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Subject: OCFA Line-of-Duty Death – Firefighter Apparatus Engineer Greg Hennessey

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Irvine, CA – It is with great sadness and a heavy heart to announce the passing of Firefighter Apparatus Engineer Greg Hennessey today. He was found unconscious by crews at Fire Station 45 in Rancho Santa Margarita at 9:40 a.m. in full cardiac arrest. The crews on scene immediately rendered care and Greg was transported to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo where he was pronounced dead at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Hennessey was a dedicated firefighter apparatus engineer with more than 24 years of service. He also was the fire explorer post advisor at fire station 45 (Rancho Santa Margarita) and 31 (Mission Viejo), where he mentored young teenagers in their quest to become firefighters.

“Today we have lost a valuable family member,” said OCFA Fire Chief Keith Richter. “Greg was a respected engineer and indispensable mentor to the young lives that he helped. We are assisting the Hennessey family during this difficult time, and appreciate the support from those around us.”

Hennessey began his career with the OCFA in 1990, and worked as a firefighter for 11 years until he promoted to engineer in July 2001. Everyone who knew Greg said he was a committed engineer and was always available to provide his time to help those who asked.

Hennessey was 49 years old and is survived by his mother Virginia, wife Deanna who he married in May of 1988, and his two sons Ryan (22) and Brandon (19). Hennessey was an Eagle Scout, who was extremely proud of his sons who achieved this high award as well. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. Please keep the Hennessey family in your thoughts and prayers through these very difficult times.

Information on funeral services for Greg will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

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