



Nueces County Emergency Services District #2

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Dear Commissioner Chesney,

Chief Scott and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the need for beach safety enhancements within the coastal park systems. As you are aware, there has been an increase in open water drownings along our shoreline over the past few years. Chief Scott and I have many years of experience as first responders on the beach. I have 33 seasons as a beach lifeguard including 6 years for Nueces County Beach Safety Department before it transitioned to Nueces County Beach Services. Then after the annexation by the City of CC, I began seasonal lifeguarding for the City of Port A. My full-time job is with the Corpus Christi Fire Dept. in which I am assigned to the water rescue (Boat) station. With that being stated, I have responded to many of the high-profile water related deaths. When the County had the beach safety department, there was one drowning in four years during guarded hours. Now we average seven a year.

Our primary goal and objective is to prevent water related accidents from occurring within our coastal parks by building an efficiently ran seasonal lifeguard program under the leadership of the Nueces County ESD#2. Currently the county "contracts" with the cities of Port Aransas and Corpus Christi to provide guards in the County Park Beach areas. This is usually based on guard availability and rightly so, the respective cities man their beaches first, often leaving the county uncovered. The county could provide the services and have control over the coverage.

In order to do the best at preventing accidents, we are proposing the season run from March 1, 2021 to Oct 31, 2021. With the exception of Spring break weeks, guards would be on duty Thursday - Sunday until Memorial Day weekend. Then seven Days a week Through Labor Day weekend. Then Thursday – Sunday until Oct.31

Attached is a basic breakdown of start-up cost for both parks, and for just Padre Balli Park.

Respectfully
Greg Fuller