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PRESS RELEASE

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**MEMORIAL WEEKEND**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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 Great American Beach Party will take place on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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/departments/parks-recreation/special-events/great-american-beach-party>

Throughout the holiday weekend, visitors to the beach will notice a significant increase in police presence. Officers will take a zero tolerance approach regarding disturbances, physical altercations, and other violations of law.

The public is reminded of the following points of interest:

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:**

Officers 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.

**PUBLIC DISRUPTION / DISORDERLY CONDUCT:**

The public is reminded that any violation of the following ordinances may result in 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 28<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., volunteers from the God Squad will be in attendance on the beach to remind everyone that Memorial Day is an opportunity for families and friends to enjoy time together in a peaceful and respectful manner. The God Squad volunteer tent will be located on the basketball courts in the Fort Lauderdale Beach Park, formally known as the South Beach Park.

Through public awareness and a conscious effort by all, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department anticipates a safe, enjoyable holiday weekend for all of our residents and visitors.

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