



Media Advisory

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California Task Force 5 (CATF-5) returns home tomorrow from Hurricane Harvey

Who: After a 14-day FEMA deployment to Houston, Texas, California Task Force 5 (CA-TF5) will return home to Orange County on Thursday, September 7, 2017. CA-TF5 comprised of members from the Orange County Fire Authority, Anaheim, and Orange fire departments departed on August 24, 2017, driving non-stop over 1,500 miles, to aid in rescue efforts caused by the devastating Hurricane Harvey that struck the Houston area on August 25, 2017.

What: Hurricane Harvey was the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Hurricane Wilma in 2005. In a four-day period, many areas received more than 50 inches of rain from what was the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the contiguous United States. Rapid intensification from a tropical storm, Harvey quickly became a Category 3 hurricane. Intensification stalled slightly overnight and Harvey attained Category 4 intensity later that day. The floods resulted in hundreds of thousands of homes damaged displacing more than 30,000 people, prompting over 17,000 rescues, and causing 66 confirmed deaths. CA-TF5 was cited for over 1000 of those rescues.

When: **Thursday, September 7, 2017 at approximately 5:00 p.m. PST**

Where: **Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations & Training Center**
1 Fire Authority Road. Irvine CA 92602 – Homecoming will take place on the training grounds.

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The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves more than 1.8 million residents in 23 cities and the unincorporated areas of Orange County.