

SEASIDE FIRE & RESCUE



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Seaside Fire and Rescue

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2020

Chief's Message

2020 as everyone knows was a very challenging year for all with the Covid 19 virus. Covid 19 created a serious challenge with our agency as we had to shut the station down to the public and figure out how to respond and keep personnel safe. As always, the outstanding personnel of Seaside Fire & Rescue rose to the challenge to keep our city protected 24hrs a day, 7 days a week during some of the most challenging circumstances that our agency or city has ever faced.

Seaside Fire & Rescue during the Covid 19 Pandemic had our second highest call for service year with 1563 calls for service in 2020. During the Covid 19 calls we also had to fully suit up in encapsulated suits during the beginning of the pandemic to keep our personnel safe. This meant that normal calls that would have taken us 30 minutes or less were now seeing 60 + minutes of on scene time per requirements put out by the state for personnel protective equipment. This was a very challenging time to keep enough responders available because schools were closed, daycares were closed and people had to stay home and watch their children. We also were not able to do any recruitment or prevention during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Seaside Fire & Rescue during this wild year deployed on the most Wildland Conflagrations ever in one year as we saw our own state have major wildfire issues in September. We deployed to 5 wildfires in Oregon and 2 Wildfires in California.

Seaside Fire & Rescue held its banquet just in March of 2020 just as the Covid 19 pandemic was starting to become a major issue in the United States. We limited the banquet to only fire department personnel and their significant others. The following years of service pins were handed out, Rick Plummer and Nathan Weiler (5years of service), Justin Parker, Jason Schermerhorn, and Tyler Johnson (15years of service), and Jeramy & Gordon Houston with (20 years of service). We had 3 retirements from the department in 2020, Parker McCarthy (14 years of service), Tyler Johnson (15years of service), and Seth Collins (16 years of service). The Firefighter Of The Year Award went to Jason Schermerhorn, Emergency Medical Provider Of The Year Award went to Payton Presley, Hammer Down Award went to Adam Pozsgai, and The Fire Officer Of The Year went to Lieutenants Genesee Dennis and Mathew Keefer.

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It has always been a privilege to lead such a fine organization of firefighters. However, 2020 was by far the most challenging year I have seen as the fire chief. With the shortage of volunteers able to respond due to the pandemic, everyone responded as much as they could, and we were able to cover our demanding call load and wildland conflagration requests. This is just another example of the highly dedicated and professional firefighters we have!

On behalf of Seaside Fire & Rescue, I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, City Staff, and the citizens for your continued support, and for allowing us to present this report to you.

Joey Daniels
Fire Chief

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Fire Chief

Daniels - 3101

Division Chief/Operations

Rankin - 3102

Division Chief/Prevention

Dennis - 3103

Deputy Chief / Vol Coordinator

Houston, G - 3104

Captain

Dugan - 3105

Captain

Houston, J - 3106

Lieutenant

Keefer - 3107

Lieutenant

Plummer - 3108

Lieutenant

Pozsgai - 3109

Lieutenant

Piguet- 3110

Lieutenant

Perea - 3111

Firefighters

Alcala

Bulletset

Dague

Hutchinson

Mullery

Parker

Segui

Savage

Smith

Weiler

White, S

White, T

Schermerhorn

Resident Volunteers

Kilian

Rhinevault

Yelfimov

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CAREER STAFF



Chief Joey Daniels
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Since 2009 - IEMT



Div. Chief David Rankin
Training/ Operations
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Since 2012 - IEMT



Div. Chief Genesee Dennis
Prevention/ Fire Marshal
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Since 2010 - IEMT



Lieutenant Rick Plummer
Since 2015 - PARAMEDIC



Lieutenant Mathew Keefer
Since 2011 - EMT



Lieutenant Adam Pozsgai
Since 2018 - EMT

OFFICERS



Dep. Chief Gordon Houston
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Since 1998 - IEMT



