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Blue Buoy Swim School partners with Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation and Orange County Fire Authority for a community water safety event

What: Safer 3 Water Safety Challenge

When: Sunday, April 27, 2015

Who: Orange County Fire Authority
Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation
Al Murray, Tustin City Council Member & Former Tustin Mayor

Where: Blue Buoy Swim School
1702 Nisson Road
Tustin, CA 92780

Event timeline:

- 10:00 a.m. Participants arrive to check-in and receive their passport for the water safety event
- 10:00 - 12 p.m. A free flowing event where participants go to each water safety station to assess their skills. OCFA will have a sidewalk CPR station to teach basic CPR skills and encourage people to become CPR certified. CARE Ambulance will be available for tours as well.
- 11:00 a.m. Brief welcome & remarks by Orange County Fire Authority Public Information Officer Steve Concialdi and Safer 3 Water Safety Chairman of the Board Johnny Johnson; and Tustin City Council Member & Former Tustin Mayor Al Murray
- 12:00 -1:30 p.m. BBQ lunch and participant photo opportunity with Safer 3 Water Safety characters Timmy Tadpole, Sammy Starfish and Gilbert Guppy
- 2:00 p.m. Challenge concludes

About the event:

Orange County's alarming drowning situation was just highlighted in the Orange County Register (4-12-15). The headline was an eye opener for many in the county: ***Someone Drowns in Orange County Every 9 Days.***

In an effort to bring further drowning prevention awareness to the community, Blue Buoy Swim School in Tustin, will host their annual Safer 3 Water Safety Challenge. Orange County Fire Authority is also an important participant in this year's event.

Parents and children will visit several stations allowing them to assess their abilities and in turn learn how to create a safer water experience. Challenge activities will include jumping into the pool, recovering balance and returning to the side, floating on the back for 30 seconds (for young children), swimming distances up to a mile, learning how to wear a coast guard approved life jacket and demonstrate a reaching rescue from the deck. OCFA will highlight the critical importance of bystander CPR.

"There is always risk in and around the water," said Johnny Johnson, founder and chairman of the board for the Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation and owner of Blue Buoy Swim School. "We are working to make people aware that drowning is preventable."

Now in its seventh year, the Safer 3 Water Safety Challenge is currently being implemented at several swim schools across the nation with a goal to expand the program worldwide. The challenge events are typically held in the spring, kicking off drowning prevention season as summer nears and the number of preventable drownings peak.

If you plan to attend the event, please register by calling (714) 832-8910 or emailing info@bluebuoy.org.

About Safer 3:

The Safer 3 Water Safety Foundation is a national nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization with a mission to save lives through water safety education. Through a range of programs and events, we work with water safety advocates by providing them with educational tools to combat the epidemic of drowning. We specifically provide a drowning prevention curriculum designed for preschoolers through second grade. Visit www.safer3.org to learn more.

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