



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY *NEWS RELEASE*

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NEW INFORMATION - EVENT DATE CHANGE

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERS TO INSTALL FREE SMOKE ALARMS IN THE LA ZANJA NEIGHBORHOOD, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Fire Safety Education Will Be Provided

Irvine, CA - In an effort to reduce the risk of deaths related to home fires, volunteers will go door-to-door and offer the installation of free smoke alarms to residents. Volunteers from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Sheriff Department, the American Red Cross and Mission Basilica in partnership with the City of San Juan Capistrano and other community partners will install free smoke alarms in homes in the La Zanja neighborhood in the City of San Juan Capistrano. Residents will also receive information on fire safety and preparedness and learn how to create a home evacuation plan.

Date: **Saturday, February 21, 2015**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting location: 31522 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Canvassing area: Capistrano Villas 1, 2 & 3 - La Zanja neighborhood, City of San Juan Capistrano

In addition to installing smoke alarms, the OCFA and the Red Cross encourages all Orange County residents to take two simple steps that can save lives: ensure you have working smoke alarms in your home and create and practice home fire exit drills.

Fire experts agree that people may have as little as one minute to escape a burning home before it's too late to get out. A working smoke alarm reduces the chance of dying in a fire by nearly half, and a pre-determined escape plan ensures everyone knows the best way out and where to meet once outside.

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