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NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE:

July 24, 2013

TO:

All News Media

FROM:

Scott Burkart, Deputy Chief of EMS-Prevention

SUBJECT: WATER RESCUE TRAINING

The department will be conducting water rescue training today on the Xcel Energy property off of Old Wells Road. The training will consist of submerging a car in the water and the fire/rescue crews utilizing the side scan sonar and underwater camera from a boat to locate the vehicle. Simulating a rescue, department divers will then dive to the submerged car and retrieve a rescue dummy from the car. In preparation for this training, the engine, transmission, glass, and all fluids were removed from the vehicle, as approved by the DNR. The vehicle will be retrieved immediately after the training is completed.

The onsite contact person is Dave Whitehouse, who can be contacted by calling the fire department at 715-839-5012.