

**THE
FLORIDA
BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**



**AND THE

UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

2020 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET

May 14th, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

AT THE

The Florida Hotel and Conference Center

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ORLANDO, FL 32809

HONORING THE

"Lifeguard of the Year"

Bogden "Boki" Corsovic

Hollywood Beach

"Beach Patrol of the Year"

2020 F.B.P.C.A

Member Agencies



The
FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
and the
UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
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Welcome you to the
2020 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET

We appreciate your travel to this event
and
Taking part in our celebration.

The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association and the United States Lifesaving Association, Southeast Region cordially invite you to the **twenty-seventh Annual** Lifesaving Awards and Banquet dinner. Come celebrate our 2020 accomplishments with food, fun music and camaraderie.

Tonight's Itinerary

6:30 PM	CHECK IN
6:30 PM	COCKTAIL TIME
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	WELCOME
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	BANQUET DINNER
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	AWARDS PRESENTATION
10:15 PM	CLOSING THOUGHTS

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2020 FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS

- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A 2019 - 2020 Executive Officers**
- ♦ **In Memory of ...**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ Year Lifesaving Service Awards**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Joan Falconer Memorial Award**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Lifetime Member Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Lifetime Member Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. President's Award**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Special Recognition Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A. Lifetime Achievement**
- ♦ **Florida's "Lifeguard of The Year" Past and Present – Recognition**
- ♦ **Florida's "Beach Patrol of The Year" Past and Present – Recognition**

F.B.P.C.A 2019 - 2020 Executive Officers- Recognition

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In memory of:



Jose Antonio "Tony" Landrue - Pompano Beach

July 13, 1959 - January 30, 2021

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25 Year Lifesaving Service Awards

Robert Black

Delray Beach

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 30 Year Lifesaving Service Awards

Rick Welch

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Rick Moore

Palm Beach County

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 35 Year Lifesaving Service Awards

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Palm Beach County

Dennis Ward

Palm Beach County

Andy Bermingham

Palm Beach County

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Joan Falconer Memorial Award Chris Thompson

Chris Thompson is an extremely elusive individual. Ask any of the guards he shoots the most and no one will know much about him personally as he doesn't talk about himself at all. We do know he is both an avid runner and professional photographer that came into the south Florida lifeguard community via Alice Henley whom he met while crewing and photographing an ultra-marathon in the Keys.

As you can see from his Instagram posts, Chris mainly shoots athletes whether it's portraits or action shots. As an ultra-marathoner himself Chris knows intimately the pain, grit, and dedication that goes into not only his own sport but other athletic endeavors. He captures us at our best and our worst and either way makes it an incredible image. He'll shoot anything from the Hollywood Sunday morning training sessions to area competitions and even travels to Regionals and Nationals.

While most photographers are compensated for training, skill, and talent, those that choose to shoot surf lifesaving enjoy only the appreciation and adoration of their subjects. As Alice Henley so eloquently said, "We won't be young and able bodied forever so I personally treasure these photos."

The surf lifesaving community is forever indebted to some of the amazing images captured by the incredibly talented Chris Thompson and for his contributions to surf lifesaving by shedding light on the hard work and dedication of the athletes who protect the public. For all his efforts the United States Lifesaving Association Southeast Region has bestowed the Joan Falconer Associate Member of the Year award for 2020.



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U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Lifetime Member Award

Jose Antonio “Tony” Landrua

Tony was a tireless advocate for surf lifesaving doing everything from helping to train Pompano Beach fire recruits, speaking at junior lifeguard symposiums, and being one of the biggest champions of adding and advancing needed surf lifesaving in his home of Puerto Rico. He worked as a lifeguard, on and off, for over 40 years. He started in Puerto Rico where he became an instructor for the Red Cross. He then moved to the States in the early 80's where he continued lifeguarding for agencies in New Jersey: Sandy Hook National Seashore, Long Branch Beach Patrol, and Red Hook YMCA where he was a lifeguard instructor and swim coach. He then moved to south Florida where he guarded for Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue briefly before coming to Pompano Beach where he ended his career.



Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Tony attended the University of Puerto Rico where on top of earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science he competed on both the water polo and swim teams. He was awarded a scholarship to New York University where he received his Masters Degree in Therapeutic Recreation.



F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award

&

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Lifetime Member Award

Tommy Hogan

Tommy Hogan began lifeguarding on Lake Michigan in Chicago in the 1950's. After a couple of years in the Army he relocated to South Florida and got a lifeguarding job at the saltwater Lido pool in Palm Beach, where he rented an apartment at Worth Avenue and the Atlantic ocean for \$5 a week.

In 1960 the Town of Palm Beach hired him as an Ocean Lifeguard where he was stationed at Phipps Park alone and if he needed police or an ambulance he had to use dimes in the pay phone.

Over the years, Tommy met many famous people through his job at the beach and his part-time jobs lifeguarding at private homes in Palm Beach and parking cars at the Sailfish Club. Most of the people who know him know his nicknames he has acquired over the years such as "Tar-Toe", from step-in in tar on the beach and "ET" Endless Teenager, and he is always seen wearing a head-band. While working at the beach Tommy saved over a 100 people from the ocean.

Tommy has been a regular competitor in local, regional and national lifeguard competitions over the years and has boxes full of metals he has won. He could be seen in the early years competing with a cigar stuck in his mouth. Tommy keeps in shape by stretching, weight training, running, swimming, surfing and calls the ocean the "Fountain of Youth". He has also assisted many area Jr. Lifeguard programs and stays involved attending meetings and events for the profession.

Tommy is married to Joyce and has 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He is known as being very friendly and polite, always saying "thank you". He likes to talk as much as surf and usually starts a conversation with "Did I ever tell ya...".

Tommy is the true definition of "Lifeguard for Life".



F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award

James McCrady

In 1987, Jim McCrady vacationed at Fort Lauderdale Beach, and fell in love with the city. Soon after, he moved down from Pittsburg, and began his lifeguarding career. 33 years later, Jim retired as a Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Lieutenant.

Jim has a passion for training, educating, and surf lifesaving. He helped build the foundation of the United States Lifesaving Association, and has remained an active participant. His versatility is an asset for the USLA.

From 1988-2000, Jim trained day in and day out to compete for Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue. He competed in every event, but had, and still has a love for rowing. Jim will frequently remind surf lifesaving athletes the importance of rowing in United States Lifesaving history, and promotes the addition of rowing in USLA events. He has been an advocate for adding a women's row to USLA events, adding a third lap to the women's row, and changing the American Ironman/Ironwoman event to include a rowing portion. He has rowed around Key West more times than one can count.

Throughout the years, Jim has been an educator for the USLA. He assisted in creating the curriculum for the USLA open water lifesaving manual and USLA PWC certification guidelines. He also helped rewrite the USLA textbook. Annually, he hosts a USLA Training Officer Academy, where he shares his experience and knowledge. He has also travelled to Alabama, the Florida Pan Handle, and Puerto Rico to help jump start lifeguard programs.

Jim lives and breaths lifesaving. He constantly tells people there are two types of lifeguards. There are the lifeguards who want to collect a pay check, and there are lifeguards who make lifeguarding a lifestyle. Jim is the latter of the two. He has spent his career advocating for lifeguards everywhere to better the profession.

Even though Jim has retired, he is a lifeguard for life, and will continue sharing his knowledge and experience.



