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# MEDIA ALERT

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## PRESS CONFERENCE INTRODUCING NEW EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAMS AT JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** John Wayne Airport, Riley Terminal, 18601 Airport Way, Santa Ana.  
**Event will be held at the John Wayne Statue located on the arrival (lower) level of the Terminal, across from the rental car counters.**  
All Terminal Parking Structures adjacent to and across from the Terminal offer a rate of \$2 per hour; media needing curbside parking should contact Jenny Wedge at (888) 210.6301.

**WHO:** John Wayne Airport Director Alan L. Murphy, Transportation Security Administration Federal Security Director B.C. Bell and Orange County Sherriff / Coroner Sandra Hutchens will introduce the three new canine teams and provide background and statistics on the Explosive Detection Canine Team (EDT) program.

**VISUALS:** Sheriff Hutchens placing badge on each canine; teams patrolling and inspecting airport luggage and passengers in the baggage claim area.

### BACKGROUND:

With the recent retirement of the former canine teams at John Wayne Airport (JWA), three newly certified Explosives Detection Canine Teams have begun to serve on the front lines of security at JWA. Each team is trained to quickly locate and identify dangerous materials that may present a threat to transportation systems. Today the canine teams work has evolved to include searching during bomb threats associated with aircraft, airport terminals, vehicles, luggage, and cargo, as well as serving as general deterrents to criminal activity.

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