

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**NEWS RELEASE**



**From the Office of Fire Chief Chip Prather**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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***FEMA Search and Rescue Teams in Action in Orange County***

**WHAT:** California Task Force 5 Four-Day Mobilization Drill focusing on response and operational readiness of all aspects of Task Force Operations.

**WHEN:** All members of the media are invited to attend on March 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when they, along with elected officials who will also be attending, will receive a special presentation on the functions and capabilities of California Task Force 5. They will also have the opportunity to participate with Task Force Members as they simulate an actual Search and Rescue.

**WHERE:** Orange County Fire Authority Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine. The complex is located at the corner of Jamboree Road and Tustin Rancho Road. (Thomas Brothers, Page 830, H-3).

**WHY:** This annual four-day Readiness Drill is a requirement of all Task Forces that participate in FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue Program.

***The drill will provide some excellent photo opportunities and will include***

***Search Dogs going through their routines.***

**Members of the media wishing to attend this drill should RSVP participation to Battalion Chief Scott Brown at (949) 633-7159 or by pager at (714) 628-3000, 3442#.**

*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.*

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