

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Warren Poplin, Bureau Chief
District 1
THROUGH: Melissa Shoemaker, PPDS
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FROM: Mark Knapke, Park Manager
St. Joseph Peninsula State Park
SUBJECT: CSO annual report
DATE: 5/26/2019

Mr. Poplin

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the accomplishment of the Friends of St. Joseph Peninsula State Parks, Inc. for the year of 2018. Through the sales of tee-shirts, firewood, drink vending and ice, donations and membership dues; Total revenue collected by the CSO in 2018 was \$17,125.00. The CSO currently has assets totaling \$39,067.00

During the year 2018 the CSO had to cancel the 7th annual Park Appreciation Day at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. The 3rd Annual Statehood Day event was also cancelled due to the damage caused by Hurricane Michael. The CSO participate with displays and information booth during community events, Scallop Festival and Bay Day. The CSO funded the purchase of a new beach wheel chair, a refrigerator and washer and dryer lost in hurricane Michael to support staff and volunteers. The CSO continues to maintain the UTV used for turtle patrol, purchased in 2017 with a grant and partnership with FWC and the University of Florida. The CSO funded volunteer uniforms, park brochures and camper registration cards. The CSO organized and assisted in storm recovery efforts after Hurricane Michel. The CSO spent \$9,909.00 supporting the park.

The Park lost a golf cart in hurricane Michael, which was purchased in 2017 by the CSO for park volunteers to use. The CSO and will replace it once the park recovers and it is needed.

The CSO continues to consist of directors and leaders from the community and remains a strong Citizen Support Organization.

The CSO supports the mission statement of the Division and it is a pleasure to work with them. The park will continue to nurture and build on the partnership established with the Friends of St. Joseph State Parks Inc.

Sincerely

Mark Knapke, Park Manager

