



# South Walton FIRE DISTRICT

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## Beach Wheelchair Usage

### **Terms of Usage:**

The beach wheelchairs are available for public use from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily during the lifeguard season. Each chair must be operated by an on-duty lifeguard. A beach wheelchair waiver must be signed by the beach wheelchair patron or their caregiver. It is requested that the beach patron limit the usage of the beach wheelchair to the beach area in the immediate area of the public beach access. In order to facilitate the possible need for multiple patrons, it is recommended that the beach patron's personal chair be used once the patron has reached their beach location.

### **After Hours Use:**

After hours use shall be offered during the time where lifeguards are not on duty. The unit must be picked up between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The unit must be returned the following morning between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. An "after hours" waiver must be signed at the time of pickup by the usage patron or their caregiver. A deposit of \$200 (personal check) must be collected at the time of pickup. A valid driver's license number and active cell phone number must both be recorded on the back of the check at the time of pickup. Upon return of the unit, in the same condition as when checked out, the deposit check will be returned to the patron. The "after hours" waiver must be signed by an on-duty lifeguard upon the beach wheel chairs return.

### **Usage Fees:**

There is no charge for public usage during lifeguard operational hours.

A fee of \$40 shall be charged for after hours beach wheelchair rental. This fee shall be in the form of a personal check made payable to South Walton Fire District, or cash. No after hours beach wheelchair rental transaction shall be completed without a numbered receipt provided to the customer and a copy provided to the South Walton Fire District Fiscal Officer.

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**Jennifer Cox**

**From:** Chris Mitchell  
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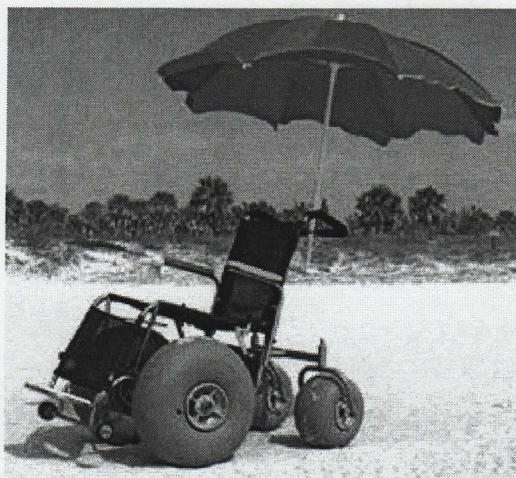
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Beach Wheelchairs Available on the Beaches of South Walton**

**(Santa Rosa Beach)** April 10, 2009 – The South Walton Fire District (SWFD) in partnership with the Walton County Tourist Development Council (TDC) continually explore strategies to enhance the beach going experience. Through the Beach Safety and Education Program, our beaches are safer, but many visitors face hurdles to enjoy the emerald green waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Limited mobility can present a challenge to some visitors from experiencing the sugar white sand and warm waters of the Gulf. Realizing this need, the SWFD and TDC developed a program that would provide three beach wheelchairs, strategically located along the Beaches of South Walton, to improve access to the beach. The wheelchairs were purchased by the TDC and the program is administered by the SWFD Beach Safety Division.

The wheelchairs are designed and constructed by Deming Designs, Inc. 1090 Cobblestone Dr. Pensacola, FL 32514. The wheelchairs are constructed from stainless steel tubing with large bubble tires that allow the chair to traverse the soft sand.

The wheelchairs will be located at the following beach accesses: Pompano Joe's (Miramar Beach), Ed Walline Park (Santa Rosa Beach) and Bramble Grove (Seagrove Beach) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from April through September.



For more information, please contact Sean Hughes Deputy Chief at 850-267-1298 or visit our website at [www.swfd.org](http://www.swfd.org).