Captain Chris Dugan
Since 1989 - IEMT



Captain Jeramy Houston
Since 2000 - PARAMEDIC



Lieutenant River Perea
Since 2018 - EMT



Lieutenant Gage Piguet
Since 2018 - IEMT

VOLUNTEERS



Cesar Acala
Since 2014 - EMR



Katie Bulletset
Since 2013 - EMR



Roy Dague
Since 1972 - EMT



Noble Hutchinson
Since 2013 - EMR



Dan Mullery
Since 2008 - PARAMEDIC

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VOLUNTEERS



Justin Parker
Since 2002 - EMT



Max Savage
Since 2018 - EMT



Jason Schermerhorn
Since 2005 - EMR



Jensen Segui
Since 2017 EMT



Mike Smith
Since 1991 - EMR



Nathan Weiler
Since 2015 - RN

RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS



Britton Kilian
Since 2020



Dillon Rhinevault
Since 2020



Artem Yelfimov
Since 2020

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SERVING SEASIDE
SINCE 1904



Dear Meritorious Awards Committee,

On December 30, 2019 at 1624 Seaside Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a report of person that was pulled out in the ocean from the Necanicum Estuary & Beach. Division Chief David Rankin was at home getting ready to celebrate a late Christmas with his family due to his wife working over Christmas as a 911 dispatcher. As the ham was getting out of the oven Division Chief Rankin listened to the dispatch of a water rescue. As his wife states he left the oven door open and out the door he went.

As the leader of all of our special operations teams (water, ropes, trench, confined space) and seasonal lifeguard program (Memorial Day thru Labor Day). Division Chief Rankin holds many certifications including lifeguard and in his service in the Navy as a Rescue Swimmer. Upon arrival Division Chief Rankin met with Division Chief Dugan who was on scene first for a status on what was going on. Division Chief Dugan stated they saw the victim (later know to be a 17-year-old male) at least 300 + yards out, and his dad had gone in after him but due to the rough conditions couldn't get out at all and made his way back in. Division Chief Rankin then donned his wetsuit and with a rescue can, swam out to the last location to rescue or at least float the victim until the United States Coast Guard helicopter arrived to hoist them out.

Division Chief Rankin later stated that he had a lot of trouble due to heavy surf locating the victim however, after he went over one swell, he noticed the victim standing on what appeared to be some kind of a sand bar. Division Chief Rankin first priority was to get the rescue can to the victim to float him due to the heavy surf conditions and rip tide coming out of the estuary. Division Chief Rankin first thought due to the heavy surf and rip coming out of the estuary into the ocean was to wait for the Coast Guard or Seaside Fire & Rescue Jet skis to come get them. However, he noticed the victim was starting to look extremely hypothermic and would not be able to hold on to the rescue can much longer. Division Chief Rankin new he had to come up with an alternate plan. So he told the victim just to hold on to the rescue can and against the heavy rip current and breaking waves he swam the victim to the other side of the estuary and beach (the estuary separates the Cities of Seaside & Gearhart). Gearhart Fire was there to meet him and they drove the victim up to the beach approach so that the Paramedics could transport him.

Division Chief Rankin then was asked by Gearhart Fire personnel if he needed a lift back to Seaside, he said no thanks I will just swim back to the other side.

Sincerely,
Fire Chief Joey Daniels

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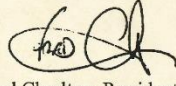


Meritorious Award

MEDAL OF HONOR

David Rankin

The Oregon Fire Chiefs Association recognizes Division Chief David Rankin's quick actions and bravery in the performance of a harrowing water rescue at the Necanium Estuary & Beach on December 30, 2019. Your skills, abilities, and remarkable courage are to be commended.


