

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

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Norman Stone of the Dean Foods Ice Cream Plant and the Dean Foods Milk Plant in Buena Park, will be recognized by the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) on September 28 for outstanding performance in Accident Release Prevention as part of the California Accidental Release Risk Management Program (CalARP).

The award will be presented at the OCFA Board of Directors meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Authority's headquarters facility, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine.

The honor is awarded to businesses that treat public safety, fire prevention and loss prevention as a top priority. CalARP is a state program that is administered locally by the OCFA. Dean Foods was ranked number one by the OCFA's Safety and Environmental Services Section from among the 40 CalARP facilities that it inspects on a regular basis.

According to OCFA Fire Safety Engineer Robert Distaso, the outstanding elements of the risk management program at the Dean Foods facility include:

- Mechanical integrity of equipment through extensive preventative maintenance
- Excellent Hazard and Operability studies
- Safety training for employees and contract workers
- State of the art fire and leak detection systems
- Proactive site security measures

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.