News Release

OCFA Academy #43 Will Graduate 36 Firefighters

Irvine, CA –The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will graduate 36 new firefighters from their fire academy during a ceremony on March 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. The graduation will take place at OCFA's Regional Fire Operations and Training Center (RFOTC), 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine.

Buena Park Mayor Elizabeth Swift, who also serves as the chair of OCFA's Board of Directors, will be the keynote speaker.

"On behalf of the OCFA Board of Directors, I am very honored and pleased to congratulate the latest OCFA firefighter academy graduates upon the completion of their rigorous training program," said OCFA Chair Elizabeth Swift. "The academy brought together people of diverse backgrounds but with a consistent motivation: to learn the skills of firefighters so that they may faithfully serve the residents of Orange County. These graduates will make a difference every day for people at their most vulnerable. We thank the academy instructors and graduates alike for their hard work, preparation, and dedication."

The new firefighters have completed a rigorous 16-week training regimen that has prepared them for a successful career with the OCFA. The ceremony will feature skills demonstrations involving live vehicle and structure fires, firefighters repelling down the side of OCFA's training tower, and vehicle extrication demonstrations using the "Jaws of Life."

Graduation and Skills Demonstration:
- Academy 42 graduation is open to family, friends, and the media.
- Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 6 p.m.
- RFOTC - 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine CA 92602

For more information, visit www.ocfa.org

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