

February 6, 2024
ITEM 14.C.1

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Installation of Drown Zero Stations

FROM: Joseph H. Earman
Commissioner, District 3

Discussion:

I would appreciate a discussion with my fellow commissioners about the installation of Drown Zero Stations on County beaches.

Background:

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Vero Beach would like to install Drown Zero stations on Indian River County beaches. These flotation device stations have been successfully implemented on beaches in Brevard County. Each station has installed an orange life-saving ring to provide assistance to distressed swimmers in the event the beach is unguarded, or a lifeguard is off-duty.

Analysis:

The purpose of the Drown Zero stations is to help save the life of someone caught in a rip current. These stations have a life ring that can be thrown to someone in the event of an emergency.

Funding:

No cost. The Sunrise Rotary Club of Vero Beach will install and maintain the stations.

Recommendation:

I recommend the BOCC support the Drown Zero International Project and approve the installation of Drown Zero stations on Indian River County beaches.

Attachments

<https://www.drownzero.com/about>

<https://vimeo.com/893948221>