

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

MEDIA ADVISORY



**From The Office Of Fire Chief Chip Prather
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May 16, 2006

Drowning Press Conference, Pool and Water Safety

- WHAT:** [Water and Pool Safety Awareness Day](#)
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Conference at 10:00 a.m.)**
- WHERE:** [Blue Buoy Swim School, 1702 Nisson Road, Tustin.](#) (Thomas Brothers, Page 830, A-4)
- WHY:** As part of Emergency Medical Services Week, this event is to highlight the continuing problem of drowning in Orange County. Drowning continues to be the leading cause of death in children under the age of five and the second leading cause in children under 14. Water and Pool Safety Awareness Day will feature water safety and equipment information booths, speakers, demonstrations and static equipment displays.
- WHO:** Participating agencies include: Orange County Fire Authority; [Orange County Harbors, Beaches and Parks](#); [Garden Grove Police Department](#); [Orange County Drowning Prevention Network of SAFE Kids](#); [Children's Hospital of Orange County](#); [Safer 3 \(Swim for Life Foundation\)](#); [Blue Buoy Swim School](#); Project Wipe Out—[HOAG Hospital](#); and [CARE Ambulance](#).
- MEDIA:** **Conference at 10:00 a.m. followed by interviews. Outstanding visuals and photo opportunities. Interviews will be available in SPANISH, KOREAN, and VIETNAMESE.**
Day of event contact number for Stephen Miller – 714-357-7782.

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