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City of Seal Beach Walk-Through Water Safety Challenge

SEAL BEACH, CA- The City of Seal Beach Marine Safety Department has partnered up with Stop Drowning Now and the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force to host a Walkthrough Water Safety Challenge on **Saturday, May 22, 2021** from 9:00am-11:00am at Eisenhower Park located at 900 Ocean Avenue adjacent to the Seal Beach Municipal Pier. The community will have an opportunity to visit various stations and receive education on drowning prevention from the Seal Beach Lifeguards and pool staff, CPR from the Orange County Fire Authority, public safety tips from the Seal Beach Police Department and general City information from City Hall staff. Additionally, attendees will have an opportunity to meet water polo Olympians and their medals:

Ryan Bailey – 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 Men’s Water Polo Olympian, silver medalist
Brad Shoemacher - 1996 swimming Olympian, 2 gold medals, 2000 Men’s Water Polo Olympian

The City of Seal Beach is proud to partner up with both agencies and raise awareness, as drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States for children under the age of five and the second leading cause of accidental death for kids under the age of 14. The Safety Challenge will highlight the importance of swim lessons for children as a study conducted by the National Institute of Health reveals that participation in formal swimming lessons is associated with an 88% reduction in the risk of drowning for children between the ages of 1 to 4 which demonstrates that providing young children with swimming lessons has a protective effect against drowning.



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