

Baryic Hunter
Chief
Orange County Fire Authority

WHEREAS, Chief Hunter has dedicated 30 years to the fire service, beginning in 1996 with the Carlsbad Fire Department, continuing with the San Diego Fire Department, and joining the Orange County Fire Authority in 2008; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Hunter advanced from Firefighter/Paramedic to Assistant Chief, demonstrating professionalism, operational excellence, and an unwavering commitment to public safety and the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, during his 18 years with the OCFA, Chief Hunter provided trusted leadership in numerous regional and statewide roles, including CAL FIRE Type 1 Incident Management Team, the Orange County All-Hazard Incident Management Team, Emergency Operations Center Director of Emergency Services, and president of the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hunter’s passion for lifelong learning set an example for all ranks, building on his associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees with education at Harvard, Stanford, and the IAFC, reflecting a rare combination of operational experience and continued educational achievement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hunter’s experience and judgment made him an indispensable asset on major incidents, including service as the Incident Commander on the Blue Ridge and Bond Fires, Deputy Incident Commander on the Silverado Fire, and Director of Emergency Services in the Emergency Operations Center during Coastal Fire and the GKN Hazardous Materials Incident; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hunter further strengthened emergency preparedness through contributions to the FIRESCOPE Operations Committee, Olympics Executive Planning Committee, and the Emergency Management Council; and

WHEREAS, Chief Hunter’s leadership, service, and character have helped shape OCFA’s past excellence and will continue to serve as a foundation for its future growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend Chief Hunter for his 30 years of distinguished fire service, his 18 years of dedication to OCFA, and his lasting contributions to public safety, emergency management, leadership development, and the communities of Orange County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its sincere appreciation and congratulations to Chief Hunter upon his retirement and wishes him and his family continued health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of August 2026

Doug Chaffee
*Chair, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Fourth District*

Katrina Foley
*Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors
Fifth District*

Janet Nguyen
Supervisor, First District

Vicente Sarmiento
Supervisor, Second District

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Supervisor, Third District