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Incident: APD Officers and Friend Rescue Youth from Discovery Trail Pond

Abbotsford – July 11, 2013.

Yesterday at 3:15 pm the Abbotsford Police Department was called to assist with an injured youth who had fallen into a pond on the Discovery Trail near Wells Gray Avenue and McKinley Drive. The first two APD Patrol Division officers that arrived were guided to the scene by a teenaged boy. The officers immediately observed the 17 year old male old victim struggling in the pond while being assisted by his friend. The police officers quickly removed their excess equipment, traversed the steep 30 foot embankment and entered the water. A third APD officer then arrived and also jumped into the water. A man in his 30's helped police from land and kept watch over the discarded gear.

The victim was ultimately pulled from the water and received treatment from BC Ambulance and Abbotsford Fire Rescue personnel. He was taken to hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. If not for the actions of the friend and the officers, the victim would likely have drowned.

The Abbotsford Police Department wants to identify the teenage boy who assisted by guiding our officers to the scene and the man who helped from the bank of the pond. We would like the opportunity to offer our thanks for the vital roles they played in the rescue.

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