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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 097-2016

To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: May 17, 2016
Subject: Bal Harbour Police Officer Assists Distressed Swimmers in Haulover Beach

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you that today at 11:05 a.m. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue dispatched a call for our agency to assist them with a report of five swimmers in distress off of Haulover Beach.

Officer George Waisman, who was off duty and on his way home from attending a court function, heard the call go out over his police radio and responded to the scene jumping into the water and assisting the life guards in pulling the people from the water. Unfortunately, despite the officer and life guard's heroic efforts, two of the five individuals expired on the beach. The other three individuals have been transported to the hospital and are expected to survive.

This incident has received media attention from local and national media outlets. If you have any questions contact me or the Chief directly.

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