**Points of Interest**

Nine entire school populations benefitted from land-based water safety presentations

**5,963 students**

**188 hrs.** were donated by volunteers who handed out water safety and drowning prevention materials at health and safety fairs.

**17,628** people were exposed to water safety education during a total of **123** different presentations and activities.

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- Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
  - Mack Bernard, Mayor
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- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

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**4th Graders Learn How To Escape A Sinking Vehicle**

DPC participated in Progressive Agriculture Farmer Safety Day at Rardin Park in Belle Glade. There were 165 fourth graders from the Glades, accompanying teachers, and 20 volunteers who received educational programming about escaping a sinking vehicle. Each child received a “Crash, Splash, & Escape” activity book. The DPC held seatbelt release relay races and broke a car window after every presentation to enhance the important message, “Seatbelts off, Window open, Children out, Out.”

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**DPC Manager Featured in Local Section of Voyage MIA Magazine**

VoyageMIA is an online publication whose platform is to foster “collaboration and support for small businesses, independent artists and entrepreneurs, local institutions and those that make our city interesting.” [http://voyagemia.com/interview/inspiring-stories-palm-beach/](http://voyagemia.com/interview/inspiring-stories-palm-beach/)

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**Free/reduced-Cost Swim Lesson Program a Success!**

2,376 children received swim lesson instruction courtesy of the DPC thanks to the Children’s Services Council Palm Beach County for continued monetary support for lessons. There were 17 camps and 14 group organizations that when combined, accounted for 1,026 children receiving group swimming lessons. The average age of participating children was six. Please visit [www.pbcgov.org/dpc](http://www.pbcgov.org/dpc) on April 1, 2019 when the program will begin again. Follow the instructions to fill out an application.

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**Updated Drowning Statistics Now Available**

Visit [www.pbcgov.org/dpc](http://www.pbcgov.org/dpc) and click on Resource Center and then Relevant Statistics. You will see drowning stats for 2017 as well as for 2011-2017. If further information is needed, please contact the Coalition office at 561-616-7068.