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**FLORIDA  
BEACH PATROL  
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

*AND THE*



**UNITED STATES  
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHEAST REGION**

*PRESENT THE*

**2012 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET  
SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2013 – 6:45PM TO 11:00PM**

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**CASA MONICA HOTEL  
95 Cordova Street  
St. Augustine, Fl. 32086**

*HONORING THE*

**“LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR”**

**“BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR”**

**MITCH McCRADY  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

**ST. JOHN'S COUNTY  
OCEAN RESCUE**

**THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL LIFESAVING AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. COME CELEBRATE OUR 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND CAMARADERIE.**

## **PROGRAM**

**6:45 PM - 7:45 PM      COCKTAIL HOUR / RECEPTION**

**7:45 PM                      WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**

**8:00 PM - 8:30 PM      AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**8:30 PM - 9:30 PM      BUFFET / BANQUET DINNER**

**9:30 PM - 10:00 PM    AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**10:00 PM                    CLOSING THOUGHTS**

**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM    SOCIAL HOUR / CONVERSATION & DANCING**

### **FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS 2013 - 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**PRESIDENT – BRECK BALLOU**  
**V. PRESIDENT (N) – ERIC HELLSTROM**  
**V. PRESIDENT (C) – JAMES SCALA**  
**V. PRESIDENT (S) – SCOTT REYNOLDS**  
**V. PRESIDENT (W) – PATRICK BRADFORD**  
**V. PRESIDENT (P) – TRACY VAUSE**  
**TREASURER – BOB MALER**  
**SECRETARY – DAVE LILL**  
**ADVISOR – BOB MALER**

### **U.S.L.A. SOUTHEAST REGION 2012 - 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**PRESIDENT – GERRY FALCONER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT – JO WAGENHAUS**  
**TREASURER – BOB MALER**  
**SECRETARY – ERIK SCHWARZ**  
**ADVISOR – JOE McMANUS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> EXEC DELEGATE – JIM McCRADY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> EXEC DELEGATE – JOE D'AGOSTINO**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> EXEC DELEGATE – GARY WISE**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> EXEC DELEGATE – CHRIS NOWVISKIE**  
**COMPETITION – JIM McCRADY**  
**JUNIOR LG'S – CHRIS HOCH**  
**MEMBERSHIP – KATHY SHULZINSKY**  
**PUBLIC ED. CHAIR – MIKE MAMMEN**

## **FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS – 2012**

- **2012 F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. PRESIDENTS AWARD**  
**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:**  
**RECIPIENT: *USLA Training Academy / Hallandale Beach Ocean Rescue***
- **F.B.P.C.A. 2011 - 2012 OFFICERS AWARDS**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS**  
**RECIPIENTS: *Phil Mirkin - Miami-Dade County, Tracie Moll & Paul Davis - Ft. Lauderdale***
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
- **U.S.L.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
**RECIPIENT: *Kevin Sweat***
- **F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**  
**RECIPIENTS: *Pompano Beach Ocean Rescue***
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL = TEAM / MALE & FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS**
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFEMEMBER AWARD**  
**RECIPIENT: *Tom Fogan***
- **HALL of FAME INDUCTEES**  
**RECIPIENTS: *James "Mac" McCarthy and Jim Holland***
- **NATIONAL COMPETITORS – RECOGNITION**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2012 WINTER SERIES COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS**
- **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 - 2012

### Recipient: Mitch McCrady

#### Nominees:

Luis Andrade – Miami-Dade County  
Lucas Bocanegra – Miami Beach  
Robert Wagner – Palm Beach County

Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Lieutenant Mitch P. McCrady has sixteen years of service for the City of Fort Lauderdale as an ocean lifeguard acting in a part-time and full-time capacity as both a lifeguard and lieutenant. Mitchell started with Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue in 1989, worked until 1994, and left to pursue his education. He returned to the beach patrol in 2002, and was promoted to lieutenant in 2012. Lt. McCrady also works for Pompano Beach Ocean Rescue, and has been there since 2001.

