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**WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERS WITH POLICE TO FIGHT CRIME
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*Waste Management Truck Drivers Will Learn How to Spot Suspicious Activity from Four
Orange County Police Departments at “Waste Watch” Program Training on Feb. 11*

(IRVINE) Feb. 10, 2010 – Law enforcement in Orange County is about to get some extra help in keeping the streets safe. Trash and recycling truck drivers with [Waste Management of Orange County](#) are being trained to watch out for suspicious activity and possible emergencies while out on their daily routes.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, representatives from Irvine, Laguna Beach, Lake Forest and Mission Viejo police departments and security professionals including a former FBI agent, will teach approximately 120 Waste Management drivers to act as an extra set of eyes and ears for police, fire department and emergency services while servicing their customers. The Waste Watch program was also designed to help public safety agencies that have been impacted by budget cuts.

“Since Waste Management drivers are familiar with their routes and are in the same neighborhoods every day, it puts them in the unique position to spot unusual activity and anything out of the ordinary including suspicious trash,” said David Ross, director of community and municipal relations of Waste Management of Orange County. “The Waste Watch program opens up the channels of communication with the authorities to help keep them informed and alert of what’s happening in their city’s streets and alleys.”

“Mission Viejo Police Services is glad to partner with Waste Management as they launch the ‘Waste Watch’ program in Mission Viejo. This is one way for the Orange County Sheriff’s Department to utilize resources that are available in our community,” said Lieutenant Mike Gavin, Chief of Mission Viejo Police Services. “Everyone has a stake in the community, whether they are a resident or conducting business in the city. The employees of Waste Management will help assist police services in keeping our streets crime free and our community safe.”

About Waste Management

As North America’s largest provider of waste and environmental services, Waste Management is on a quest for environmental performance, to maximize resource value and minimize environmental impact. Waste is a valuable resource. Waste Management takes innovative steps to maximize and recover the resource that is in waste. To learn more visit www.wmorangecounty.com and www.thinkgreen.com.

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