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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### Incident: Vehicle Goes into the Vedder

**Abbotsford – March 18, 2011.**

Yesterday at 1:30 pm a grey PT Cruiser left the roadway near No.3 Road off ramp and entered the Vedder Canal. The 65 year old male driver was assisted from the vehicle by a 45 year old man who observed the incident from McDonald Park. It is believed that the driver may have suffered from medical distress immediately before the vehicle entered the water. The driver is currently in critical condition in hospital.

The Abbotsford Police would like to credit the quick action of the 45 year old Abbotsford man for not only rescuing the driver from the water but also for initiating CPR until the arrival of BC Ambulance. His heroism and the diligent work of the ambulance crew revived the driver prior to transport to hospital.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the injured man and our gratitude is extended to those who worked to save his life.

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To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*