The Moreno Valley Fire Department Offers the Following Tips for Staying Safe in Pools and Spas:

The Moreno Valley Fire Department experiences several preventable near drowning and drowning incidents each year. These preventable events can cause severe injuries and may lead to death. Last year there were 30 near drownings and 15 drownings in Riverside County. The Moreno Valley Fire Department is asking for your help in preventing drowning with the following water safety tips.

Staying Close, Being Alert and Watching Children in and Around the Pool

- Always watch your children when they are in or near a pool or spa
- Teach children basic water safety tips
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments
- Have a portable telephone close by at all time when you and your family are using a pool or spa
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors

Learning and Practicing Water Safety Skills

- Lean how to swim and teach your child how to swim
- Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly
- Understand the basics of life-saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency

Having the Appropriate Equipment for Your Pool or Spa

- Install a four-foot fence around the pool and spa and use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools
- Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa
- If your house serves a fourth side of a fence around a pool, install door alarms and always use them
- For additional protection, install windows guards on windows facing pools or spas
- Install pool and gate alarms to alert you when children go near the water
- Ensure any pool and spa you use has compliant drain covers, and ask your pool service provider if you do not know
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order

- Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm

For more information please visit http://www.poolsafely.gov/pool-spa-safety/staying-safe-pools-spas/residential-swimming-pools/

The Office Of Emergency Management Offers The Following Information:

As we get further into wildfire season, the Office of Emergency Management would like to encourage Moreno Valley residents to take action in preparing themselves and their families for the next emergency by registering for "reverse 9-1-1".

Alert notification calling, sometimes called 'reverse 911' or 'reverse calling' is when residents receive a phone call alerting them about an emergency situation. Reverse calling alert notification is used all over California to inform residents and give emergency instructions during fires, flooding, extreme weather, or any other kind of emergency.

The County of Riverside has instituted a system that uses telephones to alert residents and businesses in Riverside County who are affected, threatened, or might be endangered by an emergency event or a disaster. The system uses phone numbers in the region's 9-1-1 database to contact listed and unlisted land-line telephones. It is TTY/TDD capable. If the call is picked up by an answering machine, the system will leave a voice message. Because the 9-1-1 database includes only land-line numbers, other phone numbers must be registered. If you have a voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) or cellular telephone and would like to be notified over the device, you must register those telephone numbers to be included in the notification system.

To register your VOIP or cellular telephone, please click the "Register Now" button and complete the form. Each number will be added to the regional database within 60 days. It is important to note that each number registered can only be associated with one residential or business address in the system.

The telephone numbers you register will be called only when a disaster or emergency affects the address associated with a telephone number. To register, please visit http://countyofriverside.us/Residents/Emergencies/EarlyWarningNotificationSystem.aspx

For more information, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 951.413.3800