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PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday December 27th, 2023 at 7:31 AM, the Rusk County Sheriff's Office received several 911 calls reporting 3 subjects who were out ice fishing, had fallen through the ice on Fireside Lake in Rusk County, Township of Big Bend. Initial report was 2-3 subjects in the water, after gathering further information there was only one subject actually in the water. Callers reported there were a few local home owners trying to assist them with ropes and a sled. Prior to emergency services arrival the local home owners did get the individual out of the water and on shore. Homeowners rendered aid until emergency services arrived on scene. The subject was treated and transported by EMS to MMC-Rice Lake.

Bruce Fire Department was able to recover some of the fishing gear using their ice rescue equipment.

Agencies involved were Rusk County Sheriff's Office, Rusk County Ambulance Service, Bruce Fire Department, Chetek Fire Department Dive Team, Chetek Ambulance Service and LifeLink III.



Captain George Murray

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