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NEWS ADVISORY

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Flash Flood News Conference with Swiftwater Rescue Demonstrations

WHAT: Flash Flood Season begins July 1. This press conference will highlight dangers of flood waters with Clark County firefighters demonstrating training techniques and simulated rescues.

WHY: This event is being held to educate residents and visitors about the dangers of flash flooding and to advise everyone to stay away from flood channels and washes. On June 30, 2016, two women were swept away by swift water in washes. Both died. Homeless people living in the flood control system face the greatest risk.

WHO: Patrick Foley, EMS Coordinator, Clark County Fire Department
Steve Parrish, General Manager/Chief Engineer, Regional Flood Control District
Dan Berc, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service
Kelly Robson, Chief Social Services Coordinator HELP of Southern Nevada

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 21 at 9 a.m. SHARP!**
Arrive no later than 8:45 a.m.
ALL press and attendees must exit by 10:15 a.m.

WHERE: **Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas, 7055 S Fort Apache Road, Las Vegas, 89148**

WOW! After the brief formal program firefighters will conduct two demonstrations in the water. They will simulate a rescue in the wash and churning water conditions rescuers face. You will have to move a short distance between the first and second demonstrations.

PLAN: It will be hot. Dress accordingly. Wear sunscreen. Our presentation will be under a shade. We will provide water.