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Subject: The Orange County Fire Authority Is Shaving Heads For A Good Cause.

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Orange County: On Tuesday, October 13th, Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Chief Keith Richter and others will get their locks sheared off at the OCFA "Shave-O-Rama". We are raising money for one of our own employees, Katherine Litchfield who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer in October of 2007. Katherine has worked here at the OCFA for 5 years and is currently undergoing treatment for her illness. Unfortunately, her treatment costs are far exceeding her insurance coverage.

Over the last month, there has been a fundraiser brewing. As a sign of solidarity, many OCFA Firefighters, Chiefs, and Professional Staff have started a fundraiser for Katherine. Each employee is willing to shave their heads in exchange for donations to help cover Katherine's medical expenses. Our Fire Chief, Chief Richter plans to shave his head as well as Deputy Chief McIntosh, PIO Greg McKeown, and Battalion Chief Kris Concepcion. The list of Shavees includes many other high ranking OCFA Chief Officers. "This is an opportunity to assist a co-worker and friend in need," says Fire Chief Keith Richter.

Those interested in donating, can do so by sending a check to the **Orange County Fire Authority Benevolent Association (OCFABA) care of the Katherine Litchfield Fund** at:

1 Fire Authority Road, Suite AE163 or visit their website: www.ocfabenevolent.org
Irvine, CA 92602 for more contact information.
(714) 573-6240

100% of donations will go to help Katherine battle her illness.

The media is invited to our "Shave-O-Rama" on October 13th. The event will start at 11:30 am in the courtyard at our HQ located at: 1 Fire Authority Rd. Irvine, Ca. 92602. Interview and photo opportunities will be available.

For more information about this event, please call Captain McKeown at 714-402-3739.

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