



**THE
FLORIDA
BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

AND THE



**UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

**2005 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET
FRIDAY MARCH 24 TH, 2006 - 7:00PM TO 11:00PM**

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**FT. LAUDERDALE BEACH
INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME AUDITORIUM
501 SEABREEZE BLVD. FT. LAUDERDALE FL.**

HONORING THE

"LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR"

JIM McCRADY

"BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR"

FT. LAUDERDALE OCEAN RESCUE

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THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION GRACIOUSLY REQUEST YOUR ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME YOU TO THE 2005 LIFESAVING THIRTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN EXCITING TIME AT THIS MEMORABLE EVENT.

PROGRAM

7:00 PM	RECEPTION - WELCOME ALL GUESTS
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM	CONVERSATION / COCKTAILS
7:45 PM	INTRODUCTIONS
7:45 PM - 8:15 PM	AWARDS PRESENTATION
8:15 PM - 9:15 PM	BUFFET / BANQUET DINNER
9:15 PM - 9:45 PM	AWARDS PRESENTATION
9:45 PM - 10:00 PM	CLOSING THOUGHTS - KEYNOTE SPEAKER // B. CHRIS BREWSTER
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR / CONVERSATION & DANCING

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS 2005 & 2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT - BOB MALER
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VICE-PRESIDENT (C) - DON MAY
VICE PRESIDENT (S) - JAMES GRAY
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ADVISOR - ROB CALDWELL

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PRESIDENT - PATRICK McGLAMERY
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SPECIAL EVENTS - BERT SODEN

FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS - 2005

- **2005 F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. PRESIDENTS AWARD**
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:
RECIPIENT: *MIAMI BEACH OCEAN RESCUE DIVISION*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2004 - 2005 OFFICERS AWARDS**
- **F.B.P.C.A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD - RECIPIENT: TOMMY HOGAN**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS**
RECIPIENT: *JOHN BEBENSEE - BOYNTON // PHIL GILBERT - SARASOTA*
- **F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. - PADDLE BOARD SERIES AWARDS**
WINNERS: *DARREN PENNY // CYNTHIA AGULIAR*
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - "CLINCON" TEAM RECOGNITION**
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - RECIPIENT: TOM FOGAN**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL & NATIONAL COMPETITORS - RECOGNITION**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2005 SPRINT SERIES TEAM AWARD WINNERS**
PALM BEACH CO. / BOCA RATON / HOLLYWOOD / CLEARWATER / MIAMI BEACH
- **F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. HEROIC ACT AWARDS:**
RECIPIENTS: *PO. THOMAS COOPER // FF. SCOTT WILLIAMS // GARY WISE*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS -**
RECIPIENTS: *MICHAEL MAYO & SHARON ROBB (SUN SENTINEL //*
CASEY WOODS (MIAMI HERALD) // SHARON LAWSON (NBC 6)
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD - RECIPIENT: CHRIS HOCH**
- **FLORIDAS "LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR" PAST / PRESENT - RECOGNITION**
- **FLORIDAS "BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR" PAST / PRESENT - RECOGNITION**



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL **UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION**

LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR - 2005

RECIPIENT:

- **JIM McCRADY – FT. LAUDERDALE OCEAN RESCUE**

Jim McCrady is the bedrock of the USLA, Southeast Region. For a number of years, Jim has made us all aware of all special events within the Region by producing the Florida State Lifesaving Event Calendar. Jim not only promotes his own Beach Patrol, but all of our Ocean Rescue Departments as well. Jim puts the word out on every single event and attends nearly all of them, showing his constant support of our profession. He continues to play a key role in numerous major events that Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue has hosted during the year. He is the main coordinator for the following post National event: the Gene Bergman 10 Mile Craft Race, the Kenny Tillman 5 Mile Craft Race and our annual Surf 'n' Turf race. All of these events continue to increase employee morale, help to maintain fitness levels and support the competitive edge of not only the staff of Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue but other Departments as well. Jim heads the FLOR competition teams; Fort Lauderdale competed once again at the annual CLINCON International Competition. This was the first year in the history of the event that an Ocean Rescue team competed in the ALS division. Fort Lauderdale placed 17th overall in the ALS division and 3rd in the BLS division (1st place among Ocean Rescue agencies). The Fort Lauderdale team, lead by Jim McCrady traveled to Virginia Beach this year and placed 2nd at the U.S.L.A. National Competition.

Jim spends much of his own time coordinating and participating in all of the events that have been mentioned. Just as important as these events are to our profession, Jim is also an outstanding Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Lieutenant. Jim is one of five Lieutenants that supervise 15 lifeguard towers. His responsibilities include but are not limited to organizing training sessions, scheduling tower assignments, responding to rescues, evaluating lifeguard job performances and coordinating rescue calls with Fire Rescue. Jim is a natural leader that guards look up to, he is constantly thinking of ways to improve the agency and steps up to the plate when work needs to be done. He has played a vital roll in all that has been accomplished by the Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue in 2005.

