MEDIA ALERT

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Subject: **OCFA & Seal Beach Lifeguards to Rescue Two Victims from the Ocean on April 17 at 10 a.m.**

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Who: Orange County Fire Authority firefighters along with Seal Beach lifeguards will show how they work together to rescue two drowning victims in the ocean. The ocean water rescue showcases the skills and expertise by lifeguards and firefighter/paramedics on scene.

What: Seal Beach lifeguards will rescue two drowning patients at the end of the sea wall along the Seal Beach pier, who get pulled out into the ocean from a rip current. Lifeguards will swim out and bring the patients to shore via personal watercraft and transport them to waiting OCFA Firefighter/Paramedics who will treat the patient and package them up for Care Ambulance to whisk away. Last year, Orange County had 71 drowning incidents with 35 fatalities. That number should be zero. This year, we have had two fatalities and the summer months are fast approaching, and that is when we see an increase in drowning incidents.

When: **Thursday, April 17 at 10 a.m**.
Staging Begins at 9:45 a.m.
Seal Beach Marine Safety Headquarters parking lot by the Seal Beach pier.
Best access to view the rescue is on the pier. You will need to walk!

Where: Seal Beach Marine Safety Headquarters
888 Ocean Ave
Seal Beach, Ca 90740

Great Visual Opportunities for Video and Print – Interviews Available On-Site!
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