

Dear Captain Huisman:

As per our recent discussion, attached please find photos from the rescue that took place off of 3rd Avenue beach on the 4th of July. As you are aware, due to the large surf generated by Hurricane Arthur coupled with the holiday crowds my unit took a proactive approach to the situation and had patrols stationed on the beachfront that evening. Specifically, we patrolled the beach in the Humvee along with the Belmar Police department.

The use of the vehicle gave us to access the sand which allowed us a better vantage point to observe potential water emergencies. More importantly, due to the four wheel drive capabilities of the Hummer when the call came in for the drowning we were able to respond swiftly via the beach itself as opposed to taking Ocean Avenue which is our normal approach. As a result, our response time was greatly reduced and it allowed for us to have our rescue equipment immediately accessible at the waterline. It is my firm belief that had we not had the use of the Hummer this situation would not have had a happy ending as it was instrumental in saving this young woman's life.

Thank you again,

/s/ Brian T. Wilton
Captain, Belmar Water Rescue Team

