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To: The Geneva Lake Association
From: Ted Pankau, Director, Water Safety Patrol
Re: Update on WSP for 2020

We would like to thank the GLA for its continued support of our mission as we celebrate 100 years of saving lives and promoting safety on Geneva Lake.

This year has presented many special challenges for the Patrol, as we have seen the heaviest boat traffic on the lake in recent history. The increase in boat traffic became evident back in May, and our crews have been busier than ever this summer. There has been a noticeable influx of boaters from Illinois since that state put in tight restrictions on boating. Our crews have responded to record numbers of rescue and assistance calls so far this summer.

Our Lifeguards at the beaches have been dealing with large crowds as well, and they have already logged several rescues involving near-drowning situations.

As essential workers, our people are on the front lines every day, and we have been taking extra precautions to keep our team members safe. Each team member gets a temperature check daily, and a pulse oximeter reading. They also carry a Covid-19 "kit" with them to and from work each day, and they are reminded to social-distance when possible. The kit includes a mask and gloves and hand sanitizer.

The Water Safety Patrol will continue to work hard to keep people safe throughout the summer, and we are proud of our dedicated workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Pankau".

Ted Pankau
Director
Water Safety Patrol