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## CLEARWATER FOCUSES ON SAFETY, ENFORCEMENT FOR SPRING BREAK

**Clearwater, Fla.** – The City of Clearwater is preparing for another big Spring Break crowd. Just how big? According to city estimates, approximately 50,000 cars travel through the Clearwater Beach roundabout on the busiest days of spring and summer. The Clearwater Police Department (CPD) and Clearwater Fire & Rescue (CFR) would like to remind everyone to be safe and respect laws and city ordinances.

### Enforcement

CPD will deploy additional resources to focus on enforcement and safety. Additional law enforcement personnel will include Community Policing Teams, the Motor Unit, Traffic Enforcement Team and School Resource Officers, who will strictly enforce the open alcohol ordinance, noise pollution (loud music from vehicles), traffic-related offenses (DUI, invalid driver's license, etc.), and non-traffic offenses (public intoxication, disorderly conduct, etc.). Patrol Service Technicians and AmeriCorps members will assist with traffic congestion and monitoring crosswalks.

### Safety

Clearwater Fire & Rescue encourages everyone to be safe while swimming and boating. Many accidents are preventable by following these safety tips:

#### *Swimming Safety:*

- Swim with a buddy. If you have a partner, you can help each other or go for help.
- Adhere to beach warnings. Red flags mean there is a high surf or strong current and it may not be safe for swimming.
- Swim out of a current. If you feel like you're getting swept away, don't panic or try to fight the current. Swim with the current perpendicular to the beach, gradually making your way back to shore.





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- Do the stingray shuffle. Slide your feet from side to side in the sand to avoid stepping on any stingrays.

### *Boating Safety:*

- Always wear a life jacket. That applies to boats and all personal watercraft.
- Keep a safe distance. Don't get too close to other boats, swimmers or marine life.
- Stay in touch. Before going out on a boat, let someone know where you are going and how long you will be gone. If someone has this information, they will have an idea where to look for you if you get into trouble.
- Operate personal watercraft responsibly. Weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably close or swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision is classified as reckless operation of a vessel (first-degree misdemeanor).

Spring Break runs March 6, 2010 through April 18, 2010.

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