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SUBJECT: OCFA CORRECTS TWO POINTS IN THE FREEWAY FIRE AFTER ACTION REPORT

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Last month, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) released its Freeway Fire After Action Report (AAR) that details information about the fire from its initial onset until its completion. The report identifies challenges, recommendations, timelines, fire progression, and resource information.

Following the release of the AAR, additional information was received from staff that warrants correction of two comments in the AAR.

Strike Team Deployment

Page 30 of the AAR references two OCFA strike teams being dispatched to stage at Fire Station 53, and that while enroute the Strike Team Leaders heard requests for immediate need resources and diverted to the City of Corona. While the Strike Teams did respond directly to the fire location in Corona, it was due to the information and response location provided to the units upon dispatch. Although the original order for engines included a request that they stage at Station 53, this information was never received by the responding units; therefore, they appropriately responded directly to the location of the fire in Corona.

Additional Fire

Page 35 of the AAR discusses additional fires near the Black Gold Country Club and also a fire below the Diemer Water Filtration Plant. Both reported fires were actually the same fire that was reported from two separate parties in different locations. This single fire was extinguished by water drops from HC 241, and the golf course personnel. The engines referenced actually did not arrive at that location since the fire had been extinguished and rather continued a short distance further, arriving at the Landfill Fire where they were deployed.

A digital copy of the AAR is available at www.ocfa.org.

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