

GRAND CHUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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VEHICLE CAREENS INTO GRAND CHUTE RETENTION POND

Occupant Rescued; Accident Under Investigation

GRAND CHUTE – On Tuesday October 10th at 5:48 PM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to the 5000 block of West Schroth Lane for a report of a vehicle that drove into a retention pond. While units were en route, Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that one occupant was possibly trapped in the partially submerged vehicle.

Based on the information provided by dispatch, fire personnel proactively prepared the necessary equipment in transit to the scene to facilitate their immediate deployment and entry into the water to effect a rescue. The first due fire company arrived to find a pickup truck nearly completely submerged in the retention pond. A bystander, later assisted by Grand Chute Police Department Personnel had entered the water and removed the occupant from the vehicle. These rescuers were then assisted to shore by Grand Chute Fire Personnel who entered the water in encapsulated protective suits designed for cold water exposure. Firefighters proceeded to conduct a thorough tactile search of the vehicle and confirmed that there were no additional occupants.

The rescued occupant of the vehicle received immediate treatment by Grand Chute Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance personnel, and was subsequently transported to the hospital. The accident is under investigation by the Grand Chute Police Department.

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