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## OCFA Utilizes Vacant Building for Firefighter Training

**Lake Forest, CA** – This week through April 7, the Orange County Fire Authority will utilize a vacant building at 26722 Portola Parkway, Lake Forest for firefighter training exercises. This is a unique training opportunity that better simulates what OCFA firefighters face every day in working to keep people safe.

Firefighters, both new and experienced, including crews from OCFA's neighborhood fire stations, will train in a variety of areas including:

- Search and Rescue
- Ladder Operations
- Live Fire Training
- Vertical and Horizontal Ventilation
- Building Construction

A schedule for how the building is being used each day will vary. Any training that involves the burning of material will only occur when it has been approved by South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). AQMD approved burn days will be cancelled if the prevailing winds are likely to push smoke toward the adjacent businesses or neighborhoods.

The property, and any vehicles and equipment used in training activities, will be contained within a fenced in area that surrounds the building. Signs will be posted to alert the public that a "Fire Department Training is in Progress."

All necessary permits and notifications to elected officials, residents, and businesses have been made by the Spectrum Development Group and the Orange County Fire Authority.

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