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Mission Statement

- *The mission of the Galveston Island Beach Patrol is to provide professional lifeguard service to the City of Galveston's beaches through the direct prevention of and response to aquatic accidents and through public education.*

Galveston Park Board of Trustees

- Created in 1962 for the purpose of directing all Tourism efforts for Galveston
 - Beach Patrol is part of the city
- In 1981, Hotel motel tax specifically for beach cleaning and nourishment
 - Beach Patrol becomes part of Sheriff's Office
 - 2007- Beach Patrol loses affiliation with city and county

Galveston Island Beach Patrol

- Funding- 75% hotel/motel tax, 25% beach users fees
- Until 2005 1.5 pennies/ dollar
- Currently 1.16 pennies/ dollar

- Tourism Development 3 cents Hotel Tax
- Beach Cleaning .5 cents hotel/ .76 state
- Beach Patrol .5 cents hotel/ .67 state

Galveston Beach Patrol

- 110+ lifeguards
- 120 Junior Lifeguards
- 6,000,000+ Beach Visitors Annually
- 50-70,000 preventions, 100 rescues annually
- TV Media Exposure 1.5 million viewers,
- Ongoing Community Service Projects
- Active Involvement in USLA/ ILS



Galveston Island Beach Patrol

- Cover 32 miles of beach
- Respond to over 70 miles of water front emergencies
- Funded by hotel/motel tax dollars/ beach user fees- dedicated funds (1.8 mil)
- 10 emergency vehicles, 3 PWC, 1 RHI, 2 ATV, 24 towers (+2 reserves)
- Primarily seasonal- 9 full time
- Certified 1st responder organization
- In House Police Department



2005-2009 Statistics Summary

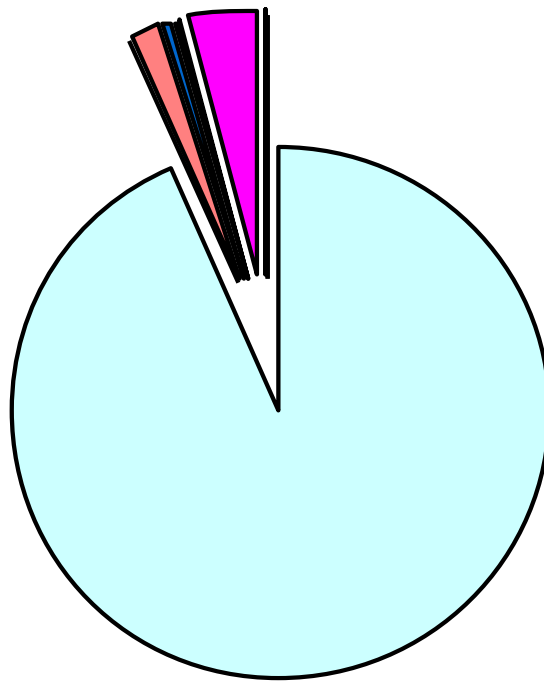
• Category	Average
• Drowning Deaths	3.5
• Near Drownings	7
• Rescues	250
• Preventative Actions	50,000
• Medical Aids	1,447
• Lost/Missing Children	378
• Law Enforcement Actions	300
• Water Safety Talk Contacts	9,000

2012 Statistics Summary

Category	Incidents
Drownings	0 - guarded; 2 unguarded
Near Drownings	3
Rescues	87
Preventative Actions	51,279
Major Medical	32
Minor Medical	2094
Lost/Missing Children	325
Law Enforcement Actions	13,188
Agency Assists	21
Water Safety Talk Contacts	17,103
– Water Safety School Talks	8,200

Prevention

Incidents



■ Drownings

■ Near Drownings

■ Rescues

■ Preventative Actions

■ Major Medical

■ Minor Medical

■ Lost/Missing

Public Education



Community Outreach

- Beach Disabled Wheelchair program
- Jesse Tree/Beach Patrol Survivor Support Network
- Beach Patrol/ UTMB/ Dept. of Health Environmental Alert System
- Veracruz Sister Cities Project



Community Outreach

- **School Educational Program-6,000 school children receive safety talks**
- **Disadvantaged kids camps**
- **Senior Seaside Beach Walks**
- **Basic Water Rescue training for Surf Camps/Emergency Responders**

Community Outreach Junior Lifeguard Program

- ~90 participants- 10-15yo
- 6 weeks, 3days per week, 4hrs per day
- Water safety, first aid, environmental ed, leadership
- Ties to community
- Spreads the message!



Training

- Nationally recognized training through the United States Lifesaving Association and the American Red Cross (100 hrs to start, 16 recurring)
- Supervisor Training Academy
- Dispatcher Training Academy
- Maintaining existing levels of certification- Peace Officer, EMT, Red Cross Instructor, PWC Instructor, Swift Water Technician, Public Safety Diver, National Incident Management System (NIMS) training etc.
- Data base to track training

