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Subject: OCFA Firefighters Ride Bikes From Canada to Mexico Border for a Cure

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Irvine, Ca.– On June 1st, two Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Firefighters embarked on an approximate 1800 mile cross country bicycle ride from Vancouver to the Mexican Border. Firefighter Brian Troutman and Firefighter Brian Yau are hoping to spread awareness and raise funds to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Their journey will be completed on July 1st.

This journey is being traveled on behalf of Firefighter Troutman's Sister, Sandra, who has suffered from MS for over fourteen years. They are dedicating their ride to the other 400,000 Americans living with MS. Thanks to funding provided by the National MS Society, advances in treating and understanding MS are made every year, and progress in research to find a cure is very encouraging. Thus ALL of the money raised during this bike trek will go directly to the National MS Society in hope that this will bring us one step closer to finding a cure.

Today after covering 1638 miles, both Firefighters are leaving Ventura enroute to Orange County where they will spend the night. They will resume their trek tomorrow morning in Irvine, where they will be available for photos and interviews.

What: OCFA Firefighters Yau and Troutman will saddle up and prepare for one of their final legs tomorrow.

Where: OCFA Fire Station 6 located at 3180 Barranca Parkway in Irvine, Ca.

When: Tuesday June 29 at 10 am.

Excellent photo and interview opportunities will be available. Please contact Captain McKeown.

To make a donation to the National MS Society or to find out more about the firefighters journey, please visit the Multiple Sclerosis Website designed for Firefighters Yau and Troutman at:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=fund&fr_id=7362&pxfid=213467



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