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Orange County first responder dispatch centers launch Text-to-9-1-1 service

WHAT: All Orange County first responder dispatch centers will begin accepting texts to 9-1-1 on February 6, 2019. Join more than 25 Chiefs from law enforcement, fire, the California Highway Patrol, and other public safety agencies to announce the public launch of the system and learn more about how it works.

Text-to-911 is the ability to send a text message to reach 9-1-1 emergency call takers from your mobile phone or device. This service is aimed to assist people who are hearing impaired, or speech disabled, or someone who is in an emergency situation where calling 9-1-1 is not possible. Always contact 9-1-1 by making a voice call, if you can.

WHEN: Wednesday February 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Santa Ana Police Department Headquarters, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana
Podium will be street-level in front of the steps outside of the Santa Ana Community Room

WHO: **Interview Opportunities will be available with:**
Orange County Sheriff's Department Sheriff Don Barnes
Orange County Fire Authority Chief Brian Fennessy
OC Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association President and Irvine Police Chief Mike Hamel
OC Fire Chiefs Association President and Costa Mesa Fire Chief Dan Stefano
Police Chiefs from Orange County cities
Fire Chiefs from Orange County cities