F.B.P.C.A. & USLA SER President's Award

Miami Dade Ocean Recue



Miami-Dade County Ocean Rescue guards about 4 miles of beach at two locations, Haulover Park on North Miami Beach and Crandon Park on Key Biscayne. Miami-Dade County Ocean Lifeguards have been working for the Marine Service Bureau inside the Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department for the last 16 years. Being assigned to the Fire Department brought Ocean Rescue better equipment, training and high-risk retirement. Miami-Dade County currently has 80 employees that work year-round and consists of 2 Captains, 7 Lieutenants, 27 Full Time Staff, 3 Dispatchers, 40 part-time lifeguards. Miami Dade County is a United States Lifeguarding Association, accredited Open Water Agency. Miami-Dade County runs an annual Jr. Lifeguard Program and has a robust schedule of local school visits to speak to children about water safety. Miami-Dade County also is involved in the community by hosting monthly beach clean-up events. Most recently during the Covid-19 pandemic, Miami-Dade Ocean Rescue started getting involved in more diverse ways. When all beaches were closed by emergency order due to high populations of spring breakers, Miami-Dade Employees were called on to help with the Fire Department's Covid Response Plan. The majority of staff are either State certified EMTs or Paramedics and the Mayor of Miami-Dade County needed volunteers to start testing the community. Lifeguards started out by doing serological exams of Fire Department personnel then moved on to testing the community. Next, lifeguards were trained in giving nasal swab PCR exams and started testing homebound seniors and delivering the samples to labs. When there was a crisis of possible Covid-19 outbreaks in our prison system, Lifeguards volunteered to test inmates. Lifeguards then went on to start vaccination programs for homebound seniors and dealt with customer service and all the logistics for doing these tests and vaccinations. Currently we still have staff doing Mayoral initiatives while guarding our public beaches.

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U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Special Recognition Award

Dr. Peter Wernicki, M.D.

USLA Medical Advisor Dr. Peter Wernicki, M.D. has been made a Knight in the Order of Lifesaving by the International Life Saving Federation for his support of the ILS and lifesaving worldwide. His international contributions over 22 years are many.

Dr. Wernicki began his work in international lifesaving as a co-organizer of the first ILS Medical-Rescue Conference in 1997. This conference was the forerunner and inspiration for the ILS's now biennial World Conference on Drowning, which brings lifesavers together from around the world and identifies best-practice to help standardize lifesaving work. He gave the keynote presentation at this conference in 2012 in Vietnam.



At the 1997 conference Wernicki was made a member of the ILS Medical Commission, which advises national lifesaving organizations worldwide, and served in that position from 1997-2000. Thereafter he became chair of the Commission until 2004. When it was retitled the Medical Committee, he served as co-chair from 2004 to 2008, was a member from 2008 to 2012, and again served as chair from 2012 to 2019. He continues to represent the USLA as a member of the ILS Medical Committee and the Rescue Commission.

During his work with the commission and the committee Wernicki streamlined the process of reviewing issues and issuing guidance. He authored many ILS position statements, as well as a panoply of aquatic safety and lifesaving-related articles and research papers.

He further contributed to international lifesaving by acting as Medical Director for the Lifesaving World Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida in 2002, a Task Force Chairman for the 2002 World Congress on Drowning in Amsterdam, Holland, as a member of the ILS Anti-Doping Committee from 2004 to 2019, and Medical Officer for the Lifesaving World Championships from 2004 to 2018.

Wernicki has volunteered as the Medical Advisor of the United States Lifesaving Association since 1989 and is a Life Member of the USLA. He also serves as Aquatics Chair of the American Red Cross National Scientific Advisory Committee, of which he has been a member since 2005. He was recognized by the Red Cross with the Chairman's Award in 2012, and the President's Award in 2020.

His passion for lifesaving started early when he served as a beach lifeguard in Spring Lake, New Jersey from 1976 to 1984. His love of lifesaving continued long after he graduated from Rutgers Medical School, completed a residency in orthopedics at Union Memorial and John's Hopkins, and came to specialize in sports medicine after two fellowships. He is an Assistant Professor at Florida State University School of Medicine.

Dr. Peter Wernicki, who practices in Vero Beach, Florida, is a friend to many in lifesaving in the United States and worldwide. His blended knowledge of medicine and lifesaving have been invaluable to both the ILS and the USLA for decades.

The USLA congratulates Dr. Peter Wernicki for this well-deserved recognition.



