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MEDIA ADVISORY

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For Immediate Release

Subject: OCFA to Show How Drought Conditions Have an Effect on Wildfire Preparedness

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Who: Orange County Fire Authority Fire Chief Keith Richter along with OC Supervisor Third District Todd Spitzer and Director of OC Parks Stacy Blackwood speak about how the recent drought will have an effect on the wildfire conditions in the Orange County area. The United States Forest Service through the California Fire Safe Council Grants Clearinghouse provided the funding for this project.

What: Show the vast work by the OCFA Hand Crew with regards to cutting down (felling) of palm and eucalyptus trees along with the clearing of dangerous vegetation. Illustrate how the riparian repair and non-native plant and tree removal benefit the area through photos and video. We will have the Hand Crew on-site to demonstrate what they can do and explain the work over the past two months. **Our call to action for those residents who live in a wildfire area is to remind them that it is their responsibility to be prepared by hardening their home with fire resistant building materials, maintaining 100-feet of defensible space, and being prepared with emergency supplies and evacuation routes.** The lack of water and rain is making the hillsides very dry and volatile, by working with OC Parks and Supervisor Spitzer's office we can create communities that are proactive and seek various ways to keep them prepared and safe. For more extensive wildfire preparedness information, visit www.readysetgoc.org.

When: Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m.

Where: Bent Tree Park
Corner of Lemon Heights, Lower Lake Drive and Bent Tree Road

Directions: Off at the I-5 at Jamboree, go North about 5 miles, take left at Canyon View, left at Newport, left at Cowen Heights, right at Skyline, left at E. Lemon Heights, go all the way down and the park is on the left hand side.

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