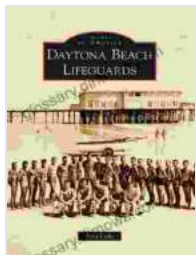


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Daytona Beach Lifeguards: Images of America is a captivating visual history of the iconic lifeguards who have protected swimmers on Daytona Beach for over a century. Through stunning photographs and insightful text, this book transports readers back in time to witness the evolution of the lifeguard service, from its humble beginnings to its modern-day incarnation as one of the most respected and recognizable lifeguarding organizations in the world.

Chapter 1: The Early Years

The Daytona Beach Lifeguard Service was founded in 1911, shortly after the city of Daytona Beach was incorporated. The early lifeguards were volunteers who patrolled the beach on foot and by boat. They were

responsible for rescuing swimmers in distress, enforcing beach safety regulations, and providing first aid. As the popularity of Daytona Beach grew, so did the need for a more organized and professional lifeguard service.



Chapter 2: The Roaring Twenties

The 1920s was a time of great growth and prosperity for Daytona Beach. The city's population boomed, and tourism became a major industry. The

Daytona Beach Lifeguard Service expanded to meet the needs of the growing number of beachgoers. The lifeguards began using new equipment and techniques, and they developed a reputation for being one of the best lifeguarding services in the country.



Daytona Beach lifeguards in the 1920s

Chapter 3: The Great Depression and World War II

The Great Depression and World War II had a significant impact on the Daytona Beach Lifeguard Service. During the Depression, the city's tourism industry declined, and the lifeguard service was forced to cut back on its operations. However, the lifeguards continued to provide essential services to the community, and they played an important role in the war effort by guarding military installations and training soldiers in water safety.



Chapter 4: The Post-War Era

After World War II, Daytona Beach experienced a resurgence in tourism. The lifeguard service also grew and prospered. The lifeguards adopted new technologies and techniques, and they continued to develop their reputation as one of the best lifeguarding services in the world. In 1966, the lifeguard service was integrated, and women were allowed to become lifeguards for the first time.



Daytona Beach lifeguards in the 1960s

Chapter 5: The Modern Era

The Daytona Beach Lifeguard Service continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of the community. Today, the lifeguards are responsible for patrolling over 23 miles of beach, and they provide a wide range of services, including water safety education, beach patrols, and rescue operations. The lifeguards are also involved in community outreach programs, and they work closely with other agencies to ensure the safety of beachgoers.

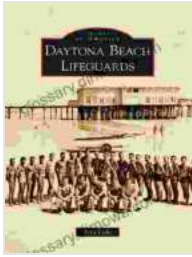


Daytona Beach Lifeguards: Images of America is a fascinating look at the history of one of the most iconic lifeguarding services in the world. Through stunning photographs and insightful text, this book tells the story of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting swimmers and ensuring the safety of beachgoers. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Daytona Beach, the history of lifeguarding, or simply the beauty of the human spirit.

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