

Freeway Complex Fire Final Report

On November 15, 2008, County of Orange officials requested that the Orange County Rescue Mission's OperationOC activate to its Level 2 recovery services for the Freeway Complex Fire in Orange County.

On November 18, OperationOC sent a mobile recovery team to the Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Anaheim. OperationOC partnered with Hope Force International, 211 Orange County, and Working Wardrobes. Operation OC served seven days at the LAC until its closing on November 24. OperationOC continued to serve fire victims out of its headquarters in Tustin, seeing them through the process of recovery.

Between November 18, 2008, and January 7, 2009, OperationOC served 437 fire victims comprising 155 households. Direct recovery services included fire victim case management; food boxes; hygiene supplies; gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants and Target; telephone cards; referrals to other service providers; and emotional and spiritual care.

General Statistics	
Level 2 Activation start date:	November 15, 2008
Level 2 Activation end date:	January 7, 2009
Total number of days activated:	53
Total number of evacuees served:	437
Total number of unduplicated households served:	115
Total number of requests for assistance:	224
Total number of units of service:	2161
Total number of staff and volunteers:	69
Total number of staff and volunteer hours:	1,246

In closing, OperationOC would like to thank all of the volunteers who served the fire victims and recognize those organizational partners who played a significant role in this response effort. We want to express our gratitude for the heart they have in helping those who are in need. Organizational participants and donors include the following:

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Hope Force International	Outta Bounds Adventure Center
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