Fred Charlton, President
Oregon Fire Chiefs Association
June 22, 2020



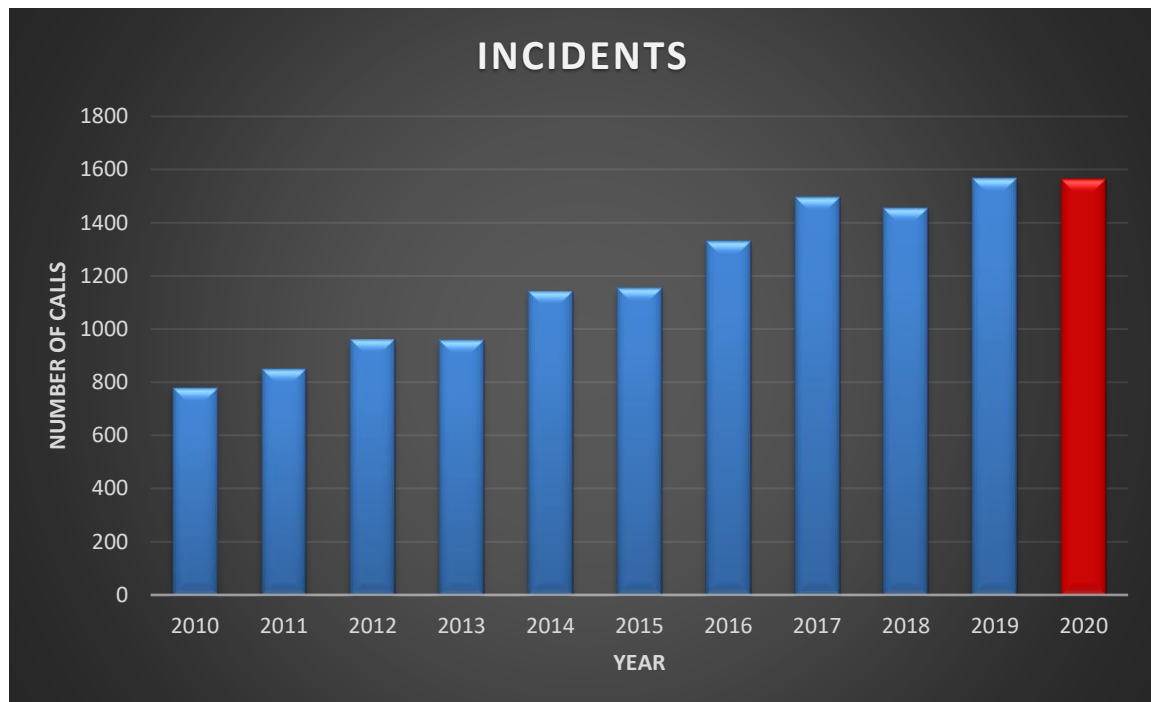
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RESPONSE STATISTICS

INCIDENT COUNT		
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS
EMS		1098
FIRE		464
TOTAL		1562
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES
\$1,991,000.00		\$535,500.00
CO CHECKS		
424 - Carbon monoxide incident		7
TOTAL		7
MUTUAL AID		
Aid Type		Total
Aid Given		56
Aid Received		25
OVERLAPPING CALLS		
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING
519		33.23
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Seaside Fire & Rescue	0:05:53	0:08:20
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:07:06
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)		
Station	EMS	FIRE
Seaside Fire & Rescue	0:02:58	0:02:58
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:02:58
AGENCY		AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)
Seaside Fire & Rescue		48:40

MEETINGS	# OF MEETINGS
Safety Meeting	10
Officers Meeting	10
Training Meeting	10
Regular Drill	51
TOTAL	81

