

THE



**FLORIDA
BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

AND THE



**UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

**2013 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET
SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2014**

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**CROWNE PLAZA MELBOURNE OCEANFRONT
2605 NORTH HWY A1A
MELBOURNE, FL. 32903**

HONORING THE

"LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR"

**JOHNATHAN BILLINGS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY**

"BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR"

**BREVARD COUNTY
OCEAN RESCUE**

THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL LIFESAVING AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. COME CELEBRATE OUR 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND CAMARADERIE.

PROGRAM

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM COCKTAILS / RECEPTION

7:15 PM WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM BANQUET DINNER / AWARDS PRESENTATION

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM AWARDS PRESENTATION

9:30 PM - 9:45 PM CLOSING THOUGHTS

9:45 PM - 10:45 PM SOCIAL HOUR, CONVERSATION & DANCING

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FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS – 2013

- **2013 F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. PRESIDENTS AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *U.S.L.A. S.E.R – Puerto Rico Lifeguard Standards Initiative*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2012 - 2013 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – RECOGNITION**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS**
RECIPIENTS: *Joe Westerman & Collin Schmidt - Manatee County*
Phil Wotton & Steve Kaes - Palm Beach County
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Jay Moyles – Manatee County*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Hank Oppenborn – Miami Beach*
- **F.B.P.C.A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Tracey Vause – Okaloosa County*
- **NATIONAL COMPETITORS – RECOGNITION**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL – TEAM / MALE & FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2012-13 WINTER SERIES COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS**
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFEMEMBER AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Jim Kehl – Pompano Beach*
- **F.B.P.C.A. HEROIC ACT AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *St. Johns County Ocean Rescue*
RECIPIENT: *Brevard County Ocean Rescue*
- **FLORIDAS “LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT – RECOGNITION**
- **FLORIDAS “BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT – RECOGNITION**

F.B.P.C.A. HEROIC ACT AWARD

RECIPIENT: *Brevard County Ocean Rescue -- Keaton Mauldin, Matt Lindner, Derek Swor and Kaylin Mitchell*

On 12/10/13, Lieutenants Keaton Mauldin and Matt Lindner were on duty at the Cocoa Beach Pier and observed a patron in distress. After jumping off of his board a surfer was attacked by a shark. Following a struggle, the shark released the victims foot. LT's Lindner and Mauldin entered the water to assist. LT. Lindner reached the victim and helped him to shore. LT. Mauldin radioed for assistance, cleared the water of all swimmers and helped LT. Lindner, Shift Supervisor Derek Swor and Captain Kaylin Mitchell carried the victim up onto the beach. A 10 inch laceration to the top of the foot revealed severed tendons and bones and the bottom of the foot had numerous punctures and lacerations. Lieutenants Mauldin and Lindner stopped the bleeding and bandaged the wound while simultaneously assessing the victim's vitals and placing him on oxygen. Brevard County Fire Rescue arrived on scene and continued patient care. The patient is expected to make a full recovery.



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR - 2013

Recipient: Johnathan Billings

Nominees:

Chris Nowwiskie – Pompano Beach
Crystal Haire – Ft. Lauderdale

Johnathan Billings began his lifeguard career with the city of Chattanooga Tennessee at the local YMCA in 1986. In 1991 he moved to Daytona Beach and became an Ocean Rescue Lifeguard with Volusia County before moving to Indian River County and becoming a City of Vero Beach lifeguard in 1995. In 2001 he made the move to Indian River County Beach Patrol where he has guarded the shores for the past 13 years.

While employed with Indian River County he has become a State Certified EMT. He works the special needs shelter as an EMT during hurricane disasters. He is also working in concert with Joe McManus to obtain Special Risk Classification for IRCOR. He co wrote the original IRCOR operating and Junior Lifeguard Manuals. Johnathan has been a lead instructor as well as Director of the Junior Lifeguard Program for many years.

