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Subject: OCFA Teams With Local Volunteers to Provide Smoke Alarms to Tustin Residents
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Tustin, CA – A Tustin community will be a little safer after Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and local volunteers visit homes in selected Tustin areas on Saturday, April 25 starting at 9:00 a.m. OCFA staff and local volunteers are participating in this program, which is designed to provide residents with a working smoke alarm, installed for **FREE**. They will also test existing smoke alarms and provide new batteries if a needed.

“It could make the difference between life and death,” says OCFA Fire Marshal Laura Blaul. “The extra two minutes that a 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

The Smoke Alarm Campaign will be offered to residences in the following areas:

- South of 17th Street, North of Irvine Blvd, East of the 55 Freeway, and West of Newport
- South of Irvine, North of the I-5 Freeway, East of the 55 Freeway, and West of Red Hill
- South of the I-5 Freeway, North of Sycamore, East of the 55 Freeway and West of Red Hill
- South of the I-5 Freeway, North of Walnut, East of Red Hill, and West of Tustin Ranch

Captain McKeown and Chief Concepcion will coordinate both photo and interview opportunities for this event.

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

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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.