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Subject: Meet Your Firefighters, Watch Live Fire Demonstrations and Learn Fire Safety at Orange County Fire Authority's Open House on October 14

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Irvine, CA – To celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, the Orange County Fire Authority will host an Open House on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its Regional Fire Operations & Training Center, located at 1 Fire Authority Road (Jamboree & Tustin Ranch Rd.) in Irvine. Come out and see live fire demonstrations, enjoy free food from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and learn fire safety in a fun-filled environment.

There are plenty of activities and educational opportunities for families including bounce houses, fire engine rides, a fire-pumper crawl tube, performances by the Life and Fire Safety clowns, a fire sprinkler trailer, “watch what you heat” cooking safety trailer, EDITH (exit drills in the home) activity booth, tours of the dispatch center as well as numerous apparatus displays.

“This is one way to give back to the community,” said Fire Chief Chip Prather. “We are opening our Operations & Training Facility so that the residents of Orange County can see how their firefighters train.”

To see how firefighters prepare and stay abreast of current firefighting techniques, demonstrations on the training grounds will occur every half-hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a lot of visual photo opportunities of children interaction, live fire demonstrations and displays. Here is the schedule of demonstrations that will take place at the state-of-the-art training facility:

9:30 a.m.	Ladder Evolutions
10 a.m.	Academy Workout
10:30 a.m.	Structure Fire Demonstration (2 engines)
11 a.m.	Vehicle Extrication
11:30 a.m.	Vehicle Fire
12:30 p.m.	Thermal Imaging Camera (heat sensing device)
1 p.m.	Structure Fire Demonstration (2 engines)
1:30 p.m.	Vehicle Extrication

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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.