

RESERVE POLICE

Upon our workers compensation audit this year, it was brought to our attention that we are paying workman compensation rates for police and have untrained personnel carrying out a police officer job.

Workman compensation rates are based on the “job”, not the title. “Code enforcement” is enforcement of building/zoning codes.

With “beach patrol” enforcing town ordinances and writing citations, this makes it fall under the police department.

The rule of thumb for beach communities is reserve police for beach patrol. They are “off duty” police officers from another jurisdiction, who are sworn-in officers for your police department. They may be highway patrol, sheriff department or from another town and are NC Certified police officers. They only work when called in and do not receive any benefits.

We have researched from VA. border down. Three beaches only enforce dogs on the beach and only use rescue teams for water rescue. These 3 beaches have very treacherous waters. All others use reserve police, we are the only one using civilians.

- * The general rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour – that is 4.00 more than we have been paying –
- * They are part time –
- * Their pay, uniforms, department supplies are paid out of “beach strand” being off set by accommodations tax –
- * They answer to Lisa Massey –
- * Usually start reserve out with 6 to 10 people – (keeping hours under 1,000 a year) the people are working beach patrol on their days off from their full time jurisdiction -
- * Additional cost is in the first year of implementation (see list) –

On a final note, it is the recommendation of the NC League of Municipalities that if we are going to enforce town ordinances on the beach, that it be done with law enforcement.

Initial Start Up Cost –

Uniforms \$ 300.00 (Town of Sunset Beach shirts and shorts)

2 Radios \$ 1,000.00

Drug Test \$ 300.00

** 50.00 each/if had one in last 60 days we won't need to get one on that person –

Pysch \$ 100.00 ea.

** if they have had one within the last year, it is a “lateral move” and we want need one on that person –

Medical \$ 100.00 ea.

** not needed if had a physical in last year –

** other equipment we already have, example is 4 wheelers –

** Public works will keep the 4 wheelers running and put gas in them -