



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

*AND THE*



*UNITED STATES  
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHEAST REGION*

*PRESENT THE*

**2008 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET  
FRIDAY MARCH 20TH, 2009 – 7:00PM TO 10:30PM**

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**DELRAY BEACH GOLF CLUB  
2200 HIGHLAND AVENUE  
DELRAY BEACH, FL.**

*HONORING THE*

**“LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR”**

**“BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR”**

**MATT PARNASS  
FT. LAUDERDALE OCEAN RESCUE**

**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH  
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 2008 LIFESAVING FIFTEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN EXCITING TIME AT THIS MEMORABLE EVENT.

## **PROGRAM**

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM      COCKTAIL HOUR / RECEPTION

7:30 PM                      WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM      AWARDS PRESENTATION

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM      BUFFET / BANQUET DINNER

9:00 PM - 9:30 PM      AWARDS PRESENTATION

9:30 PM                      CLOSING THOUGHTS

9:30 PM - 10:30 PM      SOCIAL HOUR / CONVERSATION & DANCING

**FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS**  
**2009 & 2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**U.S.L.A. SOUTHEAST REGION**  
**2008 & 2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

<b>PRESIDENT – BOB TAYLOR</b>	<b>PRESIDENT – JOE McMANUS</b>
<b>V. PRESIDENT (N) – ANDREW RITCHIE</b>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT – GERRY FALCONER</b>
<b>V. PRESIDENT (C) – TOM MAHADY</b>	<b>TREASURER – GARY WISE</b>
<b>V. PRESIDENT (S) – BRECK BALLOU</b>	<b>SECRETARY – JO WAGENHALS</b>
<b>V. PRESIDENT (W) – JOE LAIN</b>	<b>COMPETITION DIRECTOR – JIM McCRADY</b>
<b>V. PRESIDENT (P) – JOE D'AGOSTINO</b>	<b>PUBLIC ED. – GIO SERRANO</b>
<b>TREASURER – JOHN FRAZIER</b>	<b>ADVISOR – BOB MALER</b>
<b>SECRETARY – ANDREW RITCHIE</b>	<b>JR. LIFEGUARD DIRECTOR – CHRIS HOCH</b>
<b>ADVISOR – DON MAY</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE DELEGATE – JOE D'AGOSTINO</b>
	<b>PUBLIC INFORMATION – GERRY FALCONER</b>

## FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS - 2008

- 2008 F.B.P.C.A. PRESIDENTS AWARD  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:  
RECIPIENT: *JOE Mc MANUS*
- F.B.P.C.A. 2007 - 2008 OFFICERS AWARDS
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS  
RECIPIENTS: *DAVE SAUNDERS, PAUL GORDON, JEFF MARK, DAN HESS - BOYNTON BEACH*  
*REXFORD ST. LEDGER - FT. LAUDERDALE // GRAYSON MONEY - ST. LUCIE COUNTY // ERIC*  
*FELD - DELRAY BEACH*
- F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
RECIPIENT: *ROB CALDWELL - LANTANA*
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - "CLINCON" BLS TEAM RECOGNITION  
RECIPIENT: *BOCA RATON - TIM FRY / FRANK GANLEY / JACK LUKA / KEVIN HUGHES*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
RECIPIENT: *PAUL DRUCKER - PALM BEACH COUNTY*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL TEAM & MALE / FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS
- NATIONAL COMPETITORS - RECOGNITION
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2008 SPRINT SERIES TEAM AWARD WINNERS  
*1. BOCA RATON 2. FT. LAUDERDALE 3. PALM BEACH 4. HOLLYWOOD 5. MIAMI BEACH*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD -  
RECIPIENT: *G.S. "JERRY" STORRS*
- U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2008 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 - 2008**

**RECIPIENT: MATTHEW PARNASS - FT. LAUDERDALE OCEAN RESCUE**

After completing his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Rider College, Matt began working full time with FLOR in March of 1995. After ten years of outstanding work as a lifeguard Matt applied for and was promoted to Ocean Rescue Lieutenant in September of 2005.

Lieutenant Parnass is a certified EMT and BLS Instructor.

Lieutenant Parnass has had an exceptional 2008-year on the job. Besides being an outstanding Lieutenant, Matt has taken on several very important projects. For several years Matt has been the Junior Lifeguard Program Coordinator and this summer added the second successful Introduction to Junior Lifeguard Program and Director of the Southeast Regional Junior Lifeguard Competition to his impressive lifeguard resume.

The Introduction to Junior Lifeguard Program is something the FLOR is very proud of. Lieutenant Parnass worked with City staff to manage a grant that targeted children from the inner city who do not often if ever get the opportunity to experience the ocean environment. The children had the opportunity to train with the FLOR staff in a safe fun atmosphere while learning valuable ocean safety skills.

The Southeast Regional Junior Lifeguard Competition was hosted by FLOR in 2008. Lieutenant Parnass was the Director and put on a great show. Matt utilized his outstanding management skills to organize individuals throughout the region to assist in this fantastic event for the competitors.

Matt is a tremendous asset to Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue and is an outstanding representative of the lifeguard community.

**ROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**  
**SOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION**



**BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2008**

**RECIPIENT: CITY OF DELRAY BEACH OCEAN RESCUE**

Delray Beach Ocean Rescue started its lifesaving tradition in 1935 when the city hired its first ocean lifeguards. Today, the Ocean Rescue Division staff of 36 continues to provide public safety to an estimated beach attendance of 1.4 million people each year. To accomplish this, it utilizes 8 lifeguard towers, 3 all terrain vehicles, 1 personnel rescue craft and sled, and 4 AED's.

In 1993, Delray became one of the first Ocean Rescue Agencies in Florida to require Emergency Medical Technician certification for all ocean lifeguards. Since 1995, it has held the Advanced Open Water Agency certification with the United States Lifesaving Association, its highest level of training and certification. In 1996, Delray Beach was the first Ocean Lifeguard Agency to compete at the International Clincon EMS Competition in Orlando, Florida. And in 1999 and 2000, was the first Ocean Lifeguard Agency to win the event. Since then, Ocean Rescue Agencies from Southeast Florida have won the BLS Division 9 of the last 10 years.

2008's accomplishments include Ocean Awareness Beach and Water Safety Program given to almost 4,000 elementary school students. Junior Lifeguard Program, with spring break, summer, and fall sessions for 105 kids. The Division hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean Mile Swim, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ocean Lifesaving Competition, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Medical Scenario Competition, and 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lifeguard of the Year Breakfast. Staff also competed in local, regional, and national competitions, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2008 International Clincon EMS Competition, BLS Division. Contributions to Ocean Lifesaving include staff positions on both Executive Boards of the USLA/SER and FBPCA.

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

### **F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. S.E.R. PRESIDENTS AWARD for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING - RECIPIENT: JOE McMANUS**

Joe McManus has been a member of USLA since 1979. Joe became President of the Southeast Region in 2008. As a career lifeguard, Joe has been an advocate for Ocean Rescue Lifeguard recognition as Public Safety employees statewide. Some of his accomplishments over the last year include:

1. Participating in a task force to establish lifeguard services in Puerto Rico.
2. Authoring an aquatic safety report that helped establish a year-round lifeguard service in Brevard County.
3. Working with multiple agencies in an effort to gain Special Risk Retirement for Lifeguard EMTs.
4. Working on hot button issues, including Panama City Beach, promoting the need for beach safety policy.
5. Establishing constituency group status with the Department of Health's Bureau of EMS Advisory Council.

Joe consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. Many times on his day off or on most evenings he is passionately doing what it takes to stay with the mission of making the beaches of the SER safer for all.

### **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - RECIPIENT: ROB CALDWELL**

Rob Caldwell grew up in Georgia loving the water, fishing and boating as much as possible. He moved to Florida in 1973 to attend Florida Institute of Technology and Florida Atlantic University, graduating degrees in Oceanography and Marine Geology. While at FAU he took a part-time job as an Ocean Lifeguard at Lantana, because of his love for the water, not the excellent pay of \$3.69 per hour. He then moved into a full-time position and completed Emergency Medical Technician training and shortly after was promoted to Lieutenant.

In 1986 Rob was selected as the first Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Assoc. Lifeguard of the Year. He was then promoted to Captain in the late 1980's and assembled the first Marine Patrol vessel for the Town, which the department ran for many years assisting police, PBSO marine units, FWC, Customs, and the Coast Guard with enforcement, search and rescue and public education. Rob later became a boating safety instructor and personal watercraft instructor and provided training to other departments.

In 1992, Rob became Manager of the Marine Safety Department, joined the FBPCA in 1993, and served as Vice President -1994-96, President -1996-98 2000-02, and Advisor 1998-00 2002-06. He was a member of the United States Lifesaving Association most of his career and a member of the Florida Marine Intelligence Unit and the National Association of Marine Investigators. Rob started and directed the Junior Lifeguard Program at Lantana and coordinated sea turtle monitoring for that area. Over the years he participated and officiated at many local, regional and national Lifeguard and Jr. Lifeguard events.

### **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - RECIPIENT: PAUL DRUCKER**

Paul Drucker started lifeguarding at the Jupiter Inlet in June of 1979 and became an EMT shortly after. His first rescue was a month later when a boat capsized and threw a 50-year old man and his father into the surf. Paul grabbed a paddleboard and saved them single-handedly. This grueling experience prompted Paul to co-found the inflatable rescue boat program which was expanded to the Boynton Inlet and the Boca Inlet and has saved hundreds of lives since.

Paul was involved in the special risk retirement effort since the beginning. Paul recognized that lifeguards deserve the same recognition, benefits and protections as other emergency rescue workers. He testified at the OSHA hearings in 1989 in Miami which led to federal recognition of the risks of lifeguards.

In the early 90's Paul was USLA-SER president and involved in the establishment of the USLA training manual and helped craft the USLA certification program. Now over 100 agencies across the USA are USLA certified. The USLA-SER and FBPCA applaud Paul's 30 years of service and extraordinary contribution to our profession.

### **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD - RECIPIENT: G.S. "JERRY" STORRS**

**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 – FORT 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 – FORT LAUDERDALE

2006  
DENNIS WARD – PALM BEACH COUNTY

2007  
GIOVANNI SERRANO – FORT LAUDERDALE

2008  
MATTHEW PARNASS – 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

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE  
INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES  
WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL  
EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2008 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.