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To the Residents served by Orange County Fire Authority:

For the past 25 years, Orange County Fire Authority has been honored to serve you. With so many changes occurring this year, I wanted to personally share important safeguards to take for you and your family.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been draining and stressful. It is difficult to be homebound and even more challenging when a loved one falls ill with the virus. Unfortunately, we are not out of the woods yet. I would encourage you to continue to take all the precautions prescribed seriously. If you don't need to go out – stay in. If you must go out – wear a mask and keep your distance from others. And of course, wash your hands often.

While most focus is on the coronavirus, my crews are also preparing for wildfire season. It's never "if" it will happen, but when. Please take the time now to prepare. We've made it simple for you with the Ready, Set, Go! program. Details can be found at ocfa.org/RSG.

As some of you are venturing out to backyard pools and the beach, be diligent about watching the water. We in the fire service know all too well, that a drowning happens in seconds: faster than it takes to text, grab a snack or make a call. As your Fire Chief, I ask you to always assign one adult to watch the water when non-swimmers are nearby. More info ocfa.org/drowningprevention.

Finally, despite being pulled into political power struggles riddled with misinformation and false accusations, please know the Orange County Fire Authority remains ready to loyally and honorably serve you, the residents of this county, as we have for the past 25 years.

Have a safe summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Fennessy".

Fire Chief Brian Fennessy
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