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SUBJECT: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY TO CANVAS DANA POINT NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE FATAL FIRE OCCURRED

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Irvine, CA – On May 26th, Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters responded to a fire at a home in Dana Point that resulted in the death of an 84-year old woman. During the investigation of the home, it appeared that there were no smoke alarms and an excessive amount of debris throughout the residence that prevented a quick escape.

This Saturday, June 26th at 9 a.m., local firefighters will be canvassing the area where the fire occurred, in particular the streets of Camino El Molino, Via Velez, Calle Velez, and Calle Naranja distributing information regarding smoke alarms, how and when to change your smoke alarm batteries, as well as installing working smoke alarms in homes that do not have them.

“Residents should be aware that now is the time to check your smoke alarms and change the batteries,” said OCFA Fire Marshal Laura Blaul. “It could make the difference between life and death. The extra two minutes that the smoke alarm provides, greatly increases your chance of survival in a house fire.”

We are asking you to join the Orange County Fire Authority in efforts to reduce risks, prevent fires, and improve community safety by doing the following:

- Have a battery operated smoke alarm on every level of your home and in every sleeping area, even if you have hard-wired smoke alarms.
- Check your hard-wired and battery operated smoke alarms every month.
- Change the batteries twice a year.
- Replace the entire unit every ten years.

For other important safety information, you can call (714) 573-6200 or go to www.ocfa.org.

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