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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Injured Hiker on Trail during Rain and Wind Storm

On Wednesday at 9:17 a.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS was called to the report of an injured hiker on a trail next to the Presumpscot River in Falmouth with the caller's GPS mapping to the area near 164 Falmouth Road. Falmouth Ambulance 2, Engine 2, Utility 4, and Car 5 (Deputy Chief Shea) responded. Utility 4 carries a wheel and stokes basket for off-road rescues.

Units arrived on scene and entered the woods behind 164 Falmouth Road to the trail and once on the trail, crews saw the injured hiker across the river on a different trail system. Crews then relocated to the opposite side of the river near the end of Stapleford Drive by the entrance to the Presumpscot River Preserve Trail.

Crews hiked in and met up with the injured hiker who had fallen on the trail while walking their dog. The hiker was treated on scene and removed from the woods using the wheel with stokes basket to an awaiting ambulance.

The weather at the time of the call was light rain with gusting winds and a temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit and a wind chill of 37 degrees Fahrenheit.

Deputy Chief Colin Shea credited the department's response software in helping to track and direct the crews to the injured hiker on the trail. He also commended the crews with getting the patient out of the woods and to the warm ambulance during the storm in a timely and safe manner.

The Falmouth Police Department assisted the Falmouth Fire-EMS crews on scene by taking the dog home to its family.

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