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Subject: Jerry Hunter Promoted to Assistant Chief

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Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Fire Chief Chip Prather is pleased to announce that Fountain Valley resident Jerry Hunter has been promoted to Assistant Chief of Support Services.

In this capacity Chief Hunter is responsible for planning, directing and supervising the daily activities of Strategic Services, Property Management, Automotive Fleet Services, and Legislative Services.

Prior to his new assignment, Chief Hunter served as OCFA Division 1 Chief since 1989 where he was responsible for planning, directing, and supervising the overall work activities of the Division. Nine field Battalion Chiefs worked under his supervision and he acted as the primary liaison between the OCFA and the seven contract cities in the Division. Under his direction, Division 1 continued to expand, including the addition of cities of Buena Park in 1994 and Westminster in 1995.

From 1980-1987, Chief Hunter served as Fire Chief for the City of Stanton before the city transitioned to what was then the Orange County Fire Department. He managed all aspects of the Department, including the development of organizational plans, identification of Department goals, preparation and administration of department budget, development of fire prevention programs, establishing employee hiring and performance standards, and supervision of management level department employees.

Chief Hunter began his career in the fire service in 1958 in Spokane County, Washington, giving him a total of 48 years experience. He holds an A.A. Degree from Santa Ana College. He has been a member of the Orange County Fire Chiefs Association, California League of Cities Fire Department Executive Committee, California Fire Chiefs Association, and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves more than 1.3 million residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.