

FIRE CHIEF'S CORNER

A Special Message from Fire Chief Jesse Park

Summer is here, and temperatures in MoVal are heating up. People are beating the heat by spending more time in pools. Unfortunately, there are inherent dangers in the water—especially for children and seniors.

Though drowning has decreased in Moreno Valley, we encourage everyone to stay vigilant and protect their families and friends. As a parent, it breaks my heart every time my teams are dispatched to a drowning incident. But this is good news; **DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE!** Here's what you can do to help prevent drowning incidents:

Follow the ABC's of water safety:

A = Adult Supervision. Assign an adult Water Watcher to keep their eyes on the water at ALL times. Never swim alone!

B = Barriers such as fences, self-closing and self-latching gates, pool motion sensors, window, and door alarms.

C = Classes. Parents and Caregivers should take CPR and First Aid, and swimming courses that are available for both children and adults.

Please visit moval.org/poolsafety for important drowning prevention safety tips and resources.

And remember, **ALWAYS CALL 911** for anyone who has suffered from a prolonged water submersion; even if they seem okay afterwards.

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Chief Jesse Park is a 22-year veteran of CALFIRE. He started with the US Forest Service, also served as a Fire Apparatus Engineer, Firefighter-Paramedic, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and he currently serves as Moreno Valley's Fire Chief. Chief Park holds a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership, and a Master of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management. With additional Master's Certificates in the Fire Service, Homeland Security, and Emergency Manager.

