



POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP & ATLANTIC COUNTY



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Dear Valued Community/Business Leader,

The Police Activities League of Egg Harbor Township and Atlantic County (PAL/EHT&AC), was established in 1989 with the goal of creating a better relationship between our police officers, community and our children. We are a registered 501c3, non-profit, youth organization.

We started our robotics program over ten years ago as part of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs to offer children an alternative to sports programs. We are self-funded through grants, sponsors, registration fees and fundraising. Our programs are open to children from throughout South Jersey. However, we do make an extra effort to offer these activities to children with social or economic needs.

We have joined forces with the Rutgers/Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Atlantic County Institute of Technology and the Freedom Boat Club to create a student based science research club that will be involved in real life research. In our first project, our student lead researchers will observe our coastal marine ecosystem using the PAL's Genneino Titan Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle. The **Atlantic Coastal Research Mission with UWROV** observations of the local marine ecosystem will be conducted 47 feet down and 3 miles off the coast near Brigantine over a 2 year period. The data collected will assist local research to determine how dredging and sand replenishment along the coast affects our local ecosystem. This is a unique opportunity for high school and college students to be involved in ongoing real life research. Learn more about the project at : [Atlantic Coastal Research Mission | EHT PAL](#)

We need your help. Your donation of in-kind products or monetary donation will help assure that we can complete the research and provide our youth members this valuable experience. Will you join the Freedom Boat Club, who is generously donating boats, fuel and experienced Captains to our missions. We are in need of 10, Adventure Automatic Life Jackets in varying sizes, support cable to attach to the UWROV and at least \$10,000. If you are interested in becoming involved and supporting our research, please contact Michelle at (609)645-8413 or michelle.riordan@ehtpal.org to discuss your partnership possibilities.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Captain Hector Tavarez (retired EHTPD)
Executive Director