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BREVARD COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE NEEDS TO FILL 35 MORE SEASONAL POSITIONS

BREVARD COUNTY – The best beach patrol in the state wants you!

Brevard County Ocean Rescue – named Florida's Beach Patrol of the Year for 2013 – hosts its second open tryout on Saturday, March 22 for seasonal lifeguards. The department is looking to fill 35 positions in order to be at full strength on the beaches.

Those hired on as ocean lifeguards will work through October this year.

"We need to fill these vacant seasonal positions in order to provide the best protection to the patrons of Brevard County's beaches," said Ocean Rescue Chief Jeff Scabarozi. "The weather should be warm and welcoming for our second tryout. I look forward to bringing on yet another solid group of recruits to support our safety mission on the beaches."

The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association named Brevard County Ocean Rescue the 2013 Beach Patrol of the Year due to outstanding performance and the many improvements that have been made to ensure the beaches in Brevard County are safe.

Scabarozi, who started as a seasonal lifeguard with Brevard County Ocean Rescue when a teenager, said the job is ideal for students, or even teachers. During the school year, lifeguards will work weekends, then during the week for summer.

Those trying out should be at the Rockledge High School swimming pool by 7 a.m. Candidates will not be permitted to test if they are late. While no lifeguarding experience is necessary, candidates must be over the age of 16 on the day of the tryout and possess strong swimming skills. All candidates must bring a valid driver's License, Social Security card, appropriate swim attire, a towel and running shoes.

Candidates will be required to swim 500 yards (20 lengths of the pool) in less than 10 minutes, complete

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a 2-mile run on a track in under 20 minutes and perform a physical agility test that includes push-ups. Advanced registration is not required, however applicants are reminded that testing will begin promptly and anyone arriving after testing begins will not be permitted to try out.

If selected, completion of the hiring process is dependent on the candidate's ability to pass a background test and successful completion of Ocean Rescue's paid training academy. The starting pay for ocean lifeguards is \$9.46/hour.

For additional information on the tryouts and Brevard County Ocean Rescue, please visit the department's page at www.brevardfire.com or contact the Ocean Rescue staff at 321-633-2056.

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