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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Person in Water

On Monday afternoon at 1:17 p.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS was dispatched to a report of someone seen in the water off Baysite Lane. Engine 2, Ambulance 2 and Assistant Chief Jay Hallett responded. Other crews responded to the Foreside Fire Station to get the fire department's small inflatable boat. Once crews arrived on scene they were able to see a person in a life jacket in the water approximately 100 yards off shore. The person was swimming parallel to the shoreline and was able to acknowledge the crews on land. Falmouth Police also responded and made contact with a local Lobsterman who was in the area. He was able to respond to the person in the water.

The ambulance was re-routed to the Town Landing as was the Fire Department boat. The boat was in the process of being deployed as the Lobsterman arrived at the person in the water. The crew on the lobster boat was able to pull the man into their boat at 1:32 p.m., just 15 minutes after the initial dispatch. They then transported the man to the Town Landing where he was evaluated by the EMS crews at 1:37 p.m., 20 minutes after the initial dispatch.

Assistant Chief Hallett credited the local lobsterman who rescued the man in the water. He also credited the man himself, who was wearing both a wet suit and a life jacket when his boat overturned off Sturdivant Island. With water temperatures around 54 degrees Fahrenheit, it could take less than 1 hour for someone to start to feel the effects of hypothermia in the water.

The Coast Guard was notified and Maine Marine Patrol responded to the scene.

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