



MEDIA ALERT

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For Immediate Release

Subject: CATF-5 Deployed Personnel Including Canine and Handler at RFOTC at 3 p.m.

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Who: Su Vodrazka and Riggs (canine), along with Dr. Ken Miller, Captain Steve Dohman, and Captain Kevin Fetterman will speak about their deployment to the Oso Mudslide in Washington. Ms. Vodrazka and Riggs were instrumental in finding a young child's body that was missing.

What: CATF-5 played a vital and critical role in this disaster (both in support and operations) due to the extent of recovery efforts. Su & Riggs were the only team from California and this was the first-ever FEMA sponsored Search & Recovery Deployment in history. FEMA has always done Search & Rescue but this is a new program, since August of 2013. FEMA sent 20 human remain canine teams from across the country. Thirty-nine people have died and six are still missing. They will all recount their missions on this trip.

When: **Thursday, April 17 at 3 p.m.**
Staging Begins at 2:45 p.m.

Where: **RFOTC – OCFA Headquarters**
1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine

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