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Subject: ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY HAS A FIRE SPRINKLER SAVE IN TUSTIN

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Tustin, CA – On August 27, 2009, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) responded to a reported structure fire in the 12600 block of Nicklaus Lane in Tustin, Ca. The first arriving fire truck onscene reported “smoke showing” from the second floor with an audible alarm sounding.

OCFA Firefighters from Truck 43 and Engine 21 searched the residence and located a fire in the master bedroom upstairs. The fire that was burning the bed, headboard, and other materials was being held in check by an automatic residential fire sprinkler. As the fire grew and heat grew, they activated the lone sprinkler head above the bed. “Residential fire sprinklers can save lives and property”, says Chief Investigator Devin Leonard. “There is no doubt that this fire would have done much worse damage had a fire sprinkler not been present.”

The residents were not home when at the time the fire occurred. Thanks to the residential fire sprinklers, damage was limited to \$20,000. The OCFA encourages the use of residential fire sprinklers in new and existing residences. A properly designed, installed, and maintained sprinkler system saves lives, protects property, and reduces damage caused by fire, smoke, and firefighting operations.

You can find more information including downloadable brochures and videos on our website with this included link: <http://ocfa.org/ocfamain.asp?pgn1=8>. Please click on the “Safety at Home” tab. We have included a picture of the activated sprinkler head:



For more information about OCFA, call (714) 573-6200 or go to www.ocfa.org.

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