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**MEDIA INVITED TO A WATER SAFETY  
DEMONSTRATION**

*Importance of Life Jackets Stressed*

Members of the media are invited to join Fire and Life Safety crews from Springfield and Eugene Fire Departments at Clearwater Landing for a media briefing and demonstration of water safety techniques on Thursday, May 23 at 11:00 am.

**Visuals:** Rescue boats from Springfield and Eugene will be in the water to demonstrate various rescue techniques – using both swimmers and training manikins. Media members will also have an opportunity to get interviews on water safety and updated safety statistics.

**Safety information:** With the popular Memorial Day weekend just around the corner, more and more people will head for the beauty and fun of our local rivers. However, rivers can also be dangerous and a reminder of the importance of safety in and around the water can help save a life. The importance of wearing life jackets and ensuring children have life jackets will be a focal point of the demonstration.

**What:** Water Safety Demonstration

**Where:** Clearwater Landing at the south end of [Clearwater Lane](#)

**When:** Thursday, May 23 starting at 11 a.m.

**Additional:** The morning of the event, media members can contact Leldon Little for more information or directions – 541.954.3530.

**Weather:** The demonstration will take place rain or shine