NEWS RELEASE

Type and Description of Incident: Water Rescue

The Derry Fire Communications Center received a single 911 call at 08:53 hours from a resident reporting a boat overturned with an unknown number of people in the water on Beaver Lake; reported to be in the area of 22 Beaver Lake Avenue.

Derry Fire Prevention and other Staff Personnel, as well as, a mutual aid ambulance from Windham responded to the above address. A simultaneous structure fire incident was in progress at 5 North Main Street; all other Derry Units were committed to the structure fire.

Initial arriving personnel found one adult male in the water with a dog struggling to stay afloat, while clutching the side of an overturned kayak. Neither were wearing a personal floatation device. A bystander on a personal watercraft rescued the dog.

Prior to the arrival of a Derry Marine Unit - Lieutenant Michael Stanhope donned a personal floatation device, deployed a second kayak located at the scene, and rescued the struggling victim from the water (see attached picture). Derry Marine Unit arrived and was deployed to retrieve the overturned kayak. The adult male victim was treated by Windham Fire EMS personnel and transported to Elliot Hospital.

Injuries To Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:
There were no injuries to fire department personnel. One adult male was transported to the Elliot Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The dog involved sustained no injuries and is doing well.

Additional Remarks:
This non-traditional response was crucial to the positive outcome of this incident. If not for their quick response, the outcome may have been much different.

See attached photo of rescue. (Lieutenant Michael Stanhope)

Incident #	2016-002186	Time of Alarm	08:53
Date of Incident:	06/09/2016	Time "Under Control"	09:15
Incident Address:	22 Beaver Lake Avenue	Recall of Alarm	09:45

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief James Richardson Date: 06/09/2016

Signature of Fire Officer:

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