Press Release

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EMERALD ISLE RESCUE CREWS AND COASTGUARD SEARCH FOR MISSING SWIMMER

Emerald Isle, NC June 11, 2017: Emerald Isle Police, Fire, EMS and U.S. Coastguard assets from Emerald Isle, Fort Macon and Elizabeth City have worked overnight and into the early morning Sunday searching for a swimmer initially reported missing after being caught in a rip current while swimming in Emerald Isle at around 6:08pm on June 10, 2017. Emergency services in Emerald Isle received a report of two swimmers missing in the 7900 block of the beach strand and rescue services were immediately dispatched to the scene. One of the teens, a 16 year old male was located by a surfer and was brought ashore by Emerald Isle Fire Department Lifeguards where life saving measures where started by first responders. He was taken to Carteret Health Care and then airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville where he is currently listed in critical condition.

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Second Swimmer Remains Missing

The second swimmer, a 17 year old male, remains missing as of the time of this press release. A coordinated search effort involving Emerald Isle Police, Fire, EMS and the U.S. Coastguard began immediately after the initial report and has continued throughout the night. U.S. Coastguard assets involved in the search efforts include a 24-foot Special Purpose Craft-Shallow Water (SPC-SW) crew from Station Emerald Isle, a 29-foot Response Boat-Small crew from Station Fort Macon, the 87-foot patrol boat Coast Guard Cutter Shearwater out of Virginia, and a Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Elizabeth City. Emerald Isle Police and Fire personnel are conducting a ground search of the shoreline.

Emerald Isle Police are not releasing the names of the victims at the request of the families. Both of the victims are from the Wayne County, NC area and were visiting Emerald Isle on a day trip.

Additional information on this matter will be released as it is received.

No additional information is available at this time.

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