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## *Press Release*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Fredericktown Divers Rescue Man from Knox Lake**

FREDERICKTOWN – Members of the Fredericktown Community Fire District and Fredericktown EMS responded to Knox Lake early on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to the report of a vehicle in the water. The call that came in to the Knox County Sheriff's Office at 3:36am reported seeing the vehicle drive into the water and that a person was in the water.

Emergency crews responded through the thick morning fog to Mansfield Road at the south end of the lake. Upon arrival to the scene, a silver colored Buick was spotted about 150 feet from the boat launch with a male patient still at the vehicle. Fredericktown Dive Team members quickly dressed in watertight rescue suits called "Gumby Suits" to venture out to the patient. The team of rescue divers consisted of Tom Durbin, Captain Jeff Harmer, Shane Smith, and John Watts who were assisted from the shore by the other responding members of the Fire and EMS. When the rescuers reached the male patient they found him conscious, confused, and standing in thigh deep water. When they reached the shore, the patient was turned over to the members of Fredericktown EMS who assessed and then transported him to Knox Community Hospital.

Department members remained on scene to assist in removing the car from the muddy water. The divers connected a winch cable from the rescue truck to the car so they could remove it from the lake. Crews returned to station shortly after 5:00am.

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