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Subject: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY NAMES NEW DEPUTY AND NEW OPERATIONS CHIEFS

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Irvine, CA - Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Fire Chief Keith Richter today named Ronald Blaul as OCFA's new Deputy Fire Chief and Jorge Camargo as the new Assistant Chief of Operations. Chief Blaul will start his new position in March while Chief Camargo will start his new position February 12th.

"We're very excited to have Chiefs Blaul and Camargo on our Executive team," said Keith Richter, OCFA Fire Chief. "I am confident their leadership skills will help keep OCFA as one of the premier fire service agencies in America."

Deputy Chief Blaul possesses 33 years of emergency services experience, with 23 years as a chief officer. Chief Blaul most recently served in Battalion 4, which is located in South Orange County. He brings a wealth of experience, education, and leadership to his new position. Chief Blaul has extensive experience as a Training Officer, PIO, EMS Program Manager, and Strategic Planner. Chief Blaul is a well respected chief officer at both the State and National levels.

Chief Camargo brings 36 years of firefighting experience with an extensive background in administration and incident management. He most recently served in Division 1, which is located in West Orange County. Chief Camargo has served on Urban Search & Rescue CATF5, a FEMA Incident Support Team, and numerous other committees and associations. Chief Camargo is a tactical fire ground leader that will lend critical leadership to OCFA Firefighters.

For interview opportunities, please contact Captain McKeown at 714-402-3739. For more information about OCFA, call (714) 573-6200 or go to www.ocfa.org.

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