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Subject: Orange County Fire Authority to Conduct Mock Water Rescue on June 15

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Irvine, CA – With the warm summer months upon us and kids getting out of school, it's time to hit the pool for some water fun and that is when tragedy can strike! Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will conduct a mock water rescue on **Tuesday, June 15 at 10 a.m.** at Waterworks Aquatics (25 Waterworks Way, Irvine) to demonstrate that drowning happens quickly and silently.

See first-hand at what OCFA firefighters and lifeguards do when a child drowns and how parents and babysitters can be prepared for a safe outing at the pool. "Splash into Summer Safety" will take place on June 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. OCFA apparatus including specialized rescue equipment along with interactive activities and games will provide a unique learning opportunity for children and adults. "Stewie Duck" and "Sparky Dog" will be there to teach youngsters water safety tips along with Irvine Police Department, Red Cross, Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP), CHOC Hospital, and Waterworks Aquatics.

"Children drown without a sound and water safety is a serious matter," said OCFA Fire Chief Keith Richter. "Learning the **ABC's of Water Safety** will provide added layers of protection for you and your family. We all can make a difference in a child's life by educating the public about the importance of active, adult supervision around the water, multiple barriers around pools & spas, as well as classes for children and adults."

Drowning is the nation's number one killer of children under the age of five, and remains the top five leading causes of death among 0-17 year olds. Drowning can happen in bathtubs, mop buckets, toilets, and even in standing water as shallow as 2 inches. They happen year round! Active adult supervision is the key to preventing drawings! Parents need to realize that it can "happen to them" and carry this message forward. **One look away could become a lifetime of regret!** For more information visit www.ocfa.org.

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