In December 2009 while performing a rescue ¼ mile out of the guarded area Mr. Billings suffered a herniated disk with a bulging fragment to his L5 and S1 cervical spine. He was told that "he would never guard again." After two major surgeries and being out of work for an extended period of time, Mr. Billings came back to work in July 2012 weighing 209 lbs. At this time he began working out doing Cross Fit and eating Paleo. He currently weighs 165 lbs. and is in the best shape of his life. He has encouraged several guards to do the same by setting up a gym next to the tower and leading by example.

Mr. Billings is always willing to help out the ocean rescue profession in any way possible. His construction of trophies for both Regional and National competitions, volunteering as an official, and building and maintaining the FBPCA and USLASER have all come on his own time and expense. In Summary, Mr. Billings has dedicated his life to the Ocean Rescue profession. He is a consummate professional who cares deeply about public safety. Johnathan is married to Jamie Billings and they have a son Tristan and a daughter Tinley.

ROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

SOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION



BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2013

Brevard County Ocean Rescue

Nominees: Pompano Beach

Brevard County's Ocean Rescue Division provides safe swimming and beach protection to all County residents, visitors and tourists in designated areas of unincorporated Brevard County. Currently there are 5 full time protected areas and 19 seasonal protected areas located at various beach front parks. All Ocean Lifeguards are USLA certified with a minimum of First Responder training. The scope of responsibility for the lifeguards include: accident / drowning prevention, public education, citizen assists, search and recovery, lost / found children, BLS, and swimmer rescues. Ocean Rescue has approximately 100 seasonal lifeguards, 14 full time lifeguards and 3 full time supervisors. The Lifeguard towers are located in the cities of Cocoa Beach, Indialantic, Melbourne, Satellite Beach and Cape Canaveral.

After 10 drownings at Brevard's beaches in 2007, Brevard County Ocean Rescue, as well as lifesaving advocates from throughout the County such as the USLA SER, proposed the hiring of year round lifeguards. In September 2008, the Brevard County Board of Commissioners approved the request for fifteen additional year round lifeguards and five year round lifeguard towers. Ocean Rescue developed a full time staff consisting of EMT's and career oriented individuals to improve beach safety.

Brevard County Ocean Rescue now takes a proactive approach in the community. Working closely with several nonprofit organizations and speaking on beach / aquatic safety to over 2,500 children yearly. Our agency also makes appearances at special events such as Surfers for Autism, Not One More Child Drowns, Brevard County Schools, and various safety programs. In addition we work with SCGTV on a safety segments about dangerous ocean conditions that air during the Summer months.

Several improvements have been made to our program. For visibility, our single towers were painted red. Larger ATVs were purchased. Ocean Rescue recently was awarded an EMS grant allowing our employees access to laptops for training and medical / statistical documentation. Efforts between the Brevard County Sheriff's correction program and Ocean Rescue have created new enclosed lifeguard towers. These towers are now in position and have solidified our presence on the beach.

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

PRESIDENTS AWARD for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING

RECIPIENT: U.S.L.A. S.E.R. -- Puerto Rico Lifeguard Standards Initiative

On October 14th, 2013 the USLA, SER assisted the Puerto Rico National Parks Service by training ocean lifeguards. Instructors: Tony Landrua, Jim McCrady, Dan Ojito, Glo Serrano, Karissa Ickes, Lucas Bocanegra, and Piotr Zatorski. Job well done.

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

RECIPIENT: Jay Moyles -- Manatee County

Jay's 33 year career began with Manatee County Parks and Recreation as a beach lifeguard in 1979. He retired as Chief in 2012. Jay was instrumental in the re-organization of the Division from Parks and Recreation to the Public Safety Department and then the branding of the Marine Rescue Division. Jay made it his mission to upgrade beach lifeguard training from basic first aid to 1st Responders and EMT. Jay created Policies and Procedures to correspond with the upgraded training and equipment; he literally wrote the book for Manatee County. Jay then expanded community services to include 911 dispatched rescue calls to all water related emergencies, County wide. He implemented a lifesaving search and rescue response team capability to include weather events such as tropical storms and hurricanes. Jay and others worked tirelessly to obtain Special Risk Retirement benefits for Manatee County Lifeguard/EMT's. Jay's crowning achievement came in 2012 when the first 'state of the art' Headquarters was built. Jay made an everlasting impression on the lifeguarding community. From the many lives he saved, to raising the bar of those that worked under him, he never expected what he wouldn't do himself. His motto - "when you are at your worst, we are at our best."

