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Gentlemen,

I have a lifesaving event to share with you all.

Last Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, on B shift a MERT call came in during an intense storm. A person fell out of their boat near Boca Grande pass and the wife was unable to operate the boat and they drifted apart. Because of the weather conditions, no other department was able to respond. That's when two of our crew stepped up, FF-P Joe Shogren and FF John Pinto insisted on making the call to respond. They fought the weather and rough seas and made it to the pass and were able to find the victim floating in the rough seas. They threw the life ring float to him. As it so happened the man was unable to climb on the boat because of having a large stature and with some quick thinking Pinto entered the water with a line and a life jacket. He was able to assist the victim with donning the jacket and then Shogren towed them to shallow water near shore where Boca Grande FD was waiting to assist. The self-less attitude and quick thinking of Joe and John saved a life that may have otherwise been lost. Along with Capt Dave Tyrrell and FF-P Lance Delgado standing by to keep the island protected.

You guys continue to make me proud and lucky to have you working with the Upper Captiva FD. A job well done!!

With Gratitude,

Bob Kinniry Chief  
Upper Captiva Fire & Rescue District