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OCFA Academy Will Graduate 38 Firefighters

Irvine, CA –The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will graduate 38 new firefighters from their fire academy during a ceremony on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. The graduation will take place at OCFA’s Regional Fire Operations and Training Center (RFOTC), 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine.

“It is a very special person who dedicates themselves to successfully completing this academy,” said OCFA Board Chairman Gene Hernandez. “It is a rare person still, who answers the call to run headlong into a burning building while everyone else is running out. There is no greater calling in life.”

The new firefighters have completed a rigorous 16-week training regimen aimed at preparing them for a successful career with the OCFA. Of the 38 recruits who completed OCFA’s 41st fire academy, 29 have previously completed a full-time fire academy, and 17 of those have been career firefighters elsewhere. Twenty-three have bachelor’s degrees, nine are paramedics, and three have previous military service. The average age of the recruit class is 28.

The graduation ceremony will feature skills demonstrations involving live vehicle and structure fires, including firefighters repelling down the side of OCFA’s training tower. There will also be vehicle extrication demonstrations using the “Jaws of Life.”

Graduation and Skills Demonstration:

- Academy 41 graduation is open to family, friends, and the media.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 – 6 p.m.
- RFOTC - 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine CA 92602

For more information visit www.ocfa.org.

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