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Subject: Ed Fleming Promoted to Division Chief
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The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) is pleased to announce the promotion of Ed Fleming to the position of Division Chief, effective September 28, 2007.

In his new position, Chief Fleming will plan, direct, and coordinate fire operations in Division 5, which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods and Lake Forest. He will also oversee the County's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.

Chief Fleming holds a Bachelor's Degree in Water Science from the University of California-Davis, an Associate Degree in Fire Technology from Santa Ana College, two certificates from the University of California Extension-Irvine, and he is certified in as a CSP by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Chief Fleming is a certified Chief Officer from the California State Fire Marshal's Office and has attended numerous emergency management and incident command courses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA), the National Fire Academy, the California Specialized Training Institute, and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. Chief Fleming is a graduate of OCFA's Project Excellence and Leadership Institute.

After serving as a firefighter in Davis, California for seven years, Chief Fleming joined the Orange County Fire Department in 1985 and has since served in a variety of capacities, including Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Assistant Fire Training Officer, Fire Captain, Helicopter Relief Crew Chief, Battalion Seven Chief, and Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Leader. Chief Fleming's most recent assignment was at OCFA Corporate Communications Office where he oversaw Public Information, Community Relations, and Multi-Media Services.

Chief Fleming is a 17-year resident of the City of Aliso Viejo, where he lives with his wife and 11-year old daughter.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves more than 1.3 million residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.