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F.B.P.C.A. Lifetime Achievement Award

Bob Maler

He still can remember his first beach day like it was yesterday. That day, Friday May 26, 1978, he realized what his career choice would be. He knew that he would spend the rest of his life at / on / in the water and by the ocean. His goals were to become the Beach Patrol Chief, to make a difference (every day) in the lives of the patrons that came to the beach, to help develop and change the profession of surf lifesaving and aquatic rescue for the better and to be part of an ever growing professional industry. He soon joined the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) and the United States Lifesaving Association (Advisor), where he has dutifully served on the Executive Boards of each. Both Associations have helped make progressive changes in our profession by promoting public education and raising the standards of training and certification. From the individuals that came before us; to those that will follow, he believes we have accomplished that goal. Together we have made and will continue to make a huge difference in aquatics. From effecting rescues, to preventing accidents before they happen, by providing medical attention to the injured, by comforting those in need, by returning lost children to their parents, by answering patron questions, by protecting nature and the environment, by providing excellent customer service, by being public relations experts, by continuing aquatic safety education, by advocating for special risk status for all lifeguards, by making improvements to infrastructure, by continuing to develop our future through junior lifeguard programming, by making legislative change, etc., and ultimately - the saving of many lives.

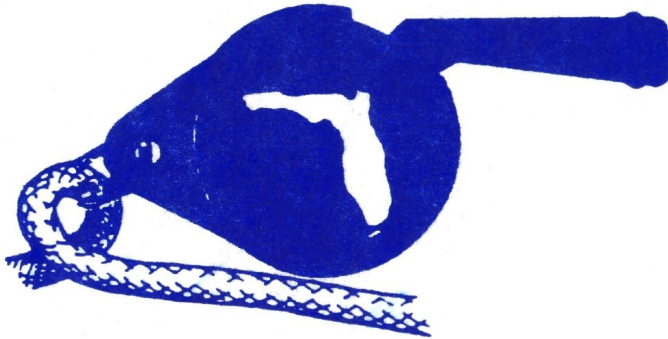


During his time as an Ocean Lifeguard, Bob has seen people in their darkest hour as they have watched in horror/disbelief and with great sadness as we tried to save a friend or family member. He has also been part of their greatest joy as we saved their loved ones from the grasp of an unforgiving ocean. He can't think of too many things that provide such an incredible feeling of personal satisfaction; where making a positive difference in the way people live is viewed by us (public servants) as just a "part of the job." What could be more rewarding?

Bob thanks the many aquatic professionals that he has met throughout the county, state, country and world, which he has had the pleasure to work with during the last 41 years. While working at pools and on the beach, at Park and Recreation and at Fire Rescue, he has met and worked with a lot of good people. Some have been true inspirations as well as mentors in his life. Bob thanks you for the 'good times' but most importantly, he thanks you for everything you have taught him, including the mantra -- Lifeguards for Life !!

He continues to be actively involved in Florida aquatics.

We encourage everyone to support the
The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association



&

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Through your donations we are able to advance water safety education.



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

2014

JESSICA EARL – ST. JOHNS COUNTY

2015

CRYSTAL HAIRE – FORT LAUDERDALE

2016

LAWRENCE RUSSELL – PALM BEACH COUNTY

2017

ALEXANDRE O'CONNER - FORT LAUDERDALE

2018

ROMAN STROHMENGER – DEERFIELD BEACH

2019

RYAN KEITH – PALM BEACH COUNTY

2020

BOGDAN CORSOVIC—HOLLYWOOD BEACH

2020 Lifeguard of the Year Nominees

Julia Sheffer (Delray Beach)

Allison Kelly (Palm Beach County)



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION 2020 LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

Bogdan “Boki” Corsovic Hollywood Beach

Boki Corsovic has been with the City of Hollywood Beach Safety Division for 13 years. Boki serves in the rank of Marine Safety Lieutenant and is usually in charge of our central beach zone. The central part of Hollywood beach is where most of the businesses are found and it is the busiest area. Boki is responsible for supervising one mile of beach. Under his command are two marine safety officers, six tower guards and one relief guard. He also serves as acting Captain when the Captain is on leave. In this charge he is responsible for the daily operation of our entire beach, three zones and 29 towers.

Boki is a consummate lifeguard, he is always looking for ways to improve his and our organization's performance. He always volunteers to help repair our equipment, ATVs, rescue boards, etc. Boki has also volunteered to assist with training, running several excellent classes on medical emergencies. He has also volunteered to revamp our system of response so that it is better organized and each responder has an assigned task. This is a work in progress but it has had a positive impact on our medical emergency response.

He is also has become certified as a CPR instructor this past year improving our ability to certify and re-certify our 70 plus staff.

