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Subject: Orange County Fire Authority to Host the 3rd Annual 2006 Explorer Games on October 7

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Irvine, CA – More than 100 fire explorers from four local fire departments will compete in training exercises as they take part in the 3rd Annual 2006 Explorer Games on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Orange County Fire Authority's Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, located at 1 Fire Authority Road (Jamboree & Tustin Ranch Rd.), Irvine.

Twenty teams from Orange County Fire Authority, Fullerton Fire Department, Orange City Fire Department and Brea Fire Department will embark in a day-long skills competition to see who has the best firefighting team. A big part of the Exploring program is to offer young adults real life experience, training and exposure to the career opportunities available in the fire service.

Some of the events include:

- **Tug-o-war**
- **Make and Break** – explorer must smoothly uncouple three sections of fire hose, beginning at the nozzle and ending at the pump panel of the engine, then couple the fire hose, starting at the pump panel in reverse order in the fastest time possible
- **First In/First Out** – explorers as a team must quickly and safely deploy a fire hose line through obstacles and use the hose stream to knock down objects and rescue a victim
- **Bucket Brigade** – explorers must move water from one tank to another using buckets and the hand-over-hand method
- **Water Ball** – explorers must use water from a hose stream to push a ball attached to an overhead wire into the opponent's goal

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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.