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The Honorable Chris Dzadovsky, Chairman  
St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Commissioner Chris Ozadovsky-District 1

Dear Commissioner Dzadovsky:

Thank you so much for approving the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office to use the pool at Avenue M and 13th Street in the City of Fort Pierce this summer. The program was a huge success because of our partnerships with yourself, Safe Kids and St. Lucie County Aquatics. Due to the overwhelming demand from Port St. Lucie residents, the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office would like to partner with you again in September for another swim event in the City of Port St. Lucie at the Ravenswood pool facility.

The September swim event will help educate St. Lucie County children ages 6 to 17 years old about water safety. This seven-day Red Cross course will help the participants learn to swim at a Level 1 and teach them valuable life-saving skills in and out of the water. The Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum teaches up to a level 6 for instruction, but our main focus will be Levels 1 through 3 of the Learn-to-Swim curriculum. At the last event at Avenue M and 13th Street in Fort Pierce, we taught 25 children lifesaving skills to help themselves or someone else.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office has identified the Ravenswood pool facility located in the City of Port St. Lucie as a potential location to host this swim event from September 18, 2017 through September 28, 2017, Mondays – Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. The facility is not open during this time of year. These swim classes will be for up to fifty (50) participants who complete applications (ours and yours) and sign waivers (ours and yours) as provided to us by Aquatics Coordinator, Adam Jones. We are seeking approval and waiver of fees to host this swim event. If approved, our deputies will engage the participants by teaching them valuable life-saving Red Cross swimming skills. Deputies will also be able to engage with the parents of the students to help educate them as well.

If you choose to partner with us, we will ensure the Ravenswood facility is left in the same condition as when we arrived and we will coordinate with St. Lucie Aquatics Coordinator, Adam Jones, to obtain the needed amount of lifeguards to run this event safely. We normally charge a twenty dollar fee for these types of events to ensure those registered will be in attendance. This fee is waived for residents with hardships. These fees help cover the costs of necessary lifeguards and material costs such as equipment.

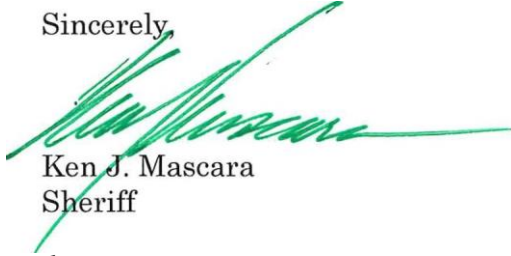
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The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office will also obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance for the indicated days from our insurance carrier as we have for other events if you approve this request. Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Ken J. Mascara  
Sheriff

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