

BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor Martin Packer and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: June 3, 2016
Subject: Bal Harbour Critical Incident Operations Plan

This Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you of the official start of the hurricane season. It begins June 1st and runs for six months culminating on November 30th. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration "NOAA" released its 2016 outlook for this season and has predicted a "normal season" of approximately 10 to 16 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of the named storms, 4 to 8 could become hurricanes and 1 to 4 of those named may develop into major hurricanes – Category 3, 4 or 5 with winds of 111 mph and up.

According to the NOAA a near-normal season is most likely to occur, with a 45 percent chance. There is also a 30 percent chance of an above-normal season and a 25 percent chance of a below-normal season. This hurricane season is more challenging as a near-normal prediction for this season suggests we could see more hurricane activity than we've seen in the last three years, which were below normal.

The Bal Harbour Police Department has updated the Village's Critical Incident Operational Plan and a copy has been provided to you. The purpose of this plan is to guide the actions of Bal Harbour Village in the actions necessary to prepare for the response to and recovery from hurricanes, severe weather emergencies and other critical incidents that threaten life and property within Bal Harbour Village's jurisdiction. Furthermore, the plan establishes the organizational system for comprehensive emergency management in compliance with Incident Command System principles (ICS), the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and this plan is in compliance with the Florida Emergency Management Plan, Miami-Dade County's Emergency Management Plan and the National Response Framework. The entire Village Administration has received training in the principles of NIMS and ICS and are familiar with their responsibilities should this plan need to be mobilized. Under my direction the Chief of Police is in constant communication with the Miami Dade County Office of Emergency Management throughout the Storm Season and all necessary precautions and reasonable preparations are made to ensure the safety of life and property within Bal Harbour Village.

If you have any questions about this plan please feel free to contact me or the Chief or Police directly.

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