Lt. McCrady has been very active with the USLA SER, and Fort Lauderdale Chapter. He not only trains all the new Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue (FLOR) lifeguards, but coordinates and instructs at lifesaving academies all over the region, country, and abroad (Argentina). This year he was the lead instructor for the lifesaving academy held at Hallandale Beach and also was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant at FLOR.

Lt. McCrady is a very accomplished athlete. The following are just a few of the most recent accomplishments: National Champion Open Surfboat 2009, National Champion Age Group American Ironman 2007, 2009, National Champion Age Group Surfboat 2007, 2009.

Lt. McCrady is the consummate professional in every aspect of his job performance making him an ambassador for not just Fort Lauderdale but the noble profession of ocean lifesaving. In a time where the other public safety occupations get most of the public's attention, Mitchell wears a banner for ocean lifeguards everywhere. He is never afraid to speak his mind when standing up for his profession or issues he feels are important. Mitchell lives the motto "Lifeguard for Life"

# FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## ASSOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION



### BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2012

#### St. John's County, Ocean Rescue

**Nominees:** Okaloosa County / Palm Beach County / Pompano Beach

The **St. Johns County Fire Rescue (SJCFR) Marine Rescue Division** is responsible for all aquatic related emergencies occurring in St. Johns County. This includes 42 miles of coastline, the intercoastal waterway and the St. Johns River. The primary objective of this first response service is to provide the highest level of skilled and efficient response to all people or situations requiring any aquatic or marine intervention.

The seasonal lifeguard service provided by St. Johns County Fire Rescue established in 1933 maintains 21 lifeguard towers and seven vehicle patrols daily. These positions are staffed with 60 seasonal lifeguards comprised of: Zone Supervisors, Driver Operators and Tower Lifeguards. Personnel and apparatus maintain coverage each day from the hours of 10am-6pm from Memorial Day – Labor Day. For the remainder of the year, the Marine Rescue Division is staffed with 4 full-time Fire Rescue Officers supplemented by trained Fire Rescue Responders located at strategically oriented Fire Stations throughout St. Johns County.

During the past several years, SJCFR Marine Rescue Division has developed a cutting edge Marine Rescue Operations Plan. This program has been formatted based on the requirements of The National Fire Protections Agency (NFPA) 1670 requirements and the standard USLA Open Water Lifeguard Certification. To date over 100 certified firefighters have achieved Operations, Technician or Specialist level certifications for completing this rigorous training.

With the development of this program SJCFR has been contacted by numerous surrounding agencies with requests to teach and assist in developing similar programs in both combined Fire Rescue Departments and also in Lifeguard only agencies. Our goal in teaching this program to surrounding agencies is to create a unified response to water rescue type emergencies for the Northeast FL region. The 1670 program was designed to work for all levels of water rescue response, from the basic Operations responder all the way to the advanced Specialist responder. Utilizing the framework developed by the USLA and the NFPA we have developed a program that can be tailored to each Departments needs and allow water safety to be emphasized across the region. As this program continues to evolve we hope to share this tool with other agencies outside the Northeast FL area in our continuing effort to enhance training and education in the aquatic environment.

## **F.B.P.C.A. // U.S.L.A. S.E.R. – AWARDS**

### **PRESIDENTS AWARD for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING** **RECIPIENT: USLA Training Academy / Hallandale Beach Ocean Rescue**

On September 7th, 2012, members of the USLA Southeast Region were called to assist the City of Hallandale Beach in the hiring / training of a future ocean rescue lifeguard agency. Of the eight-nine people that passed the lifeguard test, sixteen were invited to the 40 hour USLA course. Academy Instructors, Joe Taylor, Mitch McCrady, Ken Sullivan, Ryan Kooser, Joe McManus, and Casey Coote, all graduates of the USLA Southeast Regional Training Officer Academy, made the commitment to instruct this class of rookie ocean rescue lifeguards. These six dedicated individuals made it possible for Hallandale Beach Ocean Rescue to get trained open water lifeguards ready for work very quickly.

