
OCSD Chart

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There are inaccuracies in this comparison. OCFA has four full time pilot positions and does not utilize "reserve" pilots for its missions. All of our pilots are carded by the USFS and CAL FIRE. If needed, OCFA is capable of surging all four aircraft. OCFA has a tactical medic and our daily staffing is a minimum of one paramedic, it is not a maximum number. While we don't currently have FLIR, we will likely have the capability in early 2019. The time on station is the same for both rescue aircraft. Both agencies require two rescuers to manage a stokes rescue. OCFA provides for that need. There are different ways to manage a stokes rescue and OCFA's practices ensure that the victim has a smooth and safe extraction while maintaining cervical and spinal immobilization.

The key point here is that it only takes ONE helicopter to complete a rescue. Just because each agency has multiple helicopters doesn't matter, it only takes one to complete a rescue and OCFA has been successfully doing so for over 20 years.

Furthermore, the helicopter is but one part of OCFA's response capability that managed over 155,000 calls for fire and rescue service including 104,000 medical aids in 2016. Our response provides for both air and ground advanced life support operating in coordination with transportation decision based on risk assessment and best interest of the patient's condition.

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<u>Capability/Resource</u>	<u>OCSD</u>	<u>OCFA</u>
Helicopters	5	4
Full-Time Pilots	9	3
Reserve Pilots	8	0
Cal Fire/US Forest Service Carded Pilots	7	2
Maximum helicopter deployment	5 of 5	3 of 4
Minimum daily helicopter staffing	2	1
Public Safety Aviation Accreditation	Yes	No
Number of paramedics on rescue helicopter	2	1
OCEMS ALS Accreditation	Yes	Yes
OCEMS Accredited Tactical Medics	Yes	No
Search capability w/ high mag camera	Yes	No
On station time w/o refuel	Patrol 3.5 hrs Rescue 2.0 hrs	1.8 hours
Additional hoist cycles/personnel needed during a rescue with Stokes or Heli-tack Bag	No	Yes