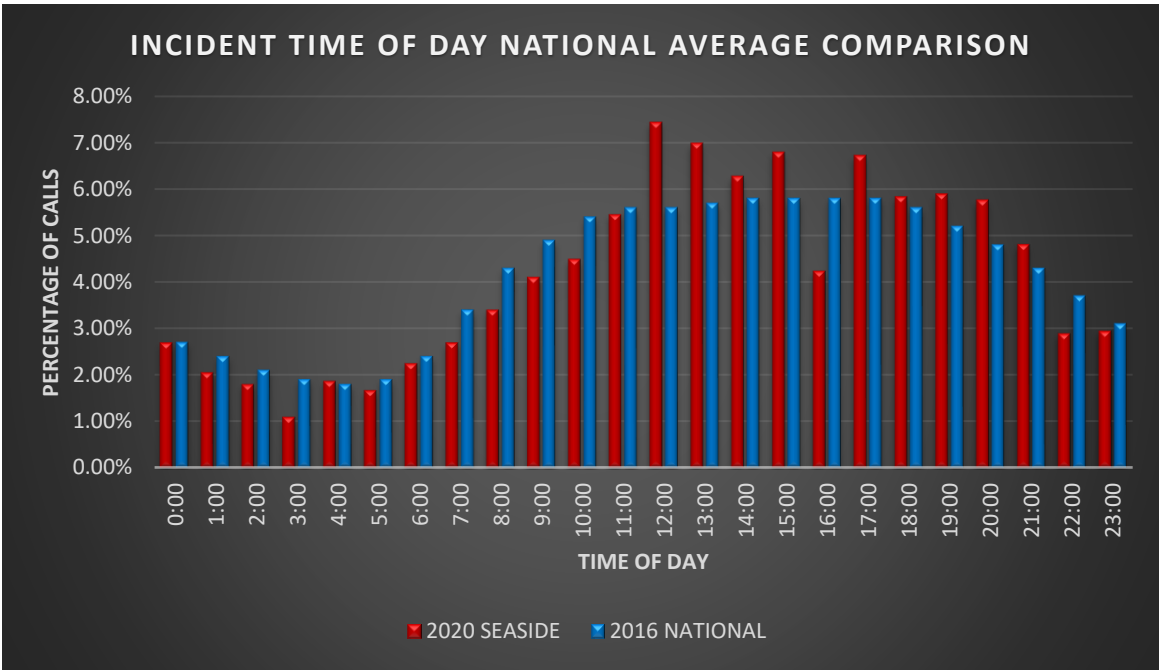
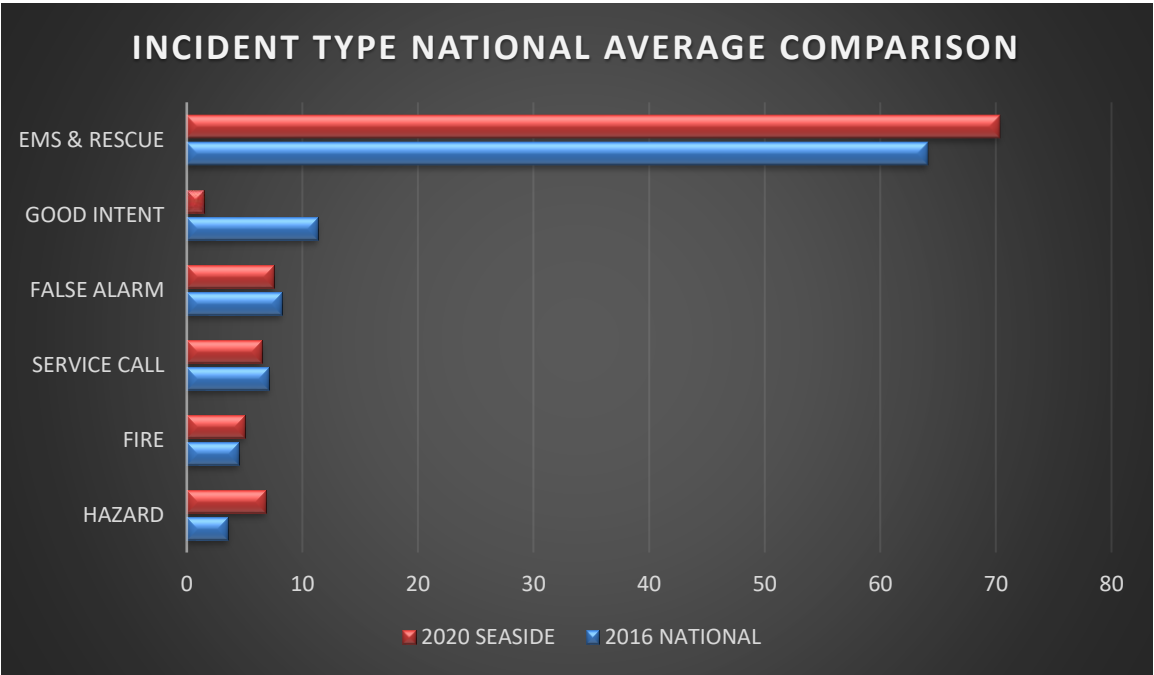
