



*THE*  
**FLORIDA  
BEACH PATROL  
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

*AND THE*



**UNITED STATES  
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHEAST REGION**

*PRESENT THE*

**2006 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET  
FRIDAY APRIL 6 TH, 2007 - 7:00PM TO 11:00PM**

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**THE FIRE TOWER  
8000 N.W. 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET MIAMI, FL.**

*HONORING THE*

**"LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR"**

**DENNIS WARD  
PALM BEACH COUNTY**

**"BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR"**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
OCEAN RESCUE**

THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION GRACIOUSLY REQUEST YOUR ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME YOU TO THE 2006 LIFESAVING FOURTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN EXCITING TIME AT THIS MEMORABLE EVENT.

## **PROGRAM**

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

### **FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS 2007 & 2008 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT - DON MAY  
V. PRESIDENT (N) - WYATT WERNETH  
V. PRESIDENT (C) - BOB TAYLOR  
V. PRESIDENT (S) - WADE RICKERSON  
V. PRESIDENT (W) - JOE LAIN  
V. PRESIDENT (P) - JOE D'AGOSTINO  
TREASURER - JOHN FRAZIER  
SECRETARY - ANDREW RITCHIE  
ADVISOR - BOB MALER

### **U.S.L.A. SOUTHEAST REGION 2006 & 2007 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT - JIM McCRADY  
V. PRESIDENT - GERRY FALCONER  
TREASURER - JOE McMANUS  
SECRETARY - JO WAGENHALS  
COMPETITION DIRECTOR - DON MAY  
PUBLIC ED. - GIO SERRANO  
ADVISOR - BOB MALER  
JR. LIFEGUARD DIRECTOR - CHRIS HOCH  
EXECUTIVE DELEGATE - JOE D'AGOSTINO  
PUBLIC INFORMATION - GERRY FALCONER

## FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS - 2006

- 2006 F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. PRESIDENTS AWARD  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:  
RECIPIENT: *ERIK JERSTED*
- F.B.P.C.A. 2005 - 2006 OFFICERS AWARDS
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS  
RECIPIENTS: *BOB TAYLOR - Delray Beach / ERIC TILLMAN - Martin County /*  
*JAY MOYLES & REX "LONNIE" BEACH - Manatee County / BRECK BALLOU &*  
*BRUCE KOSKI - Ft. Lauderdale*
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - "CLINCON" TEAM RECOGNITION  
RECIPIENT: *BOCA RATON - TIM FRY / FRANK GANLEY / JACK LUKA / KEVIN HUGES*
- F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD -  
RECIPIENT: *JO WAGENHALS*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL TEAM AND MALE / FEMALE HIGH POINT  
WINNERS - RECOGNITION
- NATIONAL COMPETITORS - RECOGNITION
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2006 SPRINT SERIES TEAM AWARD WINNERS  
*Boca Raton / Hollywood / Delray Beach / Fort Lauderdale / Palm Beach County*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2006 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 - 2006

### RECIPIENT:

- DENNIS WARD - PALM BEACH COUNTY

Dennis is a 21-year employee with Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue. Over the years he has been known to volunteer for many extra curricular activities at his various work assignments. He has received commendations from the Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management Department for his contributions to the dune restorations projects in County Parks, and single handedly created a managed dune system at his primary work assignment at South Inlet Park.

In January of 2006, Dennis responded to a vessel in distress off the beach at South Inlet Park. A 65ft yacht lost power in the inlet and was drifting into the jetty rocks. Due to 6 ft. high surf, towboats could not get close enough to attach lines to tow the boat to safety. The yacht consequently ran aground. Dennis proceeded to swim tow lines to the yacht from the rescue tow boat and convinced two persons on board not to abandon ship in the high seas. The entire rescue effort took nearly 3 hours, but no one was injured and the vessel sustained little damage - thanks to Dennis' efforts.

