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Subject: OCFA to Host Wildfire Action Planning Meeting in Yorba Linda – Feb. 11

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Yorba Linda, CA – Fire season is a year-round reality, requiring firefighters and residents to constantly be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire. The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will hold a wildfire action planning meeting on Wednesday, February 11 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Yorba Linda Community Center located at 4501 Casa Loma. The meeting will address various decisions that will affect you and your home before, during and after a wildfire.

The OCFA has been working to modify Australia's "Leave Early or Stay and Defend" program to meet the needs of the urban interface communities of Orange County. OCFA will introduce its wildfire preparation program on Wednesday. The tragic events of the current firestorms in Australia re-emphasize the need for community action and preparation ahead of the wildfires.

"Residents need to prepare their families for a quick and safe evacuation," says OCFA Fire Chief Chip Prather. "We will provide the necessary information needed to make those important decisions."

The meeting and vendor expo will cover defensible space, ignition resistive construction features, and the latest technology that could help your home. Residents can also learn about "trigger points" to leave early and evacuate.

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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.