



Beach Patrol Draft Proposal  
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The purpose of this proposal is to acknowledge the need for fire department personnel designated to the beach strand during peak times of the summer season. The unfortunate events of the 2013 beach season have made us all aware that changes should take place to create a safer environment for our visitors and residents. The following are estimated costs comparing the salary of the current beach patrol and cost for fire personnel throughout the one hundred and thirty days of the summer season:

	Current Beach Patrol	Fire Personnel
Daily Costs-	\$270.00	\$350.00
Annual Costs-	\$35,000.00	\$45,490.00

Currently the hourly wage of the Beach Patrol Staff is \$10.25 per hour, with the supervisor earning \$13.50 per hour. The average hourly wage of an entry-level firefighter is \$14.58 including benefits.

It will require the addition of six firefighters. This would allow the Fire Department to assume control of the current beach patrol and replace the current staff of three with two certified firefighter/emergency medical technicians. The firefighters would assume all the duties of the current beach patrol, such as restroom locking and unlocking, code enforcement, and still be ready for a rescue or medical emergency. The hiring of six firefighters would enable us to retain these firefighters for regular duty at night and in the winter months.

Estimated Salary with Benefits	
Salary with scheduled overtime	\$31,665
Benefits-	<u>\$10,752</u>
Total Costs per Firefighter for Initial year:	\$42,417

The purchase of a utility vehicle (UTV) and a jet ski is necessary for this transition. The UTV is a small open type vehicle similar in size to a golf cart, which will enable firefighters to access the strand much quicker and safer rather than a full size vehicle. The jet ski will allow a much quicker launch and utilize less labor while in use. Estimated costs are as follows:

- \*2014 Polaris Ranger Crew 900 UTV - \$22,000.00  
(Price includes patient transport attachment, emergency lighting, siren, and medical equipment.)
- \*2014 Yamaha VXS 1800 Jet Ski with trailer - \$16,000.00  
(Price includes rescue board and department lettering.)

