

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Fire Chief Chip Prather is proud to announce that Pat Antrim, a resident of Silverado Canyon for the past 45 years, has been promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief.

A Battalion Chief is responsible for directing the day-to-day operations of a firefighting force in an assigned geographic area on an assigned shift. Chief Antrim will be assigned to Battalion Seven, which includes the cities of Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Lake Forest and the communities of Ladera Ranch, Modjeska Canyon and Trabuco Canyon.

Chief Antrim began his career as a Reserve Firefighter in Silverado with the California Department of Forestry in 1978. He was hired as career firefighter by the Orange County Fire Department in 1980. He has served as Public Information Officer and has been a member of OCFA's Hazardous Materials Team and Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Pat is serving his fifth season on the United States Forest Service Interagency Management Team and participated in the Columbia Space Shuttle recovery effort. He is a state certified fire officer and hazardous materials specialist and is also a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certified logistics specialist.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves as the all-risk emergency response agency for 1.3 million Orange County residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.