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Media Release – Brevard County Ocean Lifeguards Increase Staffing**

(Brevard County, FL)- August 31, 2010- Brevard County beaches continue to experience dangerous surf conditions in advance of Hurricane Earl. Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard staffing levels have been increased this week in reaction to 90+ rescues that occurred this past weekend. By noon today, lifeguards had already assisted a dozen swimmers from the water.

With the storm expected to bring waves in excess of eight feet and increased incidents of rip currents, visitors to the Space Coast are encouraged to stay out of the water. "We'll continue to monitor water conditions but anticipate flying double red flag warnings toward the end of the week," said Ocean Lifeguard Chief Jeff Scabarozzi. Double red flag warnings signify "swim at your own risk" conditions. Those who do choose to swim are encouraged to go no farther than waist deep and stay in view of lifeguards. Failure to follow this advice contributed to the death of one swimmer near Seagull Beach Park last Saturday.

For the latest surf conditions and a list of ocean lifeguard tower locations and times of operations, call the Brevard County Ocean Rescue hotline at 321-637-5777.

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