



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Subject:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Fire Explorer Academy

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**Who:** The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) is coordinating the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Fire Explorer Academy. 62 fire explorers from the OCFA, Brea, Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Orange, Ontario, and other fire agencies are attending this intense academy.

**What:** Throughout the academy, fire explorers will learn in the classroom and get hands-on training focused on firefighting and what firefighters do on a daily basis. "This academy is an excellent opportunity for our youth and young adults to learn both teamwork and lifesaving skills in a controlled but yet challenging environment", says OCFA Firefighter and Academy Coordinator, Mickey Hansen. "Both the classroom instruction and manipulative skills give the fire explorers a look into what it takes to be a firefighter."

The participating fire explorers will learn skills including: structural firefighting and fire attack, vehicle extrication, wildland firefighting and fire behavior, LPG and flammable liquids fire attack, rescue systems, forcible entry, and thermal imaging technology.

**When:** July 18 through July 24<sup>th</sup>. **Media Day will be Friday, July 23rd from 9am to 12pm.**

**Where:** North Net Training Facility located at **2400 E. Orangewood Ave in Anaheim**

On Media Day, the fire explorers will be participating in Fire Control and fighting live car fires. This day will provide excellent photo, video, and interview opportunities.

If you are interested in interview or photo opportunities, please contact Captain McKeown with any questions or scheduling needs at 714-402-3739.

For more information on Fire Exploring, please visit the following link:

<http://www.ocfa.org/pages/ocfa.asp?filename=explorerprogram.asp>



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