



**LIFE SAVERS:** The new system of life rings will help ensure stranded swimmers have a way back to shore.

## New life rings will help keep beach-goers safe

The Melbourne Beach Firefighters Random Acts would like to have life rings at every beach access in Melbourne Beach.

If people are caught in rip currents or start

drowning, oftentimes someone will try to help without any type of flotation devices, and they themselves end up a victim.

These life rings will help swimmers in dis-

stress by giving them a chance to survive.

The Melbourne Beach Firefighters are currently researching the idea, and hope to have the project in action by this summer.

## Fire extinguisher safety program helps residents

The Melbourne Beach Firefighters Random Acts would like to start an annual Fire Extinguisher Safety Day at the local fire station to help educate residents on fire safety and the use of fire extinguishers

in an emergency situation, however it is still in the planning stages.

They would also like to be able to have the town residents bring their personal fire extinguishers in for safety inspection and to get

information on replacement if needed.

They are also looking into the possibility of collaborating with a fire extinguisher company to exchange non-functioning, old fire extinguishers with new ones.



**SAFETY FIRST:** New fire extinguisher safety program will help locals keep their homes and businesses safe.



**RANDOM ACTS IN OAKLAND:** Oakland firefighters are already distributing their free kits to the community.

## Free kits will soon assist those in need

The Oakland Firefighters Random Acts program have made a connection with Roger Brown, the head of a charity affiliated with the Mormon Church, who has been handing out helpful kits for the past

few years. The Random Acts Chapters will be supplied with pallets of various kits to give to people in need. There will be hygiene kits, childcare kits, school kits, and others. This will benefit

the community during hurricane and tornado recovery. Many people left without blankets, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other items will be able to use the kits to make their recovery a little easier.

## CPR Training can teach people, save lives

Firefighters have to take many classes to save lives.

Some members of our department are now certified CPR instructors and will be offering CPR classes to help the

community. Shawnesey Cahill, one of the instructors, comments.

“It is very essential for not only the health care providers, but for everyone in the community to know basic life sup-

port,” she said. “Without oxygen to the brain, you go brain dead within six minutes, so if you can initiate CPR while calling 911, the chances of survival are greatly increased.”



**DOING CARDIO:** Firefighters take classes to help save lives, CPR class do the same.