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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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At approximately 10:00 AM this morning Duxbury Police responded to Duxbury Beach following a 911 call reporting that lifeguards were assisting a swimmer in distress. Officers on a nearby traffic detail heard the call and were among the first to arrive. Upon arrival officers found two lifeguards and a citizen on a surfboard attempting to bring a young man to shore. Officer Jim Tougas entered the water along with Assistant Harbormaster Steve Cameron and assisted the lifeguards in bringing the 17 year old man to shore where he was treated and transported by Duxbury Fire Department personnel. Officer Tougas credited the Recreation Department lifeguards (Alexandra Brady and Christina Padula) and the Good Samaritan with saving the man's life. The man apparently became caught in heavy surf and strong currents and was unable to reach shore on his own.

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