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SPI launches beach ambassadors program

South Padre Island, TX, Sept. 3, 2020: The City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services department is launching the Beach Ambassador Program beginning Sept. 4, 2020. Beach Ambassadors will consist of volunteers that will educate beach-goers on all current Emergency Management Orders, emphasizing the health and safety of the general public. Ambassadors will provide monitoring and observation, reporting potential health and safety concerns, and emergency situations, along with potential ordinance violations. Ambassadors will be a friendly face to our beach-goers while keeping the public's health and safety at the forefront.

The Ambassadors will be concentrating their efforts on the following restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- All types of canopies and pop-up tents will be prohibited. Single-pole shade structures larger than 8 feet (96-inches) in diameter will be prohibited.
- All single-pole shade structures will be separated by a minimum of 15 feet from the outside edge/tip of the structure.
- Only two chairs per single pole shade structure will be permitted.
- Other setups are prohibited within the 15 feet between the equipment.
- No gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Face mask/covering education.

"The ambassadors will also share details on local attractions and be available to help with any questions," said Victor Baldovinos, Environmental Health director, "We will continue to keep the public's health and safety as our top priority."

To sign up to become an ambassador, please contact the Environmental Health Services department at (956) 761-8123.

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