

# Orange County Fire Authority

## *Special Board Advisory*

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### **Two Selected to Join OCFA's Executive Team**

Chief Richter has selected Ron Blaul as OCFA's new Deputy Chief and Jorge Camargo as the new Assistant Chief of Operations. Chief Camargo will begin his new position on February 12, 2010 and will be replacing Chief Mark Kramer who is retiring on February 25, 2010. Chief Blaul will begin his new position sometime in mid to late-March. He is replacing Chief McIntosh who left the OCFA to become the Fire Chief of Huntington Beach last month.

Chief Blaul was most recently a Battalion Chief in Battalion 4 which covers the cities of Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Aliso Viejo, and Lake Forest. He has 33 years of fire service experience and has been a chief officer for 23 years. As the Deputy Chief, Chief Blaul will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of the OCFA and will serve as the Fire Chief in Chief Richter's absence.

Chief Camargo was most recently the Division 1 Chief. Division 1 manages fire services for seven OCFA partner cities, as well as the unincorporated communities of Sunset Beach, Midway City, and Rossmoor. Chief Camargo has over 36 years of fire service experience and has been a chief officer for nearly 11 years. As the Operations Chief, Chief Camargo will oversee OCFA's emergency response operations and the approximately 850 firefighters that provide these services to our communities.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Blaul and Assistant Chief Camargo.

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