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Residents Enjoy Sheriff's Summer Safety Fest at Merrymount Beach

QUINCY, MA – Hundreds of Norfolk County residents came to Merrymount Beach in Quincy on Saturday to enjoy a variety of games, activities, and informational sessions organized by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office (NCSO). The Sheriff's Summer Safety Fest, as the event was called, introduced attendees to a variety of community groups and public safety organizations, while providing a fun activities for people of all ages.

"Today was all about enjoying the summer but doing it safely," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "Because of our great partnerships with local organizations, everyone here had a great time and also learned a lot about how to take advantage of our amazing natural resources in a safe and fun way."

Attendees were treated to several family activities, including a bounce house, snow cones, selfie stations, and more. Local organizations were on hand to give out a number of free items, such as bike helmets (provided by the Quincy Police Department and Project KidSafe) and life jackets (provided by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay). The NCSO was supported by other community partners who shared information, resources, and materials with the public, including Quincy Fire Department, Quincy Community Action Programs, Friends of Wollaston Beach, North Quincy Junior ROTC, Manet Community Health Center, Quincycles, Norfolk County Central Labor Council, United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Quincy DPW, Brewster Ambulance, and Montilio's Bakery. The event was made possible in part through a generous grant provided by a Better Beaches grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

Two more Sheriff's Summer Safety Fests are planned in Norfolk County this summer. The next date will be July 16th at Babson College in Wellesley. The August location and date will be announced soon. The Norfolk County Central Labor Council will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items at each event in coordination with the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

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