



Agenda Item: Employee Spotlight – Captain Mike Reardon

Background: Captain Reardon joined the Park Board year-round in Beach Patrol in 2017 as a Supervisor/Officer with a rank of Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain in 2022.

Captain Reardon was born in California but has lived most of his life in Texas – Dallas, Tyler, and Galveston. He came to Galveston to attend nursing school at UTMB and obtained a Master of Science in Nursing. He retired from UTMB after 32 years of service, having provided care in the Intensive Care Units, Emergency Department, Correctional Health Care, and research. He lives on Tiki Island and likes to travel the world and spend time with his grandchildren.

Captain Reardon’s manager, Chief Peter Davis, shares that Captain Reardon is an incredible asset to the organization and all his efforts are greatly appreciated. He shows strong initiative and follow through and is extraordinarily thorough in his work. He consistently supports and gives praise to staff while simultaneously holding them accountable. He routinely shares his wealth of skills with the entire staff, and is a great employee, coach, supervisor, law enforcement officer, and first responder.

Captain Reardon shares that he is proud of how Galveston Island Beach Patrol (GIBP) has progressed to be one of the exemplary lifeguarding agencies in the world. When he first started serving on the beaches, as a Galveston Police Officer, there was limited funding and equipment. It was not until Senator Babe Schwartz introduced legislation to utilize dedicated hotel tax monies to support lifeguarding that funding grew. Cooperation from the Galveston County Sheriff’s Office and the Park Board, along with a grant from the Moody Foundation, continued the progress of GIBP. Fortunately, Beach Patrol has had visionary and dedicated leadership since then to assure GIBP was able to progress to its current stature.

We are thrilled to recognize Captain Reardon this month as he celebrates his 5th year-round service anniversary with the Park Board and 46 years of service on Galveston’s beaches.