



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Delegate's Report on Statistics and Legislation

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#### **Statistics:**

At the request of our President, Rob McGowan, we have developed two template forms to assist agencies in the collection of aquatic safety related statistics. During the subcommittee meeting we will review the details of both the Daily Lifeguard Patrol Log and the Annual Lifeguard Statistics forms. The idea is to provide agencies a tool with which to collect their statistics and assist them in reporting in to the USLA data base. These sample forms are attached.

I have said this before, but now more than ever it is our statistics that will provide defensible data in response to current budgetary issues in our state. Many of you have read articles regarding the proposed reductions to the California State Park Lifeguard Service in the Governor's budget proposal that calls for a 50% reduction in seasonal lifeguards in Southern California and 100% reduction at state beaches in Santa Cruz County.

In many ways, the California State Parks budget is the canary for what is to come for lifeguard services throughout California. With the decline in the real estate industry which has resulted in thousands of foreclosures in California as well as the storm clouds of recession looming for the nation, all governmental services come under close scrutiny as political leaders look for areas to reduce spending. Even areas of Public Safety, and this includes lifeguard services, must be able to justify their budgets. Statistical data which has been gathered in an accurate, defensible manner speaks volumes.

#### **Legislation:**

Legislatively, there are several interesting bills that have been introduced for the legislative season. As always, if you are aware of any proposed, or introduced legislation that may affect California lifeguards, please contact me and give me a heads up and I can begin following the bill. At this point here are the primary active legislative bills that I am following:

- **Legislative Bills:**

- **AB 2110 (Duvall) - Introduced: February 20, 2008**

**SUMMARY:** Requires the operator of a vessel to obtain a vessel operator card from the Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires DBW, on or before December 31, 2010, to develop a vessel operator card and a rental vessel operator card and to issue a vessel operator card to any person who provides proof that he or she has passed a DBW-approved vessel operator examination or a vessel operator course that includes a DBW-approved test.

**COMMENT:** The CSLSA Executive Board drafted a letter that was signed by the president and we have gone on record in support of this bill (See Attachment C)

○ **AB 2917 AMENDED (Torrico) – Introduced: February 22, 2008**

**SUMMARY:** This bill would require the local EMS authority to establish and maintain a centralized system for monitoring and tracing EMT-I and EMT-II certification status and EMT-P licensure status to be used by local certifying authorities. The bill would require the authority to adopt regulations that establish standardized procedures for conducting a background check. The bill would require every certifying authority to verify completion of a background check.

This bill would require the authority to establish EMT-I and EMT-II certification and disciplinary guidelines. This bill would authorize an EMT-I or EMT-II employer to investigate and discipline those EMT-I and EMT-II employees who commit specified acts. The bill would also revise the grounds for which the local EMS agency may impose additional discipline against an EMT-I or EMT-II certificate holder. This bill would also revise the grounds for which the authority may discipline EMT-P licensees to include, but not be limited to, denial of licensure by any other governmental entity, impersonating an applicant or acting as proxy for an applicant, and making a false statement in connection with an application.

**COMMENT:** This bill supplants AB 941 that was vetoed by the Governor last year. The governor commented on the bill, writing that, “I am concerned this bill lacks requirements and penalties to assure timely notice when an investigation is initiated, does not provide sufficient authority for local medical directors to independently initiate investigations, and fails to establish clear standards for background checks.” AB 2917 is intended to do that.

○ **AB 2426 (Cook) – Introduced: February 21, 2008**

**SUMMARY:** An act to amend Section 25620 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

This bill would also prohibit, as an infraction, the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in an area or unit of a state park if the district superintendent of the state park system unit or area has posted an order, in accordance with state park regulations, that prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in those areas, except as specified.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Peabody  
4<sup>th</sup> Executive Delegate  
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# LIFEGUARD DAILY LOG

DAY OF WEEK	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Su <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> Tu <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> Th <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> Sa	

AGENCY	BEACH AREA	PREPARER NAME	DATE PREPARED
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WATER			
A.M.		P.M.	
TEMPERATURE	VISIBILITY	TEMPERATURE	VISIBILITY
SURFACE		SURFACE	
CURRENT DIRECTION/VELOCITY	SURF HEIGHT	CURRENT DIRECTION/VELOCITY	SURF HEIGHT
HIGH TIDE	HEIGHT	HIGH TIDE	HEIGHT
LOW TIDE	HEIGHT	LOW TIDE	HEIGHT

WEATHER			
A.M.		P.M.	
TEMPERATURE	VISIBILITY	TEMPERATURE	VISIBILITY
WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY		WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY	

LIFEGUARD ACTIVITY	PATROL UNIT / TOWER / BOAT					TOTAL ACTIVITY
• AQUATIC BEACH ATTENDANCE						
• RESCUES						
<i>Aquatic Rescues</i>						
Rip Current						
Surf						
Divers						
Swift Water						
Inland Water						
<i>Cliff Rescues</i>						
• PREVENTATIVE SAFETY ACTIONS						
• MEDICAL AIDS						
<i>Major Medicals</i>						
AED Cases						
C-Spine Injuries						
Near Drownings						
<i>Minor First Aids</i>						
• VESSELS						
<i>Boat Rescues</i>						
People on Board						
Vessel Value	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Boats Assisted</i>						
<i>Boats Warned</i>						
• FATALITIES						
Drownings - Guarded						
Drownings - Unguarded						
Other Fatalities						
• LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Warnings						
Citations						
Arrests						
• LOST PERSONS						
• INTERPRETATION						
Programs						
Participants						
Junior Lifeguards						
• MUTUAL AIDS						
Rendered						
Received						
Other:						
Other:						
Other:						

# LIFEGUARD ACTIVITY REPORT Year \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY	BEACH AREA	PERIOD	PREPARER NAME	DATE PREPARED
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LIFEGUARD ACTIVITY	BEACH AREA/ TOWERS/ VEHICLE / BOAT							MONTHLY SECTOR TOTAL	YEAR TO DATE TOTAL	LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TO DATE
<b>• AQUATIC BEACH ATTENDANCE</b>										
<b>• RESCUES</b>										
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Assembly Member Michael Duvall  
State Capitol Room 4177  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Duvall,

On behalf of the California Surf Lifesaving Association's Executive Board of Directors, I would like express our support of Assembly Bill 2110 – California Vessel Operator Certification Bill.

The CSLSA's mission is to promote beach and aquatic safety awareness and professional open-water lifesaving standards. We feel that AB 2110 will help to ensure that boat operators throughout the state will have the necessary knowledge of California's boating laws and regulations that apply to vessel operations to help reduce boating related accidents and injuries, as well as boating related fatalities.

Far too often, working members of our association are called upon to respond to vessel related accidents on the ocean, lakes and reservoirs where if the operator had followed existing boating law and safety standards, there would never have been an emergency. In 2006 alone, our reporting lifeguard agencies within California provided emergency response to over 4,500 vessel rescues, rescuing 3,711 persons, and saving 63 million dollars in boating property.

The CSLSA Board of Directors appreciates your leadership in introducing this bill that will promote safe boating operations while increasing overall aquatic safety in California. We commend you for your efforts and those of your staff in developing this bill and support its passage and implementation.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Robert C. McGowan  
President  
California Surf Lifesaving Association

cc: CSLSA Board of Directors  
USLA President