

# End of Summer snapshot

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In the aquatic field the term "end of the summer snapshot" means a close look at the drowning numbers for the summer season. The word drowning is defined as the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid. This definition is straight from the World health Organization --Bulletin notes from 2005 vol. 83 #11. The summer season is the period of Memorial Day weekend to Labor day weekend.

For the summer season of 2014, the numbers of recorded drowning dropped from 2013. The decrease number of drowning can be viewed and credited by the increased amount of water safety awareness programs that help educate families on pure awareness and safety review points. The aquatic field has tried to bring the number of drowning victims down each summer. Still a long way to go BUT moving in a great direction.

In her own words the Chairperson of the CPCS, Elliot Kay states, "These numbers are heartbreaking — plain and simple. They should motivate all of us to do even more to prevent another family from suffering the way they have," The numbers she is referring to is the 174 reported drowning. The 174 reported drowning were down from last year's 202 reported drowning. YES the goal is ZERO drowning. But in my personal view a smaller number of drowning each summer season is moving closer and closer to the ZERO drowning goal. Promoting ZERO drowning is a must and using all the resources out there will help.