



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES: 08/28/24, Zoom

The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade County	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Ian Montgela	Martin County	
Mike Huck	Dania Beach	
Chet Brown	Manatee County	
Rick Hinkson	Sarasota County	
Marc Fichtner	Lantana Beach	
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	
Eisen Wicher	Brevard County	

The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Bob Maler	Miami-Dade (Retired) (Zoom)
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The following members communicated that they were unable to attend:

Eisen Wicher	Brevard County
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Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Matt Sparling at 1106 hours. Welcome and thanks to everyone for joining.

No July meeting due to regionals and lack of quorum. June minutes approved.

Communications

- Falconer unable to make meeting due to prior engagement.
- Decrease in budget from 4.3 to 1.9 for Brevard County. FTE option to move to other departments within county
- Sparling will draft something to support lifeguards. Reached out to Holt. September 10th budget meeting in Brevard County
- Drown Zero is proposed to be placed in areas without guards
- Maler stated that budget cuts are just proposed.
 - That the association has always attempted to stay out of the politics of other beaches but remain in general support
- Sparling to draft a general statement ready for September meeting
- Richie Rivera passed away. Long time lifeguard at Miami Beach



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Officer Reports

Matt Sparling President-

- Tourist Development Funds has population restrictions. Lobbyists in Brevard used last year for equipment. Can be used as long as the agency markets beach safety
 - Agencies on the call that have utilized-
 - Brevard
 - Manatee County
 - Sarasota County
 - Navarre
- Grant Proposals due by September
 - Pan Handle billboards
 - Clear Channel
 - 20 AEDs
 - Beach Warning Flags
 - Beach Training Officer Academy
 - USLA PWCR Courses
- Pamphlets printed from Chiefs' website
 - Warning flags
 - "Beat the Heat"

Sparling: Miami-Dade-

- Press conference with the mayor
 - Sign on the dangers of digging holes
- Just finished Union. \$26 an hour for FTE

Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)- Not in Attendance

Phil Wotton Treasurer:

• Statement Balance	July 31, 2024	\$901.65
• July Income	Wotton / Amazon Purchase Mistake	\$20.00
	The Florida Hotel	\$500
• July Expenses	Go Daddy Web Hosting Renewal	\$167.88
	Amazon Purchase / Wotton Mistake	\$19.23
	Service Charge	\$12.00
Banquet Outstanding	USLA SER	\$2,427.06

Delray Beach-

- Telestaff Vacation Picks
- Vacant Fire Chief Position



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A.J. Miller: Secretary –

- Spelling correction of former Miami-Dade Captain Marcus Breece and Hollywood representative Rian Cline

Volusia-

- Tamra Malphurs confirmed as new Chief
- Union contract ratified
 - Line staff with 12 percent raise
- Sent three staff member to grants training
 - Looking into grant for transferring outlawed DJI drones
- Modifying one of our facilities to build lifeguard towers and signs in house
- Local minor league baseball team had first responder night
 - Focused on beach safety/Rescue: Hi Surf
 - Concurrent Resolution 41
- Full deployment of Watch Tower
- Working with Embry Riddle adet program for recruitment
- Had our rescue vessel deployed every weekend and holiday during the summer
- Transitioning some of our staff out of shelters during hurricanes to high water rescue teams
- Creating a nighttime rescue deployment policy

SOUTH

Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South- Unable to Attend

Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance

Marcos Fernandez: City of Miami (not Miami Beach) – Not in Attendance

Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Not in Attendance

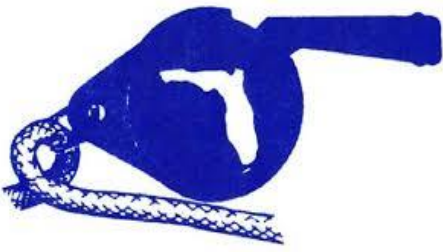
Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –

- Water test coming up on 9/11 for part time on call position.
 - Does not qualify for special risk due to not providing ALS
 - Only way to qualify would be going to BSO
 - Training Officer Academy tentatively Dec 16-20
 - Will get confirmation in October
 - 8 positions left
 - Working on date for SER Fall Meeting

Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance

Mike Huck: Dania Beach –

- Labor Day weekend
 - Extended hour on Fr, Sat, Sun and holidays. Ends this Monday
 - 10-hour days denied
- Getting 2 new FTE



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Jo Wagenhals: Pompano/Deerfield – Not in Attendance

Mike Brown: Deerfield- Not in Attendance

Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance

Luis Andrade: – Miami-Dade County – Not in Attendance

CENTRAL

Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance

Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance

Ian Montgelas: Martin County –

- CodeX Training with fire department
- Working with fire department to teach them ocean rescue processes
- Teamsters contract going for approval
- Fully Staffed
- Hasn't needed to use "on calls" due to extra staff
- Paragon has a ready to go tower at their facility

Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County – Not in Attendance

Johnathan Billings: Indian River County – Not in Attendance

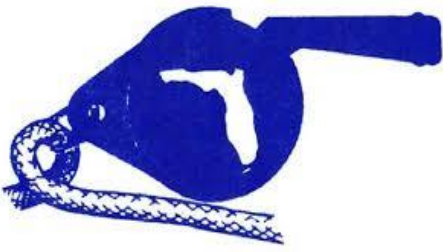
Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance

Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance

Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach- Unable to Attend

- Looking at private company installing a pier
- Grant submitted through Firehouse Subs
 - 3 sets of SCUBA
- Raise from 17-18 for part time
- Just finished training 14 Lantana employees in CPR/First AID
- New fiscal year
 - Approval for lifeguard competition and open water swim
 - New boardwalk for 2025
- 4 10s will be permanent
- Preparing for Chief's meeting in Lantana

Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance



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North

Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns County VP North– Not in Attendance

Jessica Earl: St. Johns County- Not in Attendance

Stephen Fender: Brevard County – Not in Attendance

Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance

Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance

Sam Swor: Brevard County- Not in Attendance

Eisen Witcher: Brevard County –

- Dealing with a very large, proposed budget cut
 - Discussed joining fire unions

Panhandle

Will Spivey: Panama City Beach VP Panhandle – Not in Attendance

Joe DAgostino: Destin Beach – Not in Attendance

Rich Huffnegale: Okaloosa County – Not in Attendance

David Vaughan: South Walton Fire District – Not in Attendance

Austin Turnbull: Navarre - Not in Attendance

Dave Greenwood: Pensacola – Not in Attendance

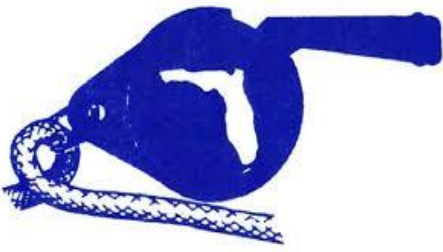
Joe Earl: Gulf Shores- Not in Attendance

Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance

Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance

Colin Perlaky: South Fort Walton- Not in Attendance

West Coast



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Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County –

- Wrapping up summer
- Had 6 seasonal guards this summer
- Only down 2 positions
 - More coming down to test next week
- Sending a few to EMT school
- LT promotion internally
- Moving towards Telestaff
- Mirroring hiring with fire to utilize their BLS class
- Roy Ralph retiring.
 - Filling position early to shadow for Captain's position
- Building two more towers to replace older ones planned for decommission

Chet Brown: Manatee –

- Winding down from summer
- 5 new positions
 - 2 supervisors, 3 line
- New rescue boat approved
- Assisted with around 300 rescues in communities during recent hurricane
- Working on getting a Paramedic on vessel

Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance

Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Not in Attendance

DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Concurrent Resolution 41

- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41/text>

USLA Update

McCrary hosting 11th annual 12-mile Piotr Zatorski Key West Surfcraft Challenge November 4th around Key West (Smather's Beach)

New Business

Salary survey will be going out soon

The survey was the only reason Lantana Beach was able to get their recent raise

Banquet Update-

- none

Need Submit/Discuss Disposition of Goals 2024 (if time allows)

~~FBPCA Coins are still available to be purchased~~

Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2024 – If anyone would like to host a meeting let us know.



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2024 Meeting Schedule	
January 19	13731 Collins Ave Miami Beach, FL 33154
February 6 th @ 9am (BPOTY Presentation)	123 W. Indiana Ave, DeLand, FL 32720 Meeting to Follow
Meeting to follow at Beach HQ	515 S. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118
March 13 th 11-2	Zoom
April 19 th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 18 th 1-3	Orlando --- 2023 Lifesaving Awards Banquet & Educational Conference. Chief's Meeting at 1pm
June 21 st 11-2	Martin County
July 16 th 4-5	Navarre Beach
August 14 th 11-2	Zoom
September* 13	Lantana
October 18 th 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
November 15 th 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 13 th 11-2**	Deerfield Beach (looking at moving the meeting to the first week of December)

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to dismiss Sparling, seconded by A.J. at 12:29

Next meeting

September 13th 11-2 Lantana Beach
100 North Ocean Blvd
Lantana FL, 33462

Topic: FBPCA Meeting

Time: Sep 13, 2024 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91292474396?pwd=ySR2DavyEu4pyAscTbIU2y5bytbp.1>

Meeting ID: 912 9247 4396

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