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Subject: Orange County Fire Authority to Hold Its Annual Best and Bravest Ceremony
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Who: The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will hold its annual "Best and Bravest" Ceremony.

What: The awards ceremony honors nominees for Firefighter and Reserve Firefighter of the Year from its eight battalions. Other award categories included are Manager of the Year, Employee of the Year, Medal of Merit, Lifesaving Medal, Medal of Valor, Unit Citation, and Unsung Hero. There will also be a special civilian award presented to Shawn Alladio who rescued and saved a victim's life that was trapped in a burning vehicle in Mission Viejo.

This event will feature television personality Michele Gile as our Master of Ceremonies. This event is made possible by the following: City of Irvine, City of Dana Point, City of Laguna Hills, OCFA Board Chair Doug Davert- City of Tustin, Irvine Exchange Club, Hoag Hospital, Mission Hospital, Cox Communications, OCFA Chief Officers Assoc., OC Employees Assoc., OC Professional Firefighters Assoc., Prime Healthcare, and the OCFA Benevolent Association.

Where: Irvine Marriott Hotel located at 18000 Von Karman Avenue Irvine, California 92612

When: We invite the media to join the OCFA on **Thursday, February 4th at 5:30pm.**

Chief Concepcion will coordinate both photo and interview opportunities for this event. Please contact Captain McKeown or Chief Concepcion should you have any questions about this event.

For additional information about the OCFA, please call (714) 573-6200 or visit www.ocfa.org.

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