

# Alameda County Fire Department NEWS

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## *Statement of Clarification from Chief Gilbert Regarding the Crown Beach Incident in Alameda*

Below is a statement of clarification from Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) Fire Chief, Sheldon Gilbert:

As a result of the drowning incident at Crown Beach in Alameda, our department has received numerous emails, calls from concerned citizens, messages via social media and media inquiries from across the nation. Many have confused our agency for the fire service provider in the City of Alameda, the Alameda Fire Department.

Based on the types of questions and comments we have received, I would like to clarify the following:

- The ACFD was not requested by the Alameda Fire Department to respond to the drowning incident at Crown Beach in Alameda on Monday, May 30, 2011.
- The ACFD has a well-equipped and staffed water rescue program. There are currently two trailered, response ready rigid hull rescue boats in service in San Leandro, one at Station 11 at 14903 Catalina and one at Station 10 at 2194 Williams. Both rescue boats are equipped with state-of-the-art navigation, communication and rescue equipment. Personnel assigned to these stations are trained regularly and are capable of providing water rescue services to the Marina and the bay at large. In addition, the ACFD has two smaller rescue inflatable boats that can also be dispatched to the Marina and bay. Traditionally, a water rescue response at the Marina and/or the bay includes two engines, two rescue boats and a Battalion Chief at minimum.

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