



MEDIA ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Prevent a Senseless Tragedy as Orange County Fire Authority Conducts "Mock" Water Rescue & Promotes Water Safety on June 26

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Who: The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and the City of Mission Viejo are hosting a water safety event to promote the [ABC's of Water Safety](#). The Orange County Sheriff's Department, Trauma Intervention Program, and Doctor's Ambulance will be on hand to participate.

What: **This year, there have been 22 drowning incidents, including 9 fatalities – a number that should be zero!** Children can drown in seconds! OCFA will conduct a "mock" water rescue at the Sierra Recreation Center to demonstrate what a drowning looks like and how quietly it happens. See first-hand what OCFA firefighters do when a child drowns and how adults can be prepared for a safe outing at the pool. Drowning is the nation's number one killer of children under the age of five. Drowning can happen in bathtubs, mop buckets, toilets, and even in standing water as shallow as two-inches. **Drowning happens year round! Active adult supervision is the key to preventing drownings! One look away could become a lifetime of regret!**

When: Thursday, June 26 at 3 p.m., staging begins at 2:45 p.m.

Where: Sierra Recreation Center
26887 Recodo Lane, Mission Viejo

Action Photos & Interviews Available

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