From the Fire Chief

Dear OCFA Family,

It is an honor to be writing to the personnel who support and serve our OCFA Team Family. The Senior Management Team (SMT) is very proud of our OCFA family and the work you do every day to serve our communities and our fellow firefighters and emergency responders. Thanks to the hard work put forth by the over 1,000 organization "who" makes our OCFA family, we are a great team!

As we enter into the month of March, we are preparing for the budget process, a process that will last until June. We are in the process of developing our budget for the upcoming fiscal year and we are looking forward to the input from the Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Ad Hoc).

Last year, the Ad Hoc was very instrumental in shaping our 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and we are looking forward to the same input this year. The Ad Hoc will be reviewing our budget and CIP and will be providing input to the Board of Directors (Board) on our budget priorities and recommendations.

As I have in our prior editions to I thank the Ad Hoc members, you have been very instrumental in each of large strategic decisions we have made over the last few years. I want to also thank the Board of Directors for their support of the Ad Hoc and the work it does on behalf of our agency. I want to also thank our Labor Partners for their support of the Ad Hoc and the work it does on behalf of our agency. Without the support of our Labor Partners, the Ad Hoc would not be as successful as it has been in the past.

Last year the Board asked the Ad Hoc to take another look at the CIP and provide input on the facilities, specifically the apparatus, the Regional Fire Operations and Training (RFOTC) and the Fire Stations. The Ad Hoc did a great job of providing input on the CIP and I am looking forward to the same input this year. The Ad Hoc will be reviewing our CIP and providing input to the Board on our priorities and recommendations.

Also, we are all aware of the challenges such as pandemic health and unprecedented inflation that we have faced over the last few years. We are also aware of the challenges we face in the future such as the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Ad Hoc Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Health Care Benefits, the Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Health Care Benefits, the Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Health Care Benefits