



# FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## SEVERE WEATHER CAUSES HAVOC

Garden Grove Fire Department staff established unified command with the Police and Public Works Departments, and activated the emergency operation center at 4:00 p.m. today. The storm brought heavy rains accompanied by strong winds that flooded some areas, and brought down over 20 large trees throughout the City, including one that crushed a vehicle. Additional personnel and equipment from all three departments were brought in to assist in public safety efforts. Due to the centralized command and with the public's help through social media, problem areas were quickly triaged and hazards were mitigated promptly.

The emergency operation center was closed shortly before 8:00 p.m., with crews remaining on call. Public Works personnel will continue to work to clear immediate hazards, and cleanup efforts will resume in the morning. "Our success today was a testament to our planning and collaboration with other departments and the community," said fire chief, Tom Schultz.

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