



Gilford Fire - Rescue

Press Release

Situation: Water Rescue, Saltmarsh Pond, Gilford

Date: July 16, 2022

Time: 1223 hrs.

On Scene: 1229 hrs.

U/C: 1232 hrs.

In Service: 1253 hrs.

Off Duty Gilford Fire Lieutenant Dion DeCarli was kayaking at Saltmarsh Pond when he heard a male subject yelling for help from the middle of the pond, where he had fallen out of his canoe while fishing. Lt DeCarli immediately made his way to the subject and brought him to shore. There were others at the pond that also helped by providing a life jacket to the gentleman. Lt DeCarli was able to secure the subject to his kayak and bring him to shore. It is estimated that the man had spent a total of 30 minutes in the water. An ambulance was requested to evaluate the patient who was cold, wet, and weak.

After being evaluated the subject refused any additional treatment or transport. Lt DeCarli continued to assist the gentleman by loading his canoe and equipment back into his truck and retrieving dry clothing for him.

Chief Stephen Carrier stated, "I am very proud of Lt DeCarli. He certainly was in the right place at the right time. This could have had a very different outcome if he was not on the pond. We are very glad that everyone is safe and healthy. Please wear your personal flotation devices. Accidents happen."

2 Gilford Ambulances and a Command Vehicle responded to the scene.

Further information or clarification may be available during business hours by contacting the Gilford Fire-Rescue. Lt Dion DeCarli will be on duty on Wednesday, 7/20, if you would like to speak with him.

Chief Stephen M Carrier

8.18.2022

1100 hrs.