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**Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to Tree and Wires Down on Vehicle**

On Wednesday at 2:43 p.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS was dispatched to a report of a tree and wires down on a vehicle on Depot Road near Foreside Road. Falmouth Ambulance 2, Engine 1 along with Chief Howard Rice and Assistant Chief Jay Hallett responded. As units responded Falmouth Dispatch advised that there was a report of a subject trapped in the vehicle. Falmouth Engine 2 was then dispatched to the scene as well.

Falmouth Fire-EMS and Police units arrived within 5 minutes to find a red pickup facing Eastbound with a large tree and power lines down across the top of the vehicle. There were also a total of four broken telephone poles (three on Depot Road and a 4<sup>th</sup> on Foreside Road). Police and Fire-EMS units made contact with the driver and sole occupant of the truck to confirm that he was okay and to ensure that he remained in the vehicle. The occupant was not injured and remained in the vehicle while Central Maine Power units were called to the scene. Police and Fire-EMS units blocked the roadway to keep bystanders and other vehicles away from the downed lines and poles.

Within minutes CMP arrived on scene and power crews were able to remove the tree and wires so that the occupant could safely exit the vehicle. The subject was out of the vehicle at 3:18 p.m. The truck was then removed from the tangled mess of tree limbs and wires. By then CMP and Fair Point had multiple crews on scene and started the long process of fixing the services.

Falmouth Public Works was called to the scene to set up barricades and "Road Closed" signs. At 9:00 p.m. Depot Road from Route 1 to Foreside Road and Foreside Road from the Portland Country Club to Skillins Greenhouse remain closed to through traffic.

Falmouth Fire-EMS reminds the public to stay away from any downed power lines and call Central Maine Power. If power lines come in contact with your vehicle please remain in your vehicle until CMP arrives and the power is shut off. If you must leave the vehicle in an emergency situation (example: the vehicle is on fire) jump away from the vehicle with both feet together, making sure that you do not touch the vehicle when you touch the ground. As a reminder, this is recommended only in a life-threatening situation.

End of release.

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