

OCEAN RESCUE

Expenditures in the Ocean Rescue category are related to the Town’s contract for seasonal life guard/surf/ocean rescue services with SandSki, LLC. The Town currently provides life guard services on the beaches from May 1st to October 31st of every year. Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between May 1 and October 31. The Town maintains lifeguard stations at various locations throughout the summer. Stands are manned at Caffey’s Inlet, Sprigtail Drive, Barrier Island Station, Schooner Ridge Drive, Christopher Drive and Four Seasons from May 26 to September 4; the stands at Ocean Pines, South Snow Geese, Scarborough Lane and Plover Drive are manned from June 16 through August 12. The locations of stands can change due to beach conditions. Lifeguards also patrol the beaches on ATV’s.

The FY 2019 Budget for Ocean Rescue is expected to increase 5.8% from the FY 2018 Amended Budget. This increase is due to a contractual increase specified in the Town’s contract with SandSki for the replacement of the lifeguard stand at Sprigtail Drive.

Below is a chart that shows the Ocean Rescue budget from FY 2014 to the FY 2019 Budget with an additional forecast to FY 2024.

