



MEDIA ADVISORY

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O.C. Drowning Prevention Task Force to Hold Summer Kickoff Media Event

- Who:** In preparation for summer, members of The Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force, current gold medal winning Olympic water polo player, and a parent who tragically lost a child to drowning, will discuss the importance of water safety near pools and at the beach.
- When:** **Thursday, June 1 at 11 a.m.**
Media staging and the ability to get B-roll begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Where:** **McFadden Square**
70 Newport Pier, Newport Beach
- What:** After Memorial Day Weekend, the traditional start of summer, speakers will highlight this year's drowning prevention outreach efforts, statistics, and the importance of water safety for all age groups and swimming ability.

Scheduled Speakers

- Rob Williams, Chair, Drowning Prevention Task Force and Chief Lifeguard, Newport Fire Department
- Todd Spitzer, Public Safety and Outreach Committee Chair, Drowning Prevention Task Force, Third District Supervisor, and OCTA Board Member
- Chris Carlson, father of the late Newport Beach Lifeguard Ben Carlson
- Kaleigh Gilchrist, 2016 Olympic Gold Medal Water Polo Player and professional surfer

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Video and Interview Opportunities Available in English and Spanish