Dennis is a veteran Ocean Lifeguard who can be counted on to be a reliable individual in many different situations. He is a rescue boat operator and a certified Emergency Medical Technician. During the last year, Dennis used dogged determination in contacting State Representatives, City, and County officials in an effort to achieve Special Risk designation for Ocean Lifeguards in the State of Florida. Through his efforts, Ocean Lifeguards are now closer to that goal than any time in history. Dennis has taken up the effort again this year, and it seems it is just a matter of time before the goal is met.

His dedication to his job and his profession has proven him to be the quintessential Ocean Rescue Professional.

# FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## ASSOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION



### BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2006

#### RECIPIENT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE

It is our distinct pleasure to announce that the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association has awarded the "2006 BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARD" to Miami-Dade County Ocean Rescue. This honor is bestowed only on the finest agencies in the industry and places Miami-Dade County in an elite class with respect to the job performed and service it provides to its citizens.

Miami-Dade County's Lifeguards were transferred from the Parks Department into the Fire Department in October of 2003. With nearly 90+ employees, the Ocean Rescue Bureau is ready to continue its tradition of serving the public, preventing accidents, saving lives and making the County proud.

At Crandon's lagoon style / shallow water beach, staff members guard areas extending in some areas to a distance of up to 800+ yards off shore and also monitor the numerous inshore holes. Lifeguards will also respond in case of emergency to approximately 2 miles of beach owned by the City of Key Biscayne and Bill Baggs state park - where there are no lifeguards on duty. Haulover Lifeguards monitor the surf style beach up to 100+ yards offshore and are careful to keep swimmers out of the dangerous rip currents that frequent the beach. Lifeguards also respond to emergency situations in Haulover Cut, in the inter-costal waterway on the bayside and when necessary, continue to assist neighboring Ocean Rescue agencies. Numerous rescues, CPR / artificial resuscitations and first aids have been made by Dade County Lifeguards in these areas.

Miami-Dade County has training programs to educate Elementary, Junior High and High school level students on water safety during "Career Days" including show and tell material and a slide presentation. Our summer and year round activities include USLA sanctioned events, an annual Lifeguard Tournament and EMS Competition and a nationally recognized Junior Lifeguard and Beach-Ocean Awareness Programs. Public information pamphlets are supplied by and located at Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Headquarters. Miami-Dade County Lifeguard personnel have gone above and beyond the minimum training standards and requirements. Many of our lifeguards have training as Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, First Responders / Instructors, CPR / Instructors, Lifeguard Training / Instructor, First Aid / Instructor, Skin / SCUBA / Search and Recovery, Basic Life Support / Instructor, Water Safety / Instructor and AIDS and Blood borne Pathogen Education, E.V.O.C., Personal Watercraft, A.T.V., Sensitivity, HIPPA training and Police radio training.

Miami-Dade County Ocean Rescue Bureau will soon boast 30 elevated and enclosed lifeguard towers spaced approximately 150 yards apart, 2 newly designed operational headquarters buildings to include: garages, offices, communication centers, kitchenettes, storage areas, weight / training rooms and lockers / shower facilities. Staff includes: 1 Ocean Rescue Chief, 1 Beach Safety Manager (Captain), 5 Lieutenants, 22 Full-time lifeguards, up to 60+ Part-time lifeguards and 4 Telephone Console Operators.

MDC has been involved with the F.B.P.C.A. since the beginning of the organization and has had individuals on the Executive Board to include: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary & Advisor and the USLA E-board as Advisor.

Day in and day out, our lifeguards make sure that everyone that comes to our beautiful beaches to recreate with their family and friends. can do so safely.

