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SUBJECT: Meet Your Firefighters & Learn How Smoke Alarms Save Lives at Orange County Fire Authority's 5th Annual Open House this Saturday, October 9

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WHO: Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters and staff will show residents how to protect their family and home through a new smoke alarm program called "Install • Inspect • Protect." Recently, a resident within OCFA's service area had a recent smoke alarm save. It happened when their smoke alarm activated while they were not home. The maintenance man was alerted and opened the residence to find smoke. He immediately called 911. When OCFA Engine 37 searched the apartment with their thermal imaging camera, they found a hot ceiling fan. They removed the fan and then restored power to the unit. If the smoke alarm did not trigger, this fire would have grown into the attic of the apartment complex.

WHAT: Learn more on how you can protect and prepare your family and home with working smoke alarms. Smokey Bear, Sparky the Dog, Freddie the Fire Truck, and Stewie the Duck will be on hand to welcome the crowd. Children and adults can watch live fire demonstrations, put out make-believe fires with real fire hose, take a ride in a fire engine, try on firefighter turnouts, and discover life and fire safety in a fun-filled environment. To see how firefighters prepare and stay abreast of current firefighting techniques, demonstrations on the training grounds will occur every half-hour beginning at 10:30 a.m.

WHEN: **October 9, 2010**
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: **OCFA Regional Fire Operations & Training Facility**
1 Fire Authority Rd., Irvine 92602 (Jamboree and Tustin Ranch Rd.)

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