Boki volunteers to do presentations for civic groups and schools informing the public about beach safety. Boki is also Assistant Program Coordinator for our junior lifeguard program which has a yearly attendance of over 300 local kids. He also has served as an assistant coach with the USLA National Youth Team during their yearly training camp.

Boki is six time National Champion at USLA Nationals winning the doubles row five times in the last eight years, with two second place finishes and one third place finish in those eight years. He also completed the double of winning the doubles row and the American Ironman three years ago.





FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

2020 BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR

Recipient: FBPCA Active Member Agencies

The Association voted to honor member agencies with this esteemed and celebrated award. This was imparting due to the organizational responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and how it relates to lifeguard performance throughout the state of Florida during this time of need.

When the Coronavirus pandemic struck our country, there were so many unknowns. There are still many questions regarding effects and consequences the virus will have. Ocean Rescue personnel knew that there may be dangers in performing the kind of work needed to be done but they volunteered and performed above and beyond their normal duties. Some lifeguards tested positive for Covid-19, many had to quarantine, and some were out sick for months. During these unparcelled times lifeguards within their agencies picked up the slack and completed all mission objectives set out to be accomplished. They never lost focus on our main mission of protecting the public at our local beaches.

During this time of crisis and need, professional lifeguards have provided excellent customer service and patient care daily throughout the United States and world. The **Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association** is proud of lifeguards everywhere and the unprecedented capabilities they achieved when given the opportunity.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS for a job well done!!

2020 Beach Patrol of The Year Agencies:

Boca Raton	Hollywood Beach	Okaloosa County
Boynton Beach	Indian River County	Palm Beach County
Brevard County	John's Island	Pinellas County
Clearwater Beach	Lake Worth	Pompano Beach
Dania Beach	Manatee County	Sarasota County
Deerfield Beach	Martin County	St Johns County
Delray Beach	Miami Beach	St Lucie County
Destin Beach	City of Miami	Vero Beach
Ft. Lauderdale	Miami -Dade County	

FLORIDA'S BEACH PATROLS OF THE YEAR

1993 TOWN OF LANTANA	2007 TOWN OF PALM BEACH
1994 CITY OF HOLLYWOOD	2008 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
1995 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH	2009 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
1996 PALM BEACH COUNTY	2010 CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
1997 CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH	2011 CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
1998 CITY OF BOCA RATON	2012 ST. JOHNS COUNTY
1999 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH	2013 BREVARD COUNTY
2000 CITY OF HOLLYWOOD	2014 OKALOOSA COUNTY
2001 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH	2015 VOLUSIA COUNTY
2002 CITY OF POMPANO BEACH	2016 PALM BEACH COUNTY
2003 CLEARWATER BEACH	2017 MANATEE COUNTY
2004 SARASOTA COUNTY	2018 CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
2005 CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE	2019 CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
2006 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	2020 FBPCA MEMBER AGENCIES

2020 Beach Patrol of The Year Special Recognition Agencies:

Atlantic Beach Ocean Rescue

Breakers Hotel

City of Cape Canaveral

Canaveral Nat'l Seashore

Escambia County Public Safety

Fernandina Beach Ocean Rescue

City of Flagler Beach

Gulf Island National Seashore

Hallandale Beach Ocean Rescue

City of Jacksonville Ocean Rescue

Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue

John's Island Club

Lantana Marine Safety

Mayport Beach Naval Station

Navarre Beach Ocean Rescue

Neptune Beach Ocean Rescue

City of Panama City Beach

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

Riviera Beach Ocean Rescue

Santa Rosa Island Authority

South Walton Fire District

City of Sunny Isles Beach

Town of Palm Beach Ocean Rescue

Volusia County Beach Safety Ocean Rescue

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 the standards of training and certification. The Lifeguard of The Year and The 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

The 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



The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association
and
The United States Lifesaving Association
Southeast Region
would like to say “THANK YOU” for the many years of support!



A special “THANKS” to all of those individuals (past and present) that have continued to work tirelessly for the inclusion of “Special Risk Retirement” for all of Florida’s Ocean Lifeguards.



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