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Greetings All,

I wanted to let you guys know about an excellent job Dave Bollen & Justin Edwards performed on M-191, the Contender, last week.

We received a MERT call on July 21st, involving a victim in the water with 3 others drifting on a disabled boat a mile west of Redfish pass. I sent Dave & Justin to respond with the Contender while Jake Lamb & I stood-by the station. Despite some issues we have been having with the electrical system on M-191, much to the guy's frustration the shift before; the batteries were dead by all accounts. Somehow the batteries finally began to take a charge that afternoon with Dave, Jake & Justin's diligence and the boat started when tested. They were able to respond and headed for Redfish Pass. Meanwhile Captiva FD's jet-ski made contact with the disabled boat. Our guys were able to find the guy in the water drifting approximately a half mile from the disabled boat in open water. Dave was able to read the tide's direction & went right to the victim in the water and they brought him to safety at the T-dock at South Seas Plantation. They were met by the Medics. LCSO was able to tow the disabled boat with the others to safety.

It was an excellent job, despite the obstacles, well done by FF-P Dave Bollen and FF-P Justin Edwards. I could not be prouder of Dave and Justin's performance as well as FF-P Jake Lamb taking notes as we were here to cover the island.

I honestly feel that all of you guys are the best at what we do and that the island is lucky to have you working for them.

Respectfully,

Chief Bob Kinniry

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