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Subject: Davis Park Task Force



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Under the auspices of Suzy Goldhirsch, President of the Fire Island Association, and the DPA, a Task Force has been formed to address issues of concern to the Davis Park community. In addition to the FIA and DPA, participating in our first call were Deputy Suffolk County Executive Peter Scully and Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer Robert Calarco; Town of Brookhaven Councilman Neil Foley and Parks Commissioner Edward Morris; Suffolk County Police Marine Bureau Lieutenant Ed Mulroy and two Sergeants; Fire Emergency Coordinator Jay Demeusy; Charles Sherman of the Davis Park Ferry Company; Ken and Marybeth Stein of the Davis Park Marina; Kristin Downs and Cory Black of the Casino; and George Hoffman, the FIA's government liaison.

All participants have committed to coordinated action to help ensure a safe summer season. We will assess our progress on a weekly basis.

Davis Park is now a top priority for the police, which will have a much expanded, ongoing presence on the boardwalks, beach and water. **Crowd control coupled with a zero tolerance for alcohol consumption on the beach and boardwalks will be the norm. Tickets will be issued and arrests made, when necessary.** Particular attention will be **paid to underage drinking and large gatherings.** The Town will reinforce these efforts with an expanded security presence. The Casino will reinforce its message to patrons that alcohol consumption is absolutely prohibited on the beach and boardwalks.

The Ferry Company, in coordination with the Marina and DPA, will undertake a project to organize and control crowds on the main dock, with new lines, arrows and stanchions to manage passenger traffic. Emergency Coordinator Demeusy pointed out the potential for accidents on a crowded dock. The Town has committed to assist as well. We ask our residents to please set an example and observe the rules, including wearing a face covering and maintaining an orderly ferry line.

Finally, we urge our residents not to confront those engaging in prohibited or unsafe behavior. Instead, please call 311 or 911 and report the issue. Please keep the DPA and our public officials informed and we will make sure the Task Force addresses issues as they arise.

- The DPA