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Irvine, CA –The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) officially swore in Chief Keith Richter today as its new Fire Chief. Chief Richter took the helm on August 1 at one of the largest fire agencies in California with its nearly 850 firefighters at 62 fire stations. The official swearing in ceremony took place this morning with Cindy Richter, his wife, performing the badge pinning honors.



“I am very excited to join the OCFA,” says Chief Richter. “The OCFA is served by many fine people that put public safety and service first. I look forward to new challenges and new relationships here at the OCFA.”



Chief Richter was selected by the OCFA Board of Directors from a large pool of well-qualified candidates from throughout the Nation. Chief Richter comes to the OCFA from Contra Costa County Fire District where he has been their Chief since 1998. He has more than 30 years experience in the fire service. He started his career with the Tucson Fire Department back in 1977 as a firefighter. Chief Richter holds a Master of Science degree in Fire Administration and he is

an Executive Board Member of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

For more information about OCFA, call (714) 573-6200 or go to www.ocfa.org. The OCFA also supports a Facebook page “[Orange County Fire Authority](#)”.

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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.