

# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## *NEWS RELEASE*



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### ***Ground Breaking Scheduled for Three Fire Stations***

Representatives from the Orange County Fire Authority, the County of Orange, the City of Irvine and the Irvine Company will get together on Wednesday, August 30 to break ground for three fire stations that will help to insure that the residents of Irvine will receive the best possible emergency response service in the years to come.

The ceremony will be held at the site of what will be Fire Station 27, 12400 Portola Springs Road, Irvine (near Portola Parkway and Highway 133). The event will start at 10 a.m. and is expected to last about half an hour.

“We are proud to have the Orange County Fire Authority as our partners in the community,” said Irvine Mayor Beth Krom. “Their efforts, along with those of the Irvine Police Department, have helped make Irvine one of the safest cities in America and one of the best communities to raise a family.”

In addition to Station 27, the ceremony will also serve to break ground for Fire Stations 38 and 55. Fire Station 55 will be located in the Northwood section of Irvine at 4955 Portola Parkway. The new Fire Station 38 will be located at 26 Parker. Both of these stations are currently in service, but the firefighters are working out of trailers.

“The Irvine Company is honored to be able to help provide the resources necessary to ensure proper public safety infrastructure within the communities that we are building,” said Ken Coulter, Executive Vice President, The Irvine Company.

In addition to Krom and Coulter, OCFA Fire Chief Chip Prather and Orange County Supervisor Bill Campbell will be speaking at the event.

“Working together like this along with proper planning for the future allows us to make well calculated and financially sound decisions while working within a regional approach,” said Prather. “This in turn results in a win-win situation for both the public that we serve and the OCFA allowing us to provide well balanced emergency services throughout the entire county.”