



NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY TO CANVAS SEAL BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD TO PREVENT FIRE DANGER

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Seal Beach, CA – A Seal Beach community will be a little safer after Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters visit more than 300 homes in the College Park East area on Saturday, February 7th starting at 10:30 a.m. OCFA Station 48 firefighters and reserve firefighters, explorers, fire prevention, community relations, Seal Beach CERT, and Seal Beach Police are participating in this program, which is designed to provide residents with a working smoke alarm, installed for **FREE**.

“It could make the difference between life and death,” says OCFA Fire Marshal Laura Blaul. “The extra two minutes that the smoke alarm provides, greatly increases your chance of survival in a house fire. They are one of the best safety devices you can buy and install to protect you, your family, and your home. ”

We are asking the community to join the OCFA in efforts to reduce risks, prevent fires, and improve community safety by doing the following:

- Have a battery operated smoke alarm on every level of your home, even if you have hard-wired smoke alarms
- Check your hard-wired and battery operated smoke alarms every month
- Change the batteries twice a year
- Replace the entire unit every 8-10 years

Captain McKeown will coordinate photo and interview opportunities at Heather Park, located at Heather St. and Hazelnut Ave. in the City of Seal Beach.

For other important safety information, call (714) 573-6200 or go to www.ocfa.org.

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