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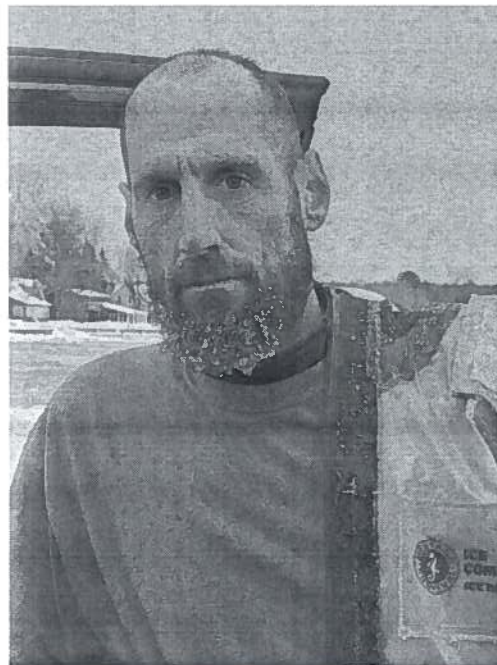
Fire Department Report

January was full of January fire fighter stuff most impressive was our ice rescue certification training. We sent Joseph Wiltz and Nathan Nelson to a "train the trainers" class a couple years ago and we reaped the benefits finally this January.

Assistant chief Wiltz and training officer Tyler Andreas gave the ice rescue squad that two-year recertification training, and newbies earned their patches. It definitely was a bonus having qualified teachers within our own department. Teachers in the past traveled to the island to teach this class knowing full well that we could teach the practical to anyone. We definitely have the premier ice rescue squad in the area hands down; most departments do not have the luxury of 4 wind sleds. Having taken this class myself 4 times, I have to say Jay and Tyler did a grade A job as teachers.

February we will be hands-on training with the Husky wind sled. With Arnie's blessing, our driver program should produce at least 6 more qualified drivers yet this winter. It's shaping up to be a very productive winter in regards to keeping our ice rescue program up to superior standards.

Be safe
Chief Reichkitzer



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