

Lifeguards,

Ocean Lifeguard Specialist Brian Kutil passed away this morning, Thursday January 15th.

LACOLA, along with Lifeguard Chief Moseley and Fire Chief Osby extend our deepest condolences to Brian's family and to all of you. Brian was participating in his recheck swim when he suffered a cardiac event. The recheck team timing the swim had their eyes on Brian and entered the water to assist him the moment he lost consciousness. CPR began immediately, with multiple Lifeguard Division paramedic personnel directing the resuscitative efforts. LA Co. Lifeguards worked diligently with Manhattan Beach Fire Department paramedics to revive Brian. He was given prompt and exhaustive care including multiple ALS interventions on the pool deck and while en route to Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Brian was a beloved son, friend, and an inspiring co-worker to all who had the privilege of working with him. His selflessness, kindness, and genuine concern for those around him will be sorely missed, and always remembered. The Los Angeles County Fire Department's Peer Support Team and Mental Health Professionals are available to any and all. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Memorial Management Team will develop a plan for services. LACOLA will update as soon as more information is available.

Those who wish to join are invited to share stories and offer support this evening at 6 PM. LACOLA will be hosting at the following venue:

The Tavern
123 Main Street
El Segundo, CA
90254

Please RSVP by text to Matt Rhodes (805.657.4781) if you have the opportunity. The Tavern management is eager to host and wants to accommodate as best as possible.

Additionally, the field may have some unforecasted vacancies in response to this event. Please mark yourself available for overtime, as some personnel may be taking time off in grief.

Sincerely,
Ken Haskett
President, LACoLA