County Receives 14 Awards for Innovation and Achievement

Santa Ana, Calif. (May 22, 2019) — The County of Orange was recognized for a total of 12 achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and two Golden Hub of Innovation awards from the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC) this May.

County of Orange programs that received NACo Achievement Awards are:

Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- OC Public Libraries: Indigenous Voices of San Juan Capistrano: The Acjachemen (Juaneño) Indian Community

Civic Education and Public Information
- OC Public Libraries: Pop-Up Libraries

County Resiliency: Infrastructure, Energy & Sustainability
- OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR): Organics Management Plan - Developing a Regional Organics Program

Human Services
- OC Parks: OC Parks Silent Night
- Social Services Agency (SSA): Families and Communities Together (FaCT) Specialized Services
- SSA: Adult Protective Services Simulation Training

Information Technology
- Child Support Services: Charting the Course: Predictive Analytics in Orange County Child Support
- OCWR in partnership with OC Information Technology (OCIT): OCWR Neighbor Support Portal
- OC Clerk-Recorder: SECURE G2G- Government to Government
- OC Community Resources: Veterans Service Office Self Check-In

Risk and Emergency Management
- OC Sheriff’s Department: Emergency Management Interactive Mapping Program
- OCWR in partnership with OCIT: OC Safety Application
County of Orange programs/individuals that received ACC-OC Golden Hub of Innovation awards are:

**Community Outreach**
- OC Animal Care: Rescue Track

**Technology e-Government**
- Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, Fifth District, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and OC Information Technology: Mello

Each year NACo and ACC-OC take the time to recognize Counties across the nation for their countless achievements and innovations.

“It is my honor to accept the Innovation award for the application Mello,” said Chairwoman Bartlett, Fifth District. “With the help of Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich and OC Information Technology, we were able to collaborate to create an application that makes an emphasis on transparency for the taxpayers of Orange County.”

“I am exceptionally proud of all the programs that departments have created to better serve taxpayers,” said Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Second District Supervisor.

ACC-OC and NACo hand select programs that strive to improve the way government facilities operate. Overall, both organizations encourage growth in departments that will in turn enhance the lives of many.

“Our departments make a real difference in the lives of those we represent every day, I feel proud that their extraordinary work is being recognized by NACo and ACC-OC,” said Supervisor Andrew Do, First District.

“I want to acknowledge County programs, such as OC Park's Silent Night, for their great effort in creating safe, secure, and thriving communities. Their hard work has brought people together and will have a lasting impact on residents for years to come,” said Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, Third District.

“It is my privilege to recognize programs like Organics Management Plan - Developing a Regional Organics Program for issuing a plan that seeks to lower greenhouses gases from landfills,” said Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Fourth District. “Congratulations to the award recipients for continuously creating programs that benefit our residents.”

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