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RECIPIENT: Hank Oppenborn -- Miami Beach

After leaving competitive swimming at Auburn University, Hank joined Miami Beach Ocean Rescue and rose to the position of Beach Patrol Operations Supervisor. During his career, Hank was a multi USLA National Lifeguard Champion in many events. He continued his involvement with the USLA by bringing the 2001 National Championships to Miami Beach. As Operations Supervisor, he helped set the foundation for Miami Beach to seek USLA Agency Certification. That effort paid off in 2010. Hank was instrumental in keeping Miami Beach involved in all aspects of the USLA with his competitive achievements and maintaining the ideals of the USLA.

F.B.P.C.A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

RECIPIENT: Tracey Vause -- Okaloosa County

Tracey began his lifesaving career in 1989, became an EMT in 1993, a Paramedic in 1995 and earned an Associates of Science degree in Emergency Services Management. He quickly rose to lead Paramedic for Okaloosa County in 1996. In 2001, he was promoted to Lieutenant. In 2003, several drowning deaths in the panhandle required the County to restructure the way the beaches were guarded. Captain Vause went back to his roots as an open water lifeguard heading up the Beach Safety Operation. In 2007, the County took over the lifeguards. Tracey was promoted to Chief over the newly formed Beach Safety Division. He created the junior lifeguard program which provides 50% of the current staff. He was instrumental in the implementation of the pier tower. In 2012, Okaloosa County hosted the USLA, SER Regionals, (the first time ever held in the Panhandle) as he planned and coordinated professional and junior events while securing support for equipment / personnel. His dedication to County residents did not end as he recently received his Master's Degree at Troy State University in Public Administration and became Chief of EMS in 2013.

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

RECIPIENT: Jim Kehl -- Pompano Beach

James Kehl was born in Pennsylvania in July 1948. He graduated high school, served in the Army and in Vietnam and was honorably discharged. He earned a degree in Commercial Art at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. He began his lifesaving career at Pompano Beach in 1974. In his nearly 30 year career he served as lifeguard, lieutenant and captain. He was a founding member of the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association. He had one of the first beach patrols in Florida to utilize PWCs as rescue craft, propagated one of the most successful junior lifeguard programs in Florida and hosted the 1990 USLA National Championships. It can easily be said his biggest impact was on those who proudly worked under him. He was an archetypical stoic leader who had the ability to make those around him rise to a higher level of work ethic and character. He was not a man that wasted words. If you were called into his office, it was important, but as long as you showed up on time, clean shaven, in uniform and watched your water you knew you would have a great day. Retirement did not remove him from his dedication to lifesaving. He is still participating at FBPCA meetings, frequently stops into HQ to say hello and rides his bike on A1A up and down the south Florida coast – still on patrol.

F.B.P.C.A. HEROIC ACT AWARD

RECIPIENT: St. Johns County -- Eric Jones, Derek Droege, Joshua Clingerman and Jeremy Watkins

On June 15, 2013, TC, Eileen and son Dylan Carr were enjoying a day at the beach in St. Augustine. TC and Dylan were bodysurfing. At some point, TC was overtaken by a wave, struck the bottom and did not resurface. Dylan held onto his father and signaled for assistance. Lifeguard Derek Droege saw son Dylan waiving and immediately responded. Droege reached Mr. Carr and Dylan, recognized Mr. Carr was unresponsive and began carrying him back to shore. Lifeguard Josh Clingerman arrived on scene to assist. Once on the beach, Zone Supervisor Eric Jones assessed Mr. Carr and realized he was unresponsive, not breathing and without a pulse. CPR was initiated which included an AED. Additional personnel arrived, assisted in treatment and packaging. Fire Rescue paramedics initiated Advanced Life Support. During transportation to the hospital Mr. Carr regained a pulse and began to breathe on his own. Additional lifesaving care was initiated by the Flagler ED team. Mr. Carr has made a full recovery.

**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

2013
JOHNATHAN BILLINGS – INDIAN RIVER 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 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

2013
BREVARD 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.