

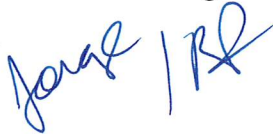
# BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 029-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: February 15, 2019  
Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department - Leo Awards**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to inform you that Officer George Waisman, Marine Patrol Officer, has been selected as finalist for the L.E.O. Awards, sponsored by Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police.

On August 12, 2018, Officer Waisman was patrolling the intracoastal waterways surrounding Bal Harbour Village when he discovered a capsized canoe near Oleta State Park. The family of four onboard the canoe encountered rough seas due to a severe thunderstorm that passed through the area. Due to the adverse weather conditions, the family were ejected from their canoe. The currents quickly separated the children ages 2 and 9, from their parents, further complicating Officer Waisman's rescue efforts. Fortunately, Officer Waisman was able to position the police vessel and safely rescue the children and parents from the Bay.

Officer Waisman's quick actions, courage and steadfast resolve ultimately saved four lives. Officer Waisman's heroism serves as a testament to his dedication to duty and the community he serves. It is for this reason that Officer Waisman has been selected as a finalist for this prestigious award.

Please join me in congratulating Officer George Waisman on his nomination for this prestigious award. If you are interested in attending the awards gala, please contact the Police Chief's Office by Friday, February 22 to confirm. The following are the gala details:

Saturday, March 2, 2019  
Trump Doral Hotel  
4400 NW 87th Avenue  
Doral, FL 33178  
Time: 5:30 pm

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me or Chief Flowers directly.

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