

1999 Lifeguard of the Year

Steve Zickl

Operations Supervisor Steve Zickl started his career as an Ocean Lifeguard in 1987 at Lake Worth, moving to Delray in 1993. Since his promotion to Lieutenant in 1996, Steve has expanded the Junior Lifeguard Program from a single summer session to a year round program. Steve hosted the 1999 Southeast Regional Junior Lifeguard Championships and has directed the Florida Ocean Mile Swim Series in 1999 and 2000. Steve is a vital part of the success of Delray Beach Ocean Rescue.

"I would like to compliment the City for the wonderful job Delray Beach Ocean Rescue has done with the Junior Lifeguard Program under the Supervision of Steve Zickl and Heather Hansen. This is summer fun at its best. I found the lifeguards to be dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. They are truly wonderful role models for all children!"

*Anne Marie Edmonds
of Boynton Beach*

Florida's Lifeguards of the Year

1986

Rob Caldwell – Lantana

1987

Chuck Price – Palm Beach County

1988

Eric Jersted – Town of Palm Beach

1989

Ken Gunther – Palm Beach County

1990

Brian Richardson – Martin County

1991

Jerry Falconer – Pompano Beach

1992

Jerry Hutton – Palm Beach County

1993

Najim Musto – Deerfield Beach

1994

Phil Mirken – Dade County

1995

Vince Wiernicki – St. Lucie County

1996

Phil Wotton – Boca Raton

1997

Julia Leo – Palm Beach County

1998

Erick Barbosa – Dade County

1999

Steve Zickl – Delray Beach

1999 Florida Ocean Lifesaving Awards Dinner Banquet



Delray Beach Golf Club

March 18, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

Honoring

"Lifeguard of the Year"

Steve Zickl

"Beach Patrol of the Year"

Delray Beach Ocean Rescue

Entertainment by

Comedian Tim Kelly

The 1999 Florida Ocean Lifesaving Awards

The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association

The Beach "Chiefs" formed in 1983 to promote professionalism within Florida's Ocean Lifesaving Agencies in 1983. 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, 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.

Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs 1999-2001 Executive Board

President – Mike McKenna
Vice-President – Bob Maler
Treasurer – Jim Kehl
Secretary – Eric Feld
Advisor – Rob Caldwell

USLA SER Executive Officers

President – Clint Tracy
VP – Jim McCrady
Treasurer – Phil Wotton
Secretary – Ken Thompson
Recurrent Rep – Chris Wiley
Competition – Scott Hall
Public Ed – Pat McGlamery

Southeast Region United States Lifesaving Association

The newly elected board of the Southeast Region is preparing to host the National Spring 2000 Meeting in May at Hollywood, Florida. The Sprint Series and BLS Challenge 2000 competitions are planned for the Spring and Summer months.

SE Region 25 Year Service Awards

Jim Kehl
Greg Wolfe
Ken Tillman
Peter Williams
Jim Shoemaker
Joe Bowen
Don May
Mark Perry
Jim Crupka

1999 Beach Patrol of the Year Delray Ocean Rescue

The City of Delray Beach hired its first Ocean Lifeguard in 1935 and continues to provide lifeguard supervision into the 21st century. The entire staff has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and service. Particularly noteworthy was the performance of Eric Feld, Walter Baum, and Brent Tracy in winning a first place at the 1999 International BLS Clin-Con Competition. Steve Zickl's efforts in organizing the Ocean Mile Swim Series and the SE Region Junior Lifeguard Championships, Bob Taylor has developed an Ocean Awareness Program for school children throughout Palm Beach County. Delray lifeguards are presenting to schools in, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, and Delray Beach.

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