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Subject: Re: The morbid request.....  
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Paul just sent me what data we have. Several different folks have requested it. To be fair to all, I am going to have Cyndy forward it to all committee members so you should be receiving it soon.

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Mike,  
I already have what I need from the County regarding Highway 12. What I am looking for from NPS is the stats on deaths in the in the Seashore.

Perhaps Paul could ask around to other long time staff to see if they recall things that would help him know where to look? Maybe my recollections will help Paul hone in the info.....  
I think drownings will be the highest. I know of one behind the Buxton motels several years ago, one at Oregon Inlet within recent years, as well as Frisco, Hatteras and Ocracoke. There was also one who drowned Sound Side at the Haulover in Buxton a few years back. I am sure there that there are numerous others I have overlooked.

I know we also had a fatal shark attack in Avon in on Labor Day, 2001, I believe it was.

Two suicides that I am aware of, one was a swan dive off of the Hatteras Lighthouse, and the other was self inflicted gun shot, I'm thinking this one occurred in Pea Island?

I believe we have lost at least one, if not more the top of The Hatteras Lighthouse, due to a heart attack.

Then there was a death by suffocation behind a motel in Buxton, when the enormous 6 ft hole that the a young man dug in the sand and put his beach chair in, collapsed in on him.

As for ORV involvement, one that drove into Hatteras Inlet, two teens I believe on Ocracoke that rolled a jeep. I also hear that a sunbather was run over on Ocracoke years ago, but I have never seen anything in print about it. I am not sure if it actually happened or not, it could be an urban legend for all I know.

I thought NPS would have incident reports when it came to these types of incidents occurring in the park. Sorry to add to your list of things to do.....  
but thanks for trying,  
Judy

Mike\_Murray@nps.gov wrote:

>Paul Stevens is working on the data, but it is not readily retrievable so  
>can't make any promise on it. Will keep trying, but wonder if you would  
>have more success with Dare County?

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>Hi Mike,

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>I know you are swamped, I can relate! I hadn't planned on spending my  
>entire evening trying to babysit what are supposed to be grown men!

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>While I was out of town last week I called Dave Goodwin and asked him to  
>please e-mail you and ask you for information on deaths that occurred  
>with in The Seashore, hopefully the past 10 years worth.

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>I have an idea that we might all benefit from, but I need the other  
>piece of the puzzle and you have it. Do you think we could get this info  
>any time soon? I will be glad to present the idea to you first if it  
>would make you more comfortable about giving us the info. If you don't  
>approve, then I wont use your puzzle piece, I still have the other piece  
>I can use and it is not NPS related. I just think using both pieces  
>together will be far more effective.

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>I think you will like it!

>Judy

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