The Office of Emergency Management

The week of July 4th, we are expecting a large influx of visitors to the island. In the past and this year especially the 4x4 beaches will be of concern because of possible overcrowding. Due to this, the Police, Fire and Beach Patrol will be increasing their presence in these areas, concentrating on safety, enforcement of local ordinances, specifically relating to alcohol, beach parking and etiquette. We want you to enjoy our island and have a memorable 4th but we want everyone to be safe and law-abiding while doing so.

If safety becomes a concern at any point due to overcrowding and or vehicle access or egress, the 4x4 beaches access may be shut down or rerouted temporarily. This brief inconvenience is to ensure your safety and that all public safety entities can safely access you and perform their jobs quickly and efficiently.

Social media will be updated throughout the week of the 4th of July, including the possibility of any closures. Please check back often for any updates regarding our beaches and our island's safety.