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Seal Beach Marine Safety Lifeguard Injured During Pier Rescue

SEAL BEACH, CA — On the evening of Monday, June 30, at approximately 7:30 p.m., two Seal Beach Marine Safety lifeguards responded to a report of a person in distress at the end of the pier. The individual was located unresponsive and disoriented in the water. Lifeguards immediately initiated a coordinated water rescue.

The first lifeguard on scene entered the water and began swimming the individual toward shore. A second lifeguard arrived moments later and jumped from the pier to assist. During his descent, the strap of his rescue buoy became entangled with the pier railing, suspending him briefly by the shoulder and neck. The lifeguard freed himself and successfully entered the water to aid in the rescue effort.

Out of an abundance of caution, the second lifeguard was evaluated for injury, and was released for duty.

The swift and heroic actions of both lifeguards were instrumental in saving the life of the victim.
