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## **Press Release**

### **Rocky Hill Police officers rescue injured boater from Connecticut River.**

**Rocky Hill, September 20, 2008**

- **On Saturday September 20, 2008 at 9:32 am, the Rocky Hill Police Emergency Center received a report that a boater had fallen into the Connecticut River at the Ferry Landing Boat Launch, and that he was in distress and going under water. Rocky Hill Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services were immediately dispatched.**
- **Rocky Hill Police Officers were first to arrive on scene and found an unoccupied boat at the boat launch with no operator visible. Officers boarded the vessel and began an immediate search south on the Connecticut River. Within moments, two Rocky Hill Police officers aboard the vessel, and one on the shore of the river, located the boater and were able to place him on board for transport to emergency medical services at the boat launch.**
- **With assistance from members of the Rocky Hill Fire Department, life saving CPR was initiated in the field, and the boater was transported to Harford Hospital with life threatening injuries.**
- **Initial reports had indicated a possibility that a second victim may have been in the water. With the assistance of the Cromwell, Glastonbury and Portland Fire Departments, as well as the Cromwell, Hartford and Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police Agencies, the area was checked and verified with sonar and no additional victims were found. The Connecticut State Police assisted by air with the Trooper One Helicopter, and the Capital Region Emergency Services Dive Team was also deployed.**
- **The reconstruction of this accident to determine cause is being conducted by the Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police Department. The condition of the victim will be released as information becomes available.**

**Lieutenant Robert Catania  
Patrol Division Commanding Officer**