



River Safety Week

The Kern County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Kern River Conservancy is holding a three-part campaign to encourage safe and enjoyable use of our bodies of water in Kern County.

The media is invited and encouraged to attend all three of these press conferences.

Day One: Monday, April 29 at 10am at mouth of Kern Canyon by sign

Season Preview and Safety Information

KCSO Sergeant Steve Williams, Kern River Conservancy Gary Ananian, and Kern Valley Search & Rescue

KCSO will discuss previous year's fatalities on the river, update sign, and talk about what the season is expected to look like for water flow with high snow-pack levels this year.

The Kern River Conservancy will direct the public in safer ways to enjoy the river and lakes, as well as where people can rent life preservers for free.

Day Two: Thursday, May 2 at 10am at Keysville South Entrance off Highway 155

Water Safety Demonstrations

The Kern River Conservancy will discuss safe camping, while a raft guide will talk about the proper safety equipment, and how to get out of the water in the event you capsize.

Search and Rescue will do a demonstration, and KCSO will discuss the hazards of combining alcohol and rivers and lakes.

Day Three: Monday, May 6 at 10am at Riverside Park in Kernville

Safe Enjoyment of Kern's Waters

The Kern River Conservancy along with professional guide services/outfitters will highlight the opportunities available to the public on the water. Multiple outfitters will be on location.

KCSO will again encourage safe usage of water bodies in Kern County.