Jim McCrady's "vacations" consists of attending U.S.L.A. meetings and helping to train lifeguards in the Panhandle. This man eats, breathes and sleeps lifesaving. He consistently makes a difference year after year and James Hamilton McCrady V is well deserving of the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association, Lifeguard of the Year for 2005 award. To sum it all up, Jim gets involved in just about every aspect of Ocean Lifesaving and life. He is a true professional.

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION



BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2005

RECIPIENT: FT. LAUDERDALE OCEAN RESCUE

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association has awarded the "2005 BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARD" to Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue. This honor is bestowed only on the best agencies in the industry and puts Fort Lauderdale in an elite class with respect to the service it provides for its citizens.

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue supervises 2.6 miles of continuous public beach. In the guarded area of the public beach, there are 15 year-round, permanently staffed lifeguard towers. Fort Lauderdale Beach has had continuous supervised public bathing at its beaches for 80 years, dating back to 1926. F.L.O.R. has a staff of 78 lifeguards consisting of 46 First Responders, 27 E.M.T's, and 5 Paramedics currently on its staff.

The "BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARD" is voted on by all of the Captains and Chiefs of every ocean rescue agency in the state of Florida. This is the first time in the history of this award that the City of Fort Lauderdale has won this distinction. The criteria include: Safety Record, Lifeguard Job Requirements, Staffing Level, Lifesaving Equipment, Physical Skills Performance Exam, Mission Statement, Traditions, Awards Received and Safety Programs provided to the bathing public. Some of Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue's noteworthy accomplishments in 2005 were:

FLOR became a certified agency under the standards set by the United States Lifesaving Association. Placed 2nd in the country at the United States Lifesaving Association National Lifeguard Championships in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Took 1st place among Ocean Rescue Agencies at the Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation CLINCON William H. Shearer International Basic Life Support Competition. Fielded the **First-Ever** Ocean Rescue Advanced Life Support Team at the Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation CLINCON William H. Shearer International and placed in the top 20. FLOR lifeguards have conducted water safety presentations to civic groups, lectures to home-owners associations, and career day presentations to area elementary schools reaching over 900 students. For the nineteenth year since 1985, F.L.O.R. conducted its Junior Lifeguard Program. This year the program was expanded and 2 additional instructors were added. Fort Lauderdale hosted the 11th Annual Air and Sea Show, an event that draws between 2.1 and 3 million people every year. **The Air & Sea Show is the largest, best-attended lifeguarded event in the world.** F.L.O.R. hosted its 4th Annual Basic Life Support competition in conjunction with Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (an event they also won). F.L.O.R. hosted its 16th Annual Fort Lauderdale Relays Invitational Surf Lifesaving Competition (an event they also won). 2000 to present - FLOR Captain serving as Vice-President of the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association. 1999 to present - FLOR has had representation on the executive board of the United States Lifesaving Association Southeast Region as President or Vice President.

Awards aside, Fort Lauderdale can boast one of the safest beaches per capita in the world due to the dedicated professionals of Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue. Day in, day out, our lifeguards make sure that everyone that comes to our beautiful beach to recreate with their friends and family can do so safely.

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TOM HOGAN - SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Very few people can truly be called legends in their chosen profession. But after 30 years in lifesaving, no other word can describe Tom Hogan. As a teenager, Tom worked summers at Chicago's Oak Street. In 1957, he was drafted into the Army and somehow managed to be assigned to lifeguarding duty in California. In 1960, Tom starting working for the Town of Palm Beach and after a career spanning 25 years, he retired in 1985. You'd think that would be enough for one lifetime but Tom hasn't stopped yet. He continues to be active in lifeguard tournaments, competing throughout the United States and Internationally. He's extremely competitive in his age group and be counted on to win a medal or two.

In probably what is the biggest testament to Tom's legacy is his involvement with the Lake Worth Beach Patrol's Jr. Lifeguard program. For the past several years, Tom has made it his purpose in life to help train the lifesavers of tomorrow. Using his three decades of experience, his humor and tales of days gone by, Tom has been a pivotal player in building a continually growing program. Anyone who has ever met Tom, has walked away with a smile on their face and an understanding of what it truly means to be a "Lifeguard For Life.

TOM FOGAN - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tom grew up ½ block from the beach. In doing so, he always admired the fine work of the surf rescue personnel and strove to become one at the first opportunity. Tom began his career with Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue close to 30 years ago, worked his way through the ranks and recently retired as Captain.

During his professional lifetime, he has proven a sincere desire to make ocean lifesaving the best that it can be, for all involved. He has made significant contributions to the Chiefs Association, USLA and the profession of ocean lifesaving as a whole and therefore deserves and presented with this Lifetime Achievement Award.

CHRIS HOCH - SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Most of you all know Chris Hoch as fierce competitor who has made quite a name for himself at both regional and national lifeguard competitions. Chris has another side that speaks to his role as a teacher and mentor. A lifelong competitive swimmer culminating his career at Florida State as a scholarship athlete, Chris was looking for a career after college that combined both his love of the water and his desire to help others. He landed in Pompano Beach as a full-time ocean lifeguard.

