

NEWS RELEASE



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Fire Explorer Academy 2006

The Orange County Fire Explorer Association is sponsoring the Eighth Annual Fire Explorer Academy for 50 Explorers from June 25-July 2.

Attending the Academy will be fire explorers from the 10 Posts sponsored by the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) as well as explorers from the Orange, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Riverside, Brea and Fullerton Fire Departments.

Included in the Academy will be training in the following areas: rescue systems, wildland fire control, auto extrication, structural fire control and flammable liquid firefighting.

During the Academy, explorers will be housed at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa and will be bused to a variety of venues each day for training. These venues include the OCFA headquarters facility in Irvine, Costa Mesa Fire Station #4, the Firestone Scout Reservation, the Chevron Oil Refinery in El Segundo and the Riverside Fire Training Center.

Graduation ceremonies will be held July 1 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moore Theater on the campus of Orange Coast College.

Following is the Academy schedule:

June 25	1 p.m.-6 p.m.	Orientation	Vanguard University (Costa Mesa)
June 26	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Auto Extrication	OCFA Headquarters (Irvine)
June 27	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Rescue Systems	Costa Mesa Fire Station #4
June 28	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Flammable Liquids	Chevron Oil Refinery (El Segundo)
June 29	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Wildland Fire Control	Firestone Scout Reservation
June 30	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Structure Fire Control	Riverside Fire Department
July 1	2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Graduation	Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa)

These events should provide the media with some excellent photo opportunities. Anyone from the media who would like to attend any of these events should contact Captain Dan Hanson at (714) 229-8803.

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.