

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

NEWS RELEASE



From the Office of Fire Chief Chip Prather

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## *OCFA Receives Hybrid SUVs from Mazda*

WHAT: The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will be the recipient of 10 Mazda Tribute Hybrid SUV prototypes at its regional Fire Training Center in Irvine, Calif. Jim O Sullivan, president and CEO of Mazda North American Operations, will present the keys to OCFA's Assistant Fire Chief, Patrick McIntosh, and 10 OCFA personnel.

These vehicles will be driven by OCFA staff members for two years and used for many purposes, including education programs and fire safety inspections. The donation marks the **first of 30 total vehicles that Mazda is presenting** to Southern California fire departments as a gesture of gratitude for the selfless work they do on a daily basis throughout our local communities.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 22, 2006

2:00 p.m. (Key giveaway and interviews)

WHERE: Orange County Fire Authority

1 Fire Authority Road

Irvine, CA (corner of Tustin Ranch Road and Jamboree TB 830H2)

VISUALS: Jim O Sullivan presenting Mazda vehicles to OCFA Executives

Firefighters driving new Mazda Tribute Hybrids

Fire training center and firefighter memorial as backdrop

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

- Chair of OCFA Board of Directors, Tracy Hagen
- Mayor of Irvine, Beth Krom
- OCFA Assistant Fire Chief, Patrick McIntosh
- President and CEO, Mazda North American Operations, Jim O Sullivan
- Executive Director of California Fire Chief Association, John Malmquist

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*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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