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PRESS RELEASE

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ZERO TOLERANCE
MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Video footage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVABcOt8pTY>

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has made preparations to ensure a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. Those preparations will include an increase in police personnel to maintain a safe and orderly environment for anyone visiting our beautiful city or attending the Annual Great American Beach Party.

The Annual Great American Beach Party will take place on Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 A.M. until 8:30 P.M. For more information on this event and the related road closures please visit: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/GABP/TrafficAdvisoryFlyer.pdf>.

Beginning Friday May 22nd visitors to the beach will notice a significant increase in police presence. The officers will be taking a zero tolerance approach regarding disturbances, physical altercations and other violations of the law.

The public is reminded of a few points of interest;

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Barricades will restrict vehicular access in residential areas to "Local Traffic Only" (residents may be asked to produce proof of residency).

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Broward Sheriff's Office DUI Task Force, will be saturating the main corridors to and from the barrier island throughout the holiday weekend. Officers assigned to the surrounding neighborhoods will also be increasing their routine patrols and traffic enforcement.

ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS:

The public is reminded that possession of an open alcoholic beverage on the beach and leaving a licensed establishment with an open alcoholic beverage are strictly prohibited.

Additionally, any violation of the following ordinances may result in a physical arrest or the issuance of a Notice-to-Appear before a judge:

- Possession/serve/give an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21
- Possessing or displaying fraudulent identification card
- Possessing an open container of alcohol within a public place which is not an enclosed structure
- Consuming alcohol in an establishment for off-premise consumption only

The only exception to the above alcohol restrictions will be on Saturday, May 23rd during the scheduled hours of Great American Beach Party (10:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.). Event attendees, of legal age, are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages (which are purchased on site, from a licensed event vendor) within the established event perimeters. Those perimeters are: between Southeast 5 Street and Sebastian Street and the intercostal waterway and the shoreline.



PUBLIC DISRUPTION / DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

Additionally, the public is reminded that any violation of the following ordinances may also result in a physical arrest or the issuance of a Notice-to-Appear before a judge:

- Refusing to leave or returning to an establishment after being warned
- Causing a public disturbance while intoxicated
- Engaging in physical fighting or in violent, threatening behavior

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

On Monday, May 25th during the hours of 12:00 P.M and 8:00 P.M volunteers from the God Squad will be in attendance to remind everyone that Memorial Day on the beach is an opportunity for families and friends to enjoy time together in a peaceful and respectful manner. The God Squad volunteer tint will be located on the basketball courts in the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, formally known as the South Beach lot.

Through public information and a conscious effort by all, the Police Department anticipates a safe Memorial Day Weekend for those who will be visiting or reside within our city.

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