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Subject: OCFA Breaking Ground on Fire Station 56 – March 7 at 10 a.m.

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San Juan Capistrano, CA – Dirt will start to move as Orange County Fire Authority breaks ground on a new fire station located in Sendero, the first village to open in the new community of Rancho Mission Viejo, located in the unincorporated area of south Orange County. Orange County Supervisor, Fifth District and OCFA Board Director Patricia Bates along with OCFA Board Director and Mayor of San Juan Capistrano Sam Allevato, OCFA Fire Chief Keith Richter, Mr. Anthony R. “Tony” Moiso, President and CEO of Rancho Mission Viejo, and Mr. Mike Hall & Mr. Dave Erickson from Erickson-Hall Construction will be on hand **March 7 at 10 a.m.** to kick off construction on this state-of-the-art facility.

Located off of Antonio Parkway and Sendero Way (56 Sendero Way), Fire Station 56 will be roughly 10,000 square feet with eight dorm rooms to accommodate two companies. The station will have three apparatus bays and sits on a one-acre site that was dedicated to OCFA by Rancho Mission Viejo. The lot enjoys an expansive view of the Ortega Valley to San Juan Capistrano. The Rancho Mission Viejo community will include multiple villages developed on 6,000 acres of the Ranch over the course of 20 years. The Ranch is about 23,000 acres, so with the build-out more than 17,000 acres will remain as permanent open space (as part of The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo).

“This station is the first ever design/build effort undertaken by OCFA,” said Fire Chief Richter. “It will be designed and built by the combined entities of Erickson Hall Construction and WLC Architects. A design-build contract is awarded on the basis of best value rather than lowest cost and we think it will be a better process for this station.”

Fire Station 56 will complement the community’s style and landscape. Designed by Architect Irving Gill, the Spanish Progressive style of simplicity and minimalist form is reminiscent of the California Mission style. It will feature simple shapes, stucco walls, deeply recessed arched doors and arched window openings.

Construction should begin sometime in March and OCFA will begin operations from Fire Station 56 in January 2015. Engine Company 56 will have a Paramedic Assessment Unit (PAU) with three firefighters and plenty of room to grow.

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