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SUBJECT: Working Smoke Alarms will Reduce Risk to Your Family and Home – Orange County Fire Authority to Canvas Stanton Neighborhood to Prevent Danger

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Irvine, CA – On Wednesday, December 28th at 1:30 p.m., Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) firefighters will be canvassing the West Stanton area, in particular the streets of Mitchell Drive, Garrett Road, and Syracuse Avenue – East of Western Avenue distributing information regarding smoke alarms, how and when to change your smoke alarm batteries, as well as installing working smoke alarms in homes that do not have them. **Working smoke alarms improve your chance of surviving a home fire by as much as 50 percent!**

OCFA's Smoke Alarm Program improves Orange County resident safety by ensuring every home has working smoke alarms. In a recent five year period in OCFA's service area, 50% of the residential fire deaths occurred in residences without working smoke alarms.

We are asking you to join the Orange County Fire Authority in efforts to reduce risks, prevent fires, and improve community safety by doing the following:

- **Install** smoke alarms every sleeping room, hallways, and every level of your home. (Replace alarm devices that are 10 or more yrs old). Have a battery operated smoke alarm on every level of your home and in every sleeping area, even if you have hard-wired smoke alarms.
- **Inspect** your smoke alarms regularly and change the batteries twice a year.
- **Protect** your family, prepare an evacuation plan and practice with your children. Leave the home when alarms activate and call 911.

Don't wait for OCFA...take action to protect you and your family now. Door to door canvassing events target high priority areas, provide education, and provide smoke alarms to residents and heighten community awareness. We always need community partners and sponsors; get involved and help your community. Visit www.ocfa.org to learn more about the smoke alarm program and your safety or call (714) 573-6190 to speak with the Program Coordinator and find out how you can help!

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