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Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments Rescue Swimmers in Distress

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On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, officers from the Atlantic City Police Department responded to the area of Iowa Avenue and the beach following reports of swimmers in distress.

Responding officers quickly organized a coordinated rescue effort after locating a 13-year-old male approximately 200 yards offshore and his mother approximately 100 yards from the shoreline. Shortly thereafter, members of the Atlantic City Fire Department arrived on scene with a personal watercraft and assisted in bringing both swimmers safely to shore.

Sergeant Nicholas Berardis coordinated the incident and ensured responding personnel were equipped with the necessary rescue gear.

ACPD Personnel Involved:

- Lieutenant James Herbert
- Sergeant Nicholas Berardis
- Sergeant Ermino Marsini
- Officer Riley Flynn
- Officer Kyle Riordan
- Officer Nicholas Timek
- Officer Tyler Dailey
- Officer Kevin Puca

ACFD Personnel Involved:

- Firefighter Cole Cullen
- Firefighter Andrew Kyle
- Firefighter Frank Walsh
- Firefighter Dominic Gitto

All personnel involved played a pivotal role in the successful rescue operation, ultimately saving two lives. The successful outcome was made possible through the coordinated efforts of the Atlantic City Police Department and Atlantic City Fire Department.

The Atlantic City Police Department reminds residents and visitors to swim only at guarded beaches during designated lifeguard hours. Ocean conditions can change rapidly, and rip currents, strong waves, and changing tides can quickly place swimmers in danger. Avoid swimming at unguarded beaches and always follow posted safety warnings.

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