



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Subject:** OCFA to Conduct Mock Water Rescue and Promote Water Safety on June 15

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**Who:** The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and Waterworks Aquatics are hosting a "Splash into water safety event" in Irvine.

**What:** 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! The OCFA will conduct a mock water rescue to demonstrate that drowning happens quickly and silently. See first-hand 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. OCFA apparatus including specialized rescue equipment along with interactive activities and games will provide a unique learning opportunity for children and adults. "Stewie the Duck" and "Sparky the Dog" will be there to teach youngsters water safety tips along with the Irvine Police Department, Red Cross, Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP), 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."

**Where:** Waterworks Aquatics  
25 Waterworks Way, Irvine, CA

**When:** Tuesday, June 15 at 10 a.m

Captain McKeown and Lynnette Round will coordinate both photo and interview opportunities for this event.

For more information on the ABC's of Water Safety, please visit our website: [www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)

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