



News Release

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WHAT: Swift Water Rescue of 10-Year Old Boy

WHERE: Prefumo Creek – Near Laguna Lake Municipal Golf Course

WHEN: January 22, 2010 – 4:30PM

On 01-22-2010 at approximately 4:30PM San Luis Obispo Police and Fire personnel responded to a swift water rescue in Prefumo Creek near the Laguna Lake Municipal Golf Course. Two 10-year old boys entered the rain-swollen creek on boogie board flotation devices. They were also wearing skateboard-style helmets. The boys were overwhelmed by the swift-moving water. One boy lost his flotation device but managed to make it out of the creekbed. The other boy was able to grab vegetation along the embankment but remained trapped by the currents. Residents of the neighborhood heard this boy's cry for help and summoned rescue personnel.

Three fire engine companies and several police officers responded to the scene. The rescue personnel were able to secure a rope around the boy prior to extricating him from the embankment by using a ladder. The boys were uninjured.

The Police and Fire Departments remind residents and visitors that the normally tranquil creeks of our community have become dangerous due to the heavy rains. The deceptively slow moving waters have strong under currents. There are many tree and debris under the water line that can trap even the best of swimmers. We urge everyone to use caution around the creeks and recommend parents not allow their children near the creeks unsupervised.

Any further questions should be referred to the Press Information Officer. Anonymous information may be referred to Crime Stopper @ (805) 549-STOP

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