

The Red Cross announces its Top 10 Aquatics Providers



Plantation, FL (Oct. 29, 2010) — The Top 10 South Florida aquatics providers for the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program were recognized at a special ceremony this week at the American Red Cross Broward County Chapter in Plantation.



South Florida Red Cross Facebook Album



“There are too many young children who drown in South Florida, but thanks to the aquatics facilities offering American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim programs, we hope to prevent accidents in the water,” said Patrick Beason, Aquatics Programs Coordinator at the American Red Cross South Florida Region.

“And because Red Cross programs are designed for children as young as 6 months old and for adults, there’s no reason anyone in South Florida should miss out on this learning this crucial skill.”

It’s especially important for parents to learn how to swim and how to perform CPR because often times they will give paramedics a hood head start in an emergency.

Each provider, ranked based on the number of enrollees reported for the 2009-2010 season, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Between the twenty of them, these providers reached 254,092 students offering swimming lessons and water safety education in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

The Top 10 aquatics providers are:

Broward County

1. City of Pompano Beach (45,168)
2. City of Miramar (42,090)
3. City of Coral Springs (38,298)
4. City of Deerfield Beach (31,453)
5. City of Margate (10,219)
6. City of Fort Lauderdale (8,475)
7. City of Pembroke Pines (3,152)
8. City of Lauderdale Lakes (1,968)
9. City of Lauderhill (1,228)
10. Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex (998)

Miami-Dade County

1. City of Miami (21,888)
2. Miami-Dade County (12,842)
3. City of Miami Beach (12,618)
4. Village of Miami Shores (8,145)
5. City of North Miami Beach (4,419)
6. Ocaquatics (2,754)
7. Miami-Dade Public Schools (2,607)
8. Swim Gym (2,217)
9. City of Hialeah (2,174)
10. Venetian Aquatic Club (1,378)

For more information on American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim programs, or on how to become certified in CPR and First Aid, please [click here](#) or call 954-797-3800 or 305-644-1200.