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News Conference on the Dangers of Fireworks and Illegal Explosives

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Who: The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) and UC Irvine Regional Burn Center are partnering to warn residents of the potential dangers of fireworks and illegal explosives this Fourth of July holiday and to promote fireworks safety.

What: OCFA and OCSD will discuss fireworks regulations and safety. "Safe and Sane" fireworks are illegal in most Orange County cities, only 10 cities allow them. If fireworks are legal in their city, residents must comply with that city's regulations and use the fireworks only in the timeframe allowed, within those cities. Fireworks safety tips will be discussed and live demonstrations will emphasize that misuse of fireworks can cause severe personal injuries and property damage.

Scheduled Speakers

- Assistant Fire Chief Mike Schroeder, OCFA
- Investigator Kevin Nadeau, OCSD Bomb Squad
- Dr. Victor Joe, UC Irvine Regional Burn Center
- Chairman Todd Spitzer, Orange County Supervisor – Third District

Fireworks & Illegal Explosives Danger Demonstration

- Demonstration of explosives on inanimate objects
- Clothing catching fire from a sparkler

Static Display

- "Safe and Sane" fireworks
- Illegal explosives

When: **Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m.**
Media staging begins at 9:45 a.m.

Where: **OCFA – RFOTC**
1 Fire Authority Road in Irvine
Drill grounds parking lot near the tower

Video and Interview Opportunities Available

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