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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

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To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: June 1, 2018

Subject: **Critical Incident Operations, Hurricane Preparation, Response and Recovery Efforts for Bal Harbour Village**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you of the Bal Harbour Village (BHV) Administration's critical incident management and severe weather recovery efforts. Once again, the Administration is steadfastly preparing for the 2018 Hurricane Season beginning June 1 and ending November 30. Integral to my responsibilities as Manager is the direction of emergency management functions for the Village. As a result, I have been working closely with my staff in ensuring we are prepared to provide the most effective public safety response to our residents and visitors.

In addition to an ongoing review of the Village's *Critical Incident Operations Plan (CIOP)*; we have taken the following new initiatives to enhance our response: Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) staff has developed a post major hurricane Village re-entry vehicle pass for residents, employees and other concerned personnel to expedite access through BHPD checkpoints. The specific procedure and details regarding obtaining these passes will be disseminated soon.

BHPD representatives have been attending on-going hurricane response and mitigation training by the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center (EOC), United States Army and the 2018 Governors Hurricane Conference. On May 23, 2018, all Village Department Directors and key members of the staff participated in a comprehensive hurricane table top training exercise involving a category 4 hurricane making a direct landfall on the Village. In an effort to have a backup or secondary base of operations in the event of a total power or infrastructure failure to the police station, I plan to present an item at the June 12, 2018 Council Meeting to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sea View Hotel which authorizes the BHPD and Village Officials to temporarily utilize their facility to direct the Village's public safety response during recovery efforts. This same arrangement and agreement is under consideration for the St. Regis Hotel and The Ritz-Carlton / One Bal Harbour Condominium. In addition, an item for an emergency generator and wiring of Village Hall will be on the June 12, 2018 Council Meeting agenda.

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As a coastal community, the Village's effective response to the landfall of a hurricane or severe weather event is paramount. The *CIO*P significantly addresses the pre-planning, response, recovery, and mitigation to the adverse effects of a tornado or major hurricane. This plan, on-going training and close coordination with the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center will ensure a successful response to a severe weather event.

Our upcoming Village Newsletter will be a special hurricane preparedness edition with helpful information to assist our residents and community prepare for the 2018 hurricane season.

In conclusion, we are committed to providing effective public safety to Village residents, business owners and visitors in general, but especially during emergencies.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me or Acting Chief Flowers.

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