



FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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INCIDENT: Drowning
TIME: 6:53 p.m.
LOCATION: 12200 Block of Stanford Avenue

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UPDATE

The Garden Grove Fire Department was dispatched to the 12200 block of Stanford Avenue at 6:53 p.m. today for a drowning incident. Crews found a 16 year old male in cardiac arrest at a backyard pool party. CPR was not performed by bystanders at the party. Two Garden Grove police officers who arrived prior to Fire Department arrival were able to begin treatment and perform CPR. CPR was taken over by firefighter/paramedics, and advanced life support was initiated. The victim was transported to UCI Medical Center, during which time paramedics were able to get a pulse back. The male is in critical condition.

This incident marks the sixth drowning or near-drowning incident in Garden Grove this year. All residents are encouraged to learn the A-B-C's of water safety including CPR. Additionally, a responsible person must be designated to watch the water anytime people are in or around it. Water watcher tags are used to obligate the designated person to not be distracted while watching the water and areas around it. Free water watcher tags and water safety information can be obtained at any Garden Grove fire station.

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