



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Subject:** OCFA Hosts Urban Search & Rescue Medical Teams for Specialized Training

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**Who:** The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) California Task Force 5 (CATF5) are hosting a US&R Medical Team Training Course.

**What:** US&R team members are assigned to various FEMA and State Regional Task Forces nationwide. Some members have traveled from as far as New York and Hawaii. Each member trains year-round in order to keep up his/her specialized skills and stay prepared should their task force be called upon during an emergency. Each task force retains medical team members in their roster. These team members are tasked with the responsibility of patient treatment during disaster situations.

This week, many of these "Medical Specialists" are here to hone their skills, learn new techniques, participate in different drills, and work through very challenging scenarios in adverse conditions. One of these scenarios will be during the evening on Thursday, May 20th. The Medical Team Training Course is being facilitated by the California Fire & Rescue Training Authority and The California Emergency Management Agency Fire & Rescue Branch with the support of CATF5.

**Where:** OCFA Headquarters located at 1 Fire Authority Rd. Irvine, Ca. 92602

**When:** Monday, May 17 through Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Night Drill on Thursday, May 20.

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

For more information on CATF5, please visit:

[www.CATF5.org](http://www.CATF5.org)

For more information on Fire and Rescue Training, please visit:

[www.fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov](http://www.fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov)

For more information on The California Emergency Management Agency Fire & Rescue Branch, please visit:

[www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)

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