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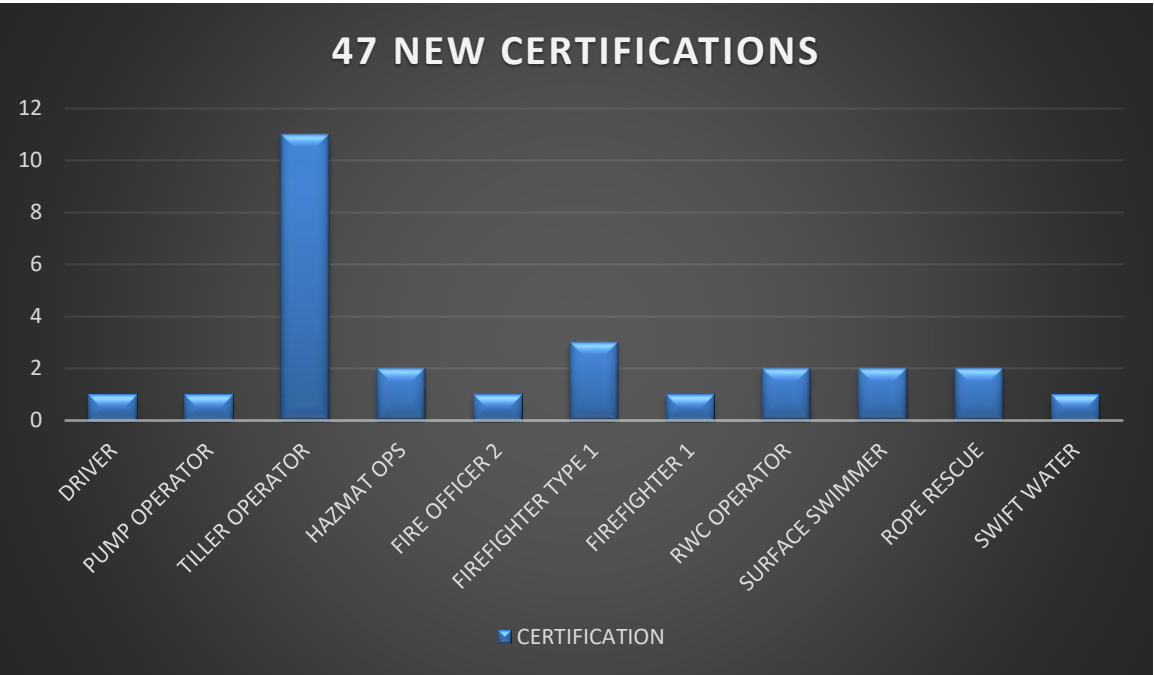
CALL VOLUME CHANGE 10 YEARS

