

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8e

SUBJECT: Beach Patrol – Reserve Officers

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

This was brought to our attention by the League of Municipalities when they reviewed our Work Comp coverage. As the attached letter from the League rep states, it would be more appropriate for the town to have off-duty police officers providing that service. The annual cost is somewhat higher than our current cost as shown by the attached information. As Donna discovered in her research, we are the only ones using civilians; all other towns use reserve police.

Regarding cost, we'd pay the reserve police officers \$14 an hour compared with \$10.25 an hour for the regular beach patrol guys and the \$13.50 paid for the supervisor. According to the public works director about 90% of the supervisor's time is spent on the beach which means of his 745 hours last year, about 75 would be subtracted from the unit's total 1,956 hours leaving 1,881 beach patrolling hours. In setting a schedule for the reserve officers we could have one come on at 7am and work until 3pm with the other starting at 11am and working until 7pm. This two-man shift would run for 94 days during season, and for two weeks around the 4th of July we'd have a three-man shift out there. That would total 1,840 beach patrolling hours.

Currently, we have two shifts working the beach. The first shift comes on generally at 7am and works until 3:30, and the second shift comes on at 9am or 10 and works until 5pm or 6pm. Again, the proposed new schedule has the first one starting at 7am and working until 3pm, and the second one starting at 11am and working until 7pm. The difference would be that instead of a 6 hour overlap in the middle of the day there would be a 4 hour overlap. But another difference would be that there would be a beach patrol officer on the beach every day until 7pm under the new schedule. The cost difference annually would be between the current usual \$25,105 and the proposed \$28,684.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS:

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