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For immediate release: Incident Number 2023-1076

Child Struck by Falling Tree

On March 14, 2023, at approximately 1:57 p.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a call reporting that a large tree had fallen, striking and trapping a child underneath the tree. The child was reported to be playing outside near a parent who was clearing snow and witnessed the incident.

Along with Derry Police, Derry Engine 4, Engine 2, Medic 4, Utility 3 (plow) K1, K2, M1 and Chief 2 were dispatched. First arriving units found a child trapped under a large tree and requested additional resources including an additional engine and heavy rescue.

Derry Fire and Derry Police utilized bare hands, chains saws and shovels to access the child and stabilize the tree. In total 16 firefighters and three police officers worked for 19 minutes to free the child from underneath the tree.

The child was immediately moved to an awaiting Advanced Life Support Ambulance and transported to a nearby hospital. The child was found to be in good spirits and received minor injuries.

No other civilians or firefighters were injured at this incident.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Assistant Chief Shawn M. Haggart

