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OCFA Dedicates Station 39 in Laguna Niguel

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On June 26, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and the City of Laguna Niguel dedicated Fire Station 39. The station, which is located at 24241 Avila Road, replaces the old facility that consisted of a trailer at the same site. The station has been operative since 1982.

Attending the dedication ceremony was Laguna Niguel Mayor Gary Capata, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Glaab, Council Member Linda Lindholm, Council Member Robert Ming, and Council Member and OCFA Board Member Mike Whipple. Also in attendance were OCFA Vice-Chair Don McCay, former Laguna Niguel Council Member Joe Brown, Laguna Niguel City Manager Tim Casey, and representatives from the offices of Assemblywoman Mimi Walters and Orange County Fifth District Supervisor Pat Bates. The Orange County Fire Authority was represented by Fire Chief Chip Prather and Assistant Fire Chief Patrick McIntosh.

The new station is equipped with the most modern and energy efficient devices available and is able to withstand a 7.0 earthquake. Built to last approximately 50 years, the station can function completely on its own, which will enable it to provide emergency and rescue services to the residents of Laguna Niguel and surrounding areas during major emergency incidents when there is no electricity and/or phone service.



Fire Station 39 houses Engine-39, which is staffed around the clock with one fire captain, one paramedic, and one firefighter, for a total crew of three personnel. The new fire station was built with the ability to expand and can, if needed, house an additional crew of firefighters in order to better serve the rapidly-growing South Orange County area. The station will serve the City of Laguna Niguel, and the surrounding areas of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, San Juan Capistrano, Mission Viejo and Dana Point.

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.