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OCFA Partners with Seal Beach Marine Safety and the Orange County Sheriff's Department to Rescue a Drowning Victim from the Ocean

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- Who:** Orange County Fire Authority firefighters along with Seal Beach lifeguards and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Harbor Patrol will show how they work together to rescue a drowning victim in the ocean. This Mock Ocean Rescue showcases the skills and expertise by lifeguards, firefighter paramedics and harbor patrol deputies.
- What:** Seal Beach lifeguards will respond from the beach, a personal watercraft and jump off the pier to rescue a drowning victim close to the Seal Beach Pier, after he gets pulled out into the ocean from a rip current. Lifeguards will rescue the victim, place him on a personal watercraft and transport him to shore where waiting OCFA firefighter paramedics will treat the patient and package him up for rapid transport to the hospital. So far this year in Orange County, there have been 69 drowning incidents and 14 of those have occurred in the ocean. Last year, OC had 15 ocean drowning incidents and nine of those were fatal. We are trying to reduce that number.
- When:** **Tuesday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m.**
Media Staging at 10:15 a.m.
Seal Beach Marine Safety Headquarters parking lot by the Seal Beach Pier. Best access to view the rescue is on the pier.
- Where:** [Seal Beach Marine Safety Headquarters](#)
888 Ocean Ave
Seal Beach, Ca 90740

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