



# FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES: 11/13/24

### The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	VP South
Ian Montgela	Martin County	VP Central
Tom Fogan	Fort Lauderdale (Retired)	
Andrew Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Tamra Malphurs	Volusia County	
Derek Swor	Brevard County	
Eisen Witcher	Brevard County	

### The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Bob Maler	Retired Miami-Dade (Zoom)
Chet Brown	Manatee County

### The following members attended through Zoom:

#### Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1105.

Motion to approve minutes made by Phil Wotton. Seconded by Sparling pending corrections for Jay Moyals.

#### Communications

Breck Ballou was unable to attend

Joel Fernandez was unable to attend due to a head found on the beach

Only received nominations from Falconer and Lantana Beach. Will be getting one from Navarre Beach.

#### Officer Reports

##### **Matt Sparling President-**

- Next meeting is elections in Deerfield
  - Notify Sparling with interest of board position

##### **Sparling: Miami-Dade-**

- Hiring 20-part timer employees
- Crandon Park building is commencing construction on new HQ



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

**Phil Wotton Treasurer:**

- Statement Balance September 30, 2024 \$1,211.22
- September Income \$0.00
- August Expenses \$0.00
- USLA SER provided banquet reimbursement of \$2,427.06 and will be reflected in October income statement.
- 2025 Membership
- Email Distribution List
- Salary Survey
- Operation Hours Survey

**Delray Beach-**

- New Fire Chief, Ronald Martin
- Dredging project scheduled for November 2025
- Three towers presently anchored and strapped off as a precautionary measure due to erosion

**A.J. Miller: Secretary –**

- Elections will be held at December meeting
  - Please email interest of nominations
    - Nominations may be made on the floor

## SOUTH

**Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South-**

- Part time test Wednesday November 20th
- In contract negotiations
- Looking for certification pay
- Area looking to place an offshore reef from 1<sup>st</sup> street to 4<sup>th</sup> street

**Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Joel Fernandez: City of Miami – Unable to Attend**

**Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale- Not in Attendance**

**Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach – Not in Attendance**



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**Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Mike Huck: Dania Beach – Not in Attendance**

**John Meskiel: Palm Beach County (submitting application) – Not in Attendance**

**Doug Woakum: Lake Worth – Not in Attendance**

**Pete McGinnis: Pompano – Not in Attendance**

**Justin Halloway: Pompano – Not in Attendance**

**Mike Brown: Deerfield- Not in Attendance**

**Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale – Not in Attendance**

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

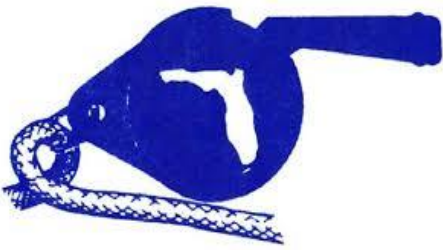
## CENTRAL

**Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central– Not in Attendance**

**Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Ian Montgelas: Martin County –**

- Did a presentation on 11/12/24 in favor of a new building on Jupiter Island
  - Area officials requested matching local home themes
- Sister of couple that drowned prior to last meeting in Martin County approached them about eliminating drowning
  - Initially wanted to take route of placing buoys or rings on the beach
    - Looking at education instead and supporting lifeguards
    - Legislation mandating beachside hotel staff training
- 1 FTE
  - Fire services hiring soon
    - May hire 5 lifeguards applying
- Bathtub beach close to opening
- Looking at reaching out to the community for training



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## **Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County –**

- After hours drowning on November 3<sup>rd</sup> of a 15-year-old
  - Off duty guards responded
- Picked up new side by sides (Kawasaki 1000)
- Approved for 4 new Bosch Towers
- Rough Surf
- Putting in for beachside HQ next year
  - Station is currently 15 miles west

## **Chris Henderson representing Johnathan Billings: Indian River County –**

- Central beach damaged due to tornado during hurricane
- Fully staffed
- Two employees recognized at council for CPR ROSC

## **Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance**

## **Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance**

## **Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach-Not in Attendance**

## **Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance**

### North

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

## **Jessica Earl: St. Johns County- Not in Attendance**

## **Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance**

## **Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance**

## **Sam Swor: Brevard County-**

- Planning a small JG event
  - 1 to 2 days
- IAFF reached out in reference to representation

## **Eisen Witcher: Brevard County –**

- Used TDC money to offset budget for ocean safety
  - Will be reviewed by county attorney
- Restaffing post council vote
  - 2 LT open and 1 FTE upcoming



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## **Tamra Malphurs: Volusia County--**

- PT pay increased to 18.50 an hour
- First fall recruit class ongoing
- Administration figuring out what we do in the winter with new service model update
- 6 vehicles on hold and 4 FTE on hold until service model complete
- 5 new control towers being built
- Asked about drug screenings for part-time staff

## **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**

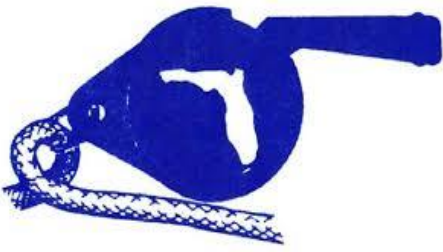
**Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance**

**Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance**

**Colin Perlaky: South Fort Walton- Not in Attendance**

## **West Coast**

**Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County – Unable to attend**



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## **Chet Brown: Manatee –**

- Cleaning up from hurricanes
  - Looking to be done by January 11th
- Was able to open half of Coquina Beach, their largest
- Approved for 5 new FTE
  - 2 are LT
  - Will be fully staffed after promotions

## **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>
- Please still contact your congress person in support of the bill

### **USLA Update**

National BOD  
Kay Smiley is retiring  
New committee, Women on Water (WOW)

### **Old Business**

Update on letter in support of Brevard Lifeguard staffing  
Cities involved were able to find the money to mitigate staffing cuts  
Budget passed 3 to 2

### **New Business**

### **Banquet Update-**

- None

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

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 <sup>th</sup> @ 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 13th 11-2	Zoom
April 19th 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 18th 1-3	Orlando --- <i>2024 Lifesaving Awards</i> Banquet & Educational Conference. <b>Chief's Meeting at 1pm</b>
June 21 <sup>st</sup> 11-2	Martin County
July 16 <sup>th</sup> 4-5	Navarre Beach
August 14 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Zoom
September* 13	Lantana
October 18th 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
November 13 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 11-2**	Deerfield Beach (looking at moving the meeting to the first week of December)

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Wotton, seconded by A.J. 1210.

## **Next meeting**

December 13, 2024 11-2  
Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue  
James L Tigner Community Center  
435 Southwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Topic: FBPCA Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99376593031?pwd=WiNjipYOGJ26QgBXoIAOq6MTBCstxi.1>

Meeting ID: 993 7659 3031

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