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On Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at 6:54 p.m., the Barron County Sheriff's Department 911 center received a call of two people and a UTV that went through the ice near the Pokegama Boat Landing east of Chetek.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the Chetek Police Department, Chetek EMS and Chetek Fire Department all responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, both people that were in the water had been helped out of the water by a family that was ice fishing near the area. One male subject, 25 from Chetek, was treated and released at the scene and the driver of the UTV, a 53 year old male from Chetek, was transported to LMC with non-life threatening injuries.

Special thanks to the family that assisted in rescuing these two people and all the responders who left their families on Christmas to help others, as they do each and every day of the year.

The Barron County Sheriff's Department Recreational Division is handling this crash.

With warmer temps this week, please check ice conditions even if you are familiar with the lake.

Per Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

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