### **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**RECIPIENT: Kevin Sweat**

Volusia County Department of Public Protection, Beach Safety Division Director Kevin Sweat was born in Volusia County and first joined the Beach Patrol in 1978 at the age of 16. He accepted a full time position in 1982 and ascended to the top of an agency that makes about 3,000 ocean rescues each year, often more than every other lifeguard agency in Florida combined. Volusia's Beach Patrol is also one of the few agencies in the country that blends lifesaving and law-enforcement duties - its officers, while trained to swim out and save distressed swimmers, also carry guns and have full arrest powers. During his tenure, Volusia County was the host Agency for Rescue 2002 World Lifesaving Championships, he served as a USLA National Vice-President and was the USLA National Team Manager for Rescue 2006 in Gelong, Australia and 2008 Berlin, Germany. Kevin earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. Kevin served the Volusia County Beach Patrol for 34 years and retired in 2012.

### **F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

**RECIPIENT: Pompano Beach Ocean Rescue**

On November 22, 2012 the fishing vessel Coral Princess overturned in the Hillsboro Inlet. There were 23 individuals on board. Pompano Beach Ocean Rescue immediately responded, saving 22 lives. Congratulation to the individuals who risked their live to save others. Jose "Tony" Landrua, Jose Rosete, Piotr Zatorski, Chris Nowwiskie & Patrick Clemens of Deerfield Beach. Job well done.

### **F.B.P.C.A. LIFEMEMBER AWARD**

**RECIPIENT: Tom Fogan ...** started with the FBPCA attending meetings on his own time in 1997. Once attaining the rank of Captain (Ft. Lauderdale Ocean Rescue - now retired), He has participated in as many meetings and events involving the FBPCA as possible. Tom has held positions on the Executive Board, including Vice-President and Secretary. He has been part of the Association for 16 years as a Member Director and Alumni Member. Tom continues to contribute his time and expertise to the FBBCA.

### **HALL of FAME INDUCTEES**

**RECIPIENTS: James "Mac" McCarthy and Jim Holland**

**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  
SOUTHEAST REGION**

USLA IS AMERICA'S NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BEACH LIFEGUARDS AND OPEN WATER RESCUERS. USLA WORKS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DEATH AND INJURY IN THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION, NATIONAL LIFEGUARD STANDARDS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF HIGH LEVELS OF LIFEGUARD READINESS AND OTHER MEANS.

THERE ARE OVER 100 CHAPTERS OF USLA NATIONALLY. EACH IS AFFILIATED WITH A LIFESAVING SERVICE LOCATED WITHIN A GEOGRAPHICAL REGION. EACH USLA REGION HAS A PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY USLA HAS BEEN AN ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARDS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIFESAVING PROFESSION AND PROTECTING THE BEACH-GOING PUBLIC.



LIFEGUARDS FOR LIFE



## 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 – FORT LAUDERDALE  
2001  
MIKE BROWN – DEERFIELD BEACH  
2002  
LUIZ MORIZOT- LEITE – MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
2003  
PATRICK McGLAMERY – BOCA RATON  
2004  
JO WAGENHALS – DELRAY BEACH  
2005  
JIM McCRADY – FORT LAUDERDALE  
2006  
DENNIS WARD – PALM BEACH COUNTY  
2007  
GIOVANNI SERRANO – FORT LAUDERDALE  
2008  
MATTHEW PARNASS – FORT LAUDERDALE  
2009  
JEFFREY WEBB NOELL – DEERFIELD BEACH  
2010  
JOE McMANUS – INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
2011  
CYNTHIA AGUILAR – CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
2012  
MITCH McCRADY – FORT 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  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
2006  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
2007  
TOWN OF PALM BEACH  
2008  
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH  
2009  
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
2010  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
2011  
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
2012  
ST. JOHN'S COUNTY

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2012 LIFEGUARD COMPETITION SEASON.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS – (PAST AND PRESENT) THAT HAVE WORKED SO TIRELESSLY ON THE “SPECIAL RISK” STATUS AND OCEAN LIFEGUARD INITIATIVE FOR FLORIDA’S OCEAN LIFESAVERS INCLUDING = JOE McMANUS, DENNIS WARD, KEN GUNTHER, BENNETT RICHARDSON & PAUL DRUCKER.