At the end of his first year, he began teaching surf lifesaving, to the 9-17 year-old kids of their junior lifeguard program. That was 13 years ago, and he has been involved in USLA Southeast Region Junior Lifeguard programs ever since. In that time, he has coached over 50 USLA Junior Lifeguard National Champions, and most notably has been the head official and coordinator for 8 USLA Southeast Region Junior Lifeguard Championships, including the last 6 in a row. Although Chris has a full-time firefighter for Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue for the last ten years, rising to the rank of Paramedic Driver-Engineer, he has still found time to lifeguard for Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue part-time, coach the Pompano Beach Piranhas age-group swim team (league champs 4 out of the last 5 years), and help us here in the region run our annual junior lifeguard championships. For this, we in the USLA Southeast Region would like to extend this award to Chris for everything he has done for the future of our profession through the children he teaches, coaches and mentors.

**FLORIDA BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

THE BEACH "CHIEFS" FORMED IN 1983 TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN FLORIDA'S OCEAN LIFESAVING AGENCIES. THE FOUNDING MEMBERS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR INCREASED COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG FLORIDA'S PROFESSIONAL OCEAN LIFEGUARDS. WORTHWHILE PROJECTS BEGAN TO EMERGE FROM THE "CHIEFS" INCLUDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, PROMOTING LEGISLATION RELATED TO OCEAN LIFESAVING AND RAISING STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION. THE LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR AND BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARDS WERE CREATED TO HONOR THE BEST LIFEGUARDS AND LIFEGUARD AGENCIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.



**UNITED STATES LIFESAVING
ASSOCIATION**

THE PRIMARY GOAL OF U.S.L.A. IS TO, "ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL SURF AND OPEN WATER LIFESAVING FOR THE MAXIMIZING OF PUBLIC SAFETY." AS SUCH, U.S.L.A. LEADERS HAVE LONG WORKED TO STANDARDIZE TRAINING AND LIFESAVING PRACTICES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS.

THERE ARE NOW OVER 100 CHAPTERS OF THE U.S.L.A. EACH IS AFFILIATED WITH A LOCAL LIFESAVING SERVICE OR SERVICES AND COMPOSED OF EMPLOYEES OF THOSE AGENCIES. THE CHAPTERS FORM REGIONS, OF WHICH THERE ARE EIGHT. EACH U.S.L.A. REGION HAS A PRESIDENT AND ITS OWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S.L.A., ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS, IS MADE UP OF DELEGATES SENT BY EACH REGION TO BI-ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS. WITHIN CERTAIN GUIDELINES, REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS PROPORTIONAL TO REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY THE U.S.L.A. HAS BEEN AN ORGANIZATION OF LIFEGUARDS FOR LIFEGUARDS, IMPROVING THEIR PROFESSION AND THE SAFETY OF THE BEACH-GOING PUBLIC. DEDICATED MEMBERS VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND ACCOMPLISH THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. THAT WORK CONTINUES TODAY.



FLORIDA'S LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

1986
ROB CALDWELL - LANTANA
1987
CHUCK PRICE - PALM BEACH COUNTY
1988
ERIK JERSTED - TOWN OF PALM BEACH
1989
KEN GUNTHER - PALM BEACH COUNTY
1990
BRIAN RICHARDSON - MARTIN COUNTY
1991
GERRY FALCONER - POMPANO BEACH
1992
JERRY HUTTON - PALM BEACH COUNTY
1993
NAJIM MUSTO - DEERFIELD BEACH
1994
PHIL MIRKIN - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
1995
VINCE WIERNICKI - ST. LUCIE COUNTY
1996
PHIL WOTTON - BOCA RATON
1997
JULIA LEO - PALM BEACH COUNTY
1998
ERICK BARBOSA - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
1999
STEVE ZICKL - DELRAY BEACH
2000
CHRISTINE McCRADY - FT. LAUDERDALE
2001
MIKE BROWN - DEERFIELD BEACH
2002
LUIZ MORIZOT- LEITE - MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY
2003
PATRICK MC GLAMERY - BOCA RATON
2004
JO WAGENHALS - DELRAY BEACH
2005
JIM McCRADY - FT. LAUDERDALE

BEACH PATROLS OF THE YEAR

1993
TOWN OF LANTANA
1994
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
1995
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
1996
PALM BEACH COUNTY
1997
CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
1998
CITY OF BOCA RATON
1999
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
2000
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
2001
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
2002
CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
2003
CLEARWATER BEACH
2004
SARASOTA COUNTY
2005
FT. LAUDERDALE BEACH

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE
INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES
WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2005 LIFEGUARD
COMPETITION SEASON.

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS -
(PAST AND PRESENT) THAT HAVE WORKED SO
TIRELESSLY ON THE "SPECIAL RISK" STATUS
INITIATIVE FOR FLORIDA'S OCEAN
LIFESAVERS INCLUDING ... KEN GUNTHER,
PAUL DRUCKER & DENNIS WARD.