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Scripps Health Offers Free Skin Cancer Screening for Lifeguards and Firefighters

EARLY DIAGNOSIS IS KEY

San Diego – Lifeguards, firefighters and police spend much of their working lives outdoors. With summer in full swing, it is a good time to check for skin abnormalities that may be cancerous or may lead to skin cancers. Scripps Health has offered free screenings to first responders for more than 10 years.

Skin cancers include melanoma, basal cell, and squamous cell. Basal and squamous cell are common and treatment is very effective. Malignant melanoma can be difficult to treat. Early diagnosis and treatment can increase the survival rate from melanoma. The skin cancer screenings are part of Scripps Health’s ongoing community benefit program. Last year, Scripps invested more than \$350 million in various programs to improve community health, including cardiac screenings, diabetes education, cancer support groups, charity care for the needy and various health and wellness events.

WHO: Dr. Hubert Greenway, chairman of Mohs and dermatologic surgery at Scripps Clinic and a team of Scripps physicians
Chris Van Gorder, Scripps Health president and CEO
Chief Rick Wurts, San Diego Lifeguards

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 1, 2016 - Media availability 1-2 p.m.

WHERE: San Diego Lifeguard Headquarters
2581 Quivira Ct.
San Diego, CA 92109

VISUALS: Skin screening of a lifeguard, firefighter or police officer