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OCFA Air Operations MOU with the OCSD Expiration

This news release is to advise you that per the direction of Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, the air operations Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Operating Plan between the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department was cancelled as of January 16, 2018. Mediation efforts between the two agencies began December 12, 2017, and continued through January 3, 2018, with some progress made. However, there were key issues that could not be agreed upon as additional mediation sessions were being discussed. The OCFA has been providing premier rescue and paramedic aviation services to the citizens of Orange County for over 18 years.

The decision of Sheriff Hutchens to cancel the MOU was unfortunate. The OCFA will continue to act in the best interest of the citizens we serve with the highest level of fire, EMS, and rescue service delivery. The OCFA will continue to pursue a successor agreement that recognizes our jurisdictional authority as the primary Emergency Medical Service (EMS) system provider for the OCFA's service areas.

Any questions should be directed to Battalion Chief Marc Stone at (714) 573-6028.

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