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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### News Conference on the Dangers of Fireworks and Illegal Explosives

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**Who:** The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and UC Irvine Regional Burn Center are partnering to warn residents of the potential dangers of fireworks and illegal explosives this Fourth of July holiday and to promote fireworks safety.

**What:** OCFA and OCSD will discuss fireworks regulations and safety. "Safe and Sane" fireworks are illegal in most Orange County cities, only 10 cities allow them. If fireworks are legal in their city, residents must comply with that city's regulations and use the fireworks only in the timeframe allowed, within those cities. Fireworks safety tips will be discussed and live demonstrations will emphasize that misuse of fireworks can cause severe personal injuries and property damage.

#### Scheduled Speakers

- Captain Larry Kurtz, OCFA Public Information Officer
- Investigator Merl Mireles, OCSD Bomb Squad
- Dr. Victor Joe, UC Irvine Regional Burn Center

#### Fireworks & Illegal Explosives Demonstration

- Demonstration of explosives on inanimate objects
- Clothing catching fire from a sparkler

#### Static Display

- "Safe and Sane" fireworks
- Illegal explosives

**When:** **Thursday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.**  
Media staging begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** **OCFA – RFOTC**  
1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine  
Drill grounds parking lot near the tower

**Video and Interview Opportunities Available in English & Spanish**

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