



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 17, 2015

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**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief  
**THRU:** Susan Parker, Town Administrator  
**TITLE:** Proposal for Firefighters staged on the Strand

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**Summary:** Requested information on staffing needs to assign firefighters to the Beach Strand during peak hours in June, July, and August.

**Discussion:** Job Description - Two firefighters would stage with an emergency vehicle and a rescue boat on the Strand in the area of the gazebo. Provides immediate on site emergency medical care, provides land based water rescue capabilities, as well as surf launching capabilities with a watercraft. Also performs other duties as needed.

### Qualifications:

- Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Level
- Firefighter II
- Brunswick County Drowning Protocol attendance
- North Carolina Rescue Technician
- Water Rescue Specialty

### Fiscal Implications:

- **Option 1** Cost Analysis: 3 Full Time Firefighters (Annual Expense) \$127,251.00
- **Option 2** Cost Analysis: 2 Full Time Firefighters (Annual Expense) \$84,834.00 plus 1 Part Time Firefighter (3 Month Expense) \$4,992.00 = Total Costs \$89,826.00

**Recommendation:** I would like to propose hiring 3 full time firefighters. This hiring would allow the staging of two firefighters on the strand during the time listed above. During the summer months the firefighters would be assigned to the Beach Strand for eight hours, seven days a week.