YEARS	# INCIDENTS	% CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
2010	778	-22%
2011	848	8%
2012	959	12%
2013	958	0%
2014	1140	15.96%
2015	1155	1%
2016	1329	13.09%
2017	1495	11%
2018	1455	-3%
2019	1569	7%
2020	1562	-0%

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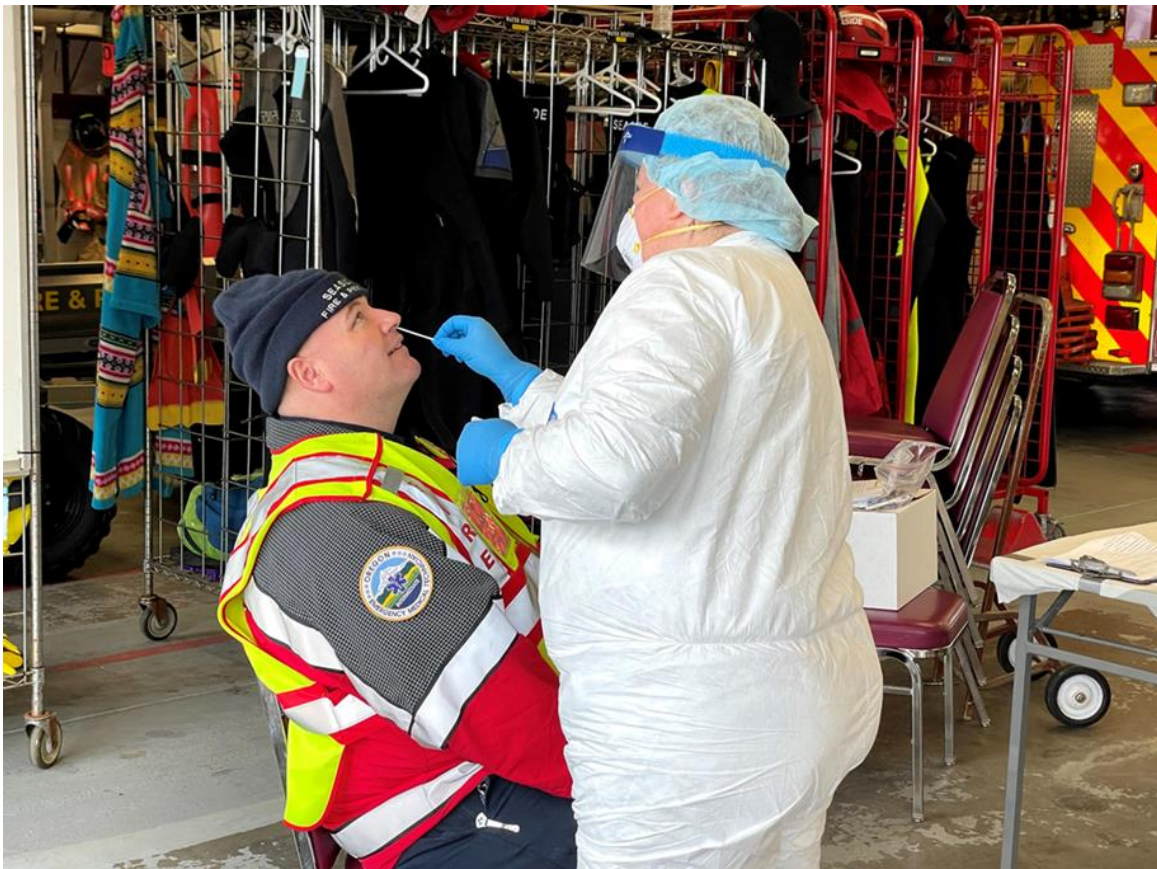
COVID-19

The new norm has changed the way we do business over the past year. Call volume has stayed constant throughout, yet volunteer response has significantly dropped. The core group that remains has had to get used to wearing masks, learn how to quickly don full Tyveks suits on respiratory calls and hand out tens of thousands of masks to the public. Oregon State Fire Marshall's office recommended that all fire safety inspections of businesses, unless requested, be halted due to the risk of infection.



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The Fire Station being used for Drive thru Covid testing and mask distribution.



Yard Debris

Another issue that seemed to be exacerbated by everyone having to stay home was the complaints about people burning yard debris. With more people at home there were both more people burning, and more people affected, especially those with respiratory compromise. Out of necessity the Yard Debris Drop Box idea was born to provide yard debris drop off at the Fire Station. Now when we respond we can let them know about the alternative to burning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-2pm. This has been so well received and people ask if it be permanent.



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Lifeguard Statistics

A Beach Lifeguards job revolves around watching people (pro-active surveillance), managing and communicating danger, preventing incidents by talking with visitors in a tactful manner, dealing with First aid needs, record keeping, incident reporting and checking emergency gear (AED) (Rescue equipment). Oh and looking for lost kids who are always either at the swing set, or half a mile down the beach playing in the sand.

Beach lifeguards deal with ordinance rule enforcement, asking people to move their campfires away from the dunes or having people fill the giant hole they dug because it creates a hazard for rescue vehicles.

When something goes wrong it happens fast (sudden rip current or flash rip, maybe a swimmer has a heart attack) and then the lifeguards training and preparation kick in. Our beach lifeguards are committed to achieving and maintaining a high level of fitness and are comfortable being in the water in most sea states (Calm, Rough, Treacherous).

General Information	Information about Seaside, the beach and Safety - Talking with people	20
Medical Aid	First Aid without Fire Response	20
Lost Person	Lost & Found Persons, including false reports	41
Lost n Found	Lost items turned in	28
Agency Assist	Lifeguards assist another agency (police, fire, parks, etc.) or request assistance	5
Surf Rescue	Surf Rescue of persons in Imminent danger	20
Prevention	Assisting someone in danger, helping visitors (rides, water assist, etc.)	962
Rule Enforcement	Warnings, rules, ordinances of the beach including put out fires, moving logs, hazards, tent warnings, etc.	64
Trash Pickup	Bags of trash removed from beach	223
Beach Attendance	Estimated beach attendance for the summer	256,400
Total		257,783

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