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Press Release

Giordano Family MKA holds Annual Summer Beach Training

MKA Students Participate in Unique Training Conditions For Endurance

Methuen, MA July 31, 2008: Shihan Larry F. Giordano, Chief Instructor of Giordano Family MKA hosted the annual summer beach training at Hampton Beach on June 1, 2008. More than 100 students attended, along with 20 Black Belts. MKA Beach training is open to all staff and students.

Mas Oyama, founder of Kyokushin Karate, set the precedence for beach training with his students, including Shihan Giordano. A favorite among MKA students, beach training offers unique training conditions to test each individual's capacity for balance, mental endurance, and strength conditioning. MKA's Beach training included a brisk run, karate basics and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.

"This training program is vitally important to the development of our students at MKA, and this year we had many younger students attend," said Shihan Larry Giordano. "The beach conditions push each student's mental and physical endurance, making it a challenging, yet rewarding experience. The students appreciate the variation in our training program, and look forward to our annual event."

About Giordano Family MKA

Giordano Family MKA, formerly known as MKA, was founded in 1968 by Shihan Larry F. Giordano. The "school of the rooster's" mission is to promote the traditional, spiritual, and educational goals of karate do through the discipline of Kyokushin Karate. Shihan Giordano

holds the rank of Haichidan 8th Dan. His efforts have been recognized internationally, including being inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Hawaiian International Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and named Master Instructor of the Year by the International Hall of Fame for World Head Sokeship Council. To date, the school has graduated more than 64 black belts. For more information, visit www.methuenkarate.com.

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1. MKA_Black_Belts_BT_08.jpg

Giordano Family MKA Black Belts enjoy a day of training at Hampton Beach, NH.

2. BT08_Sempai_RG_Wave.jpg

Sempai Rianne Goddard catches a wave at MKA Beach Training 08.