## **FBPCA // USLA SER - AWARDS**

- **ERIK JERSTED - 2006 F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. PRESIDENTS AWARD**  
**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:**

Erik Jersted was born in New York City on February 28<sup>th</sup> 1948. He grew up in Brooklyn and the Bronx before moving to Jamaica, Long Island in 1964. A high school wrestler, Erik joined Bob's Gym in Seaside Heights where he met some of the local beach lifeguards, who invited him to take the water test in 1965. He guarded for SHBP for five years before coming down to Florida in the fall of 1970. He worked a couple of winter seasons for Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue before becoming full-time on 5/24/1972. Lt. Erik Jersted left employment with the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1986 to pursue lifeguarding work for the Town of Palm Beach, Pompano Beach, and Palm Beach County. In 1990, he began a second career as a pastor and became ordained in 1992 as a Baptist minister performing weddings, funerals, and delivering regular sermons, but his true calling was helping others through hospice.

After the toll of dealing with others dying on a regular basis caught up with him, in 2001 he began lifeguarding again. He started back working in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach, working three days at each beach. Erik again accepted a full-time position with FLOR in 2003. In the course of his part-time tenure, he turned down full-time appointments twice because he did not think he deserved the respective promotions. Last year, he again went back to part-time lifeguard status after accepting a Boat Captain/Master Diver/Chief Safety Officer position with a private company in the islands off of the Bahamas. He remains on FLOR as a part-time ocean lifeguard today.

Erik Jersted defines ocean lifeguarding. He has been saving lives for over 42 years. In those years, he has saved the lives of hundreds of people. Every aspect of our profession he has done and probably done better than anyone else in the field. Lifeguard Jersted's awards and accomplishments are too numerous to list (FBPCA "Lifeguard of the Year," multiple USLA National Championships, high-point designation at almost every lifeguard tournament he ever competed in, humanitarian recognition for his volunteer work, etc.), but the area that he excels in the most is his ability to teach others. He is amazing with people and really shines when working with new lifeguards and kids in the Junior Lifeguard Program. His nickname is "The Master" because of his mastery of all Things Ocean oriented, and a more appropriate name could not be found for Erik Jersted.

There is not a person in this room that has not been impacted by Erik Jersted, either through direct mentoring and guidance, or through the indelible mark he has stamped on ocean lifesaving. "The Master" is a one-in-a-million human being, the likes of which we may never see again. If ever there was a lifeguard that deserved recognition for his hard work and dedication to lifeguarding, Erik Jersted is that person. Thank you Erik.

### **JO WAGENHALS - SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

Jo Wagenhals was born in Ohio, and moved to Boca Raton where she attended Spanish River High School. Upon graduating, she enrolled at Florida Atlantic University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. Jo started her ocean lifesaving career in 1998 at Pompano Beach Ocean Rescue, also working part-time at Boynton Beach Ocean Rescue. In 1999, Jo came to work at Delray Beach Ocean Rescue as a full-time Ocean Rescue Officer EMT. In 2003 and 2004, Jo was the Delray Beach Lifeguard of the Year, and in 2004, she was voted the Lifeguard of the Year for the State of Florida by the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association.

Jo is also very involved in various programs including Ocean Awareness Beach and Ocean Safety Presentations, Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Scenario competition team (Clincon), and of course local, regional, and national competitions. Jo helps out various Ocean Rescue agencies during local and statewide competitions as an orator of the tournaments. She uses her dynamic personality and her knowledge of lifesaving events & competitors to make each event special. Jo competes in just about every USLA/Southeast Region competition event. She was also a silver medal winner in the Women's Open Row at the 2004 USLA National Lifesaving Championships in Cape May, New Jersey. Jo put in many hours of work planning, organizing, and securing the shipment of competition equipment from every Florida ocean lifesaving agency competing at the 2006 USLA Nationals in Huntington Beach. She is currently the Secretary of the USLA / SER and involves herself in all aspects of her profession. She is a true professional.

**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 - POMPAÑO 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  
2006  
DENNIS WARD - PALM BEACH COUNTY

**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 POMPAÑO BEACH  
2003  
CLEARWATER BEACH  
2004  
SARASOTA COUNTY  
2005  
FT. LAUDERDALE BEACH  
2006  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE  
INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES  
WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL  
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2006 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 --- DENNIS WARD,  
KEN GUNTHER, BENNETT RICHARDSON &  
PAUL DRUCKER.