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Subject: OCFA Warning Lake Forest Residents About Faulty Dishwashers

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Following a fire that caused $300,000 damage on March 28 in Lake Forest, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) is distributing flyers this evening to residents in the area where the fire occurred, warning them about a faulty dishwasher that was determined to be the cause of the fire.

After investigating the fire, OCFA Assistant Fire Marshal Cari Purkey discovered that the dishwasher involved may be on the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) recall list. According to the CPSC, the electric current that flows through the latch when it is in the CLOSED position can create excessive heat, leading to melting, smoke generation, and/or fire.

While the OCFA is focusing its efforts in the section of Lake Forest where the faulty dishwashers are known to have been installed, everyone should be aware of the danger and should check their dishwashers.

The following dishwashers are involved:

- Dishwashers by Hotpoint or GE
- Model #: HAD 467, HAD 477, HAD 487, GSD 500D, GE500G or GSD 540.
- Serial #: with the second letter of A, M, R, S, T, V or Z. (for example B**M**12345)

To locate the model and serial number on your dishwasher, open the unit and locate the rectangular label on the front edge of the inner tube.

For recall information regarding this and many other products go to http://www.recalls.gov.

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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.