

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. Currently, stands are manned at Caffey’s Inlet, Sprigtail Drive, Barrier Island Station, Schooner Ridge Drive, Christopher Drive and Four Seasons from late May to early September; the stands at Ocean Pines, South Snow Geese, Scarborough Lane and Plover Drive are manned from mid-June through mid-August. The locations of stands can change due to beach conditions. Lifeguards also patrol the beaches on ATV’s.

The FY 2020 Budget for Ocean Rescue is expected to increase by 23% from the FY 2019 Amended Budget. This increase is due to the addition of two lifeguard stands, an increase in the number of lifeguards on the beach during the fall, an overall increase in the hourly rate of lifeguards, and the initiation of an international lifeguard recruiting process.

Below is a chart that shows the Ocean Rescue budget from FY 2014 to the FY 2020 Budget with an additional forecast to FY 2024.

