso, retired Program Supervisor of the Weights & Measures Program, checks bar codes for accuracy at a local supermarket.



For the Month of April

## 35 Years

**Carl Fine**  
Assessor

## 30 Years

**Amy De Los Reyes-White**  
District Attorney

**Yolanda Rodriquez**  
Health Care Agency

**Kathy Brown**  
Health Care Agency

**Dominick De Rado**  
Sheriff-Coroner

## 25 Years

**Ronda Mallien**  
Public Library

**Rina Evans**  
Public Library

**Ruby Maldonado**  
Resources & Development  
Management Department

**Jennifer Phan**  
Social Services Agency

**Hellen Howe**  
Social Services Agency

**Helga Meza**  
Social Services Agency

**Elena Santa Cruz**  
District Attorney

**Randy Hoag**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Russell Endsley**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Wayne Quint**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Guy Bremer**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Daniel Geddes**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Steven Ellerman**  
Sheriff-Coroner



## Are You Prepared?

With summer being right around the corner, tem-



peratures are hot and emergencies may increase. Many disasters, like earthquakes, fires, landslides and tsunamis, can strike quickly and with little or no warning, so make sure that you and your loved ones are prepared.

Remember that it is important to have a certain place for everyone to meet, and to have an emergency supply kit available. This kit should have: one gallon of water, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food, flashlights and extra batteries, a first aid kit, blankets, wrench or pliers, money, baby supplies, a can opener, a portable radio and essential medications.

If you would like to learn more information about emergency preparedness for your home or business please visit [www.ReadyOC.org](http://www.ReadyOC.org).

## County Connection

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