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On February 24, 2021 at approximately 10:42 AM, crews were dispatched for an Ice Rescue. Two males had broken through the ice and were in the water. One person remained on top of the ice and could not move due to thin ice. The location is the pond at Kyle Park in the City of Tipp City beside the levy on the First Street side.

The three men were ice fishing on the pond. The ice gave way under two of the men in front of the ice shanty. The remaining man was behind the shanty. Upon arrival TCFES personnel responded to the Kyle Park side of the levy. A decision was quickly made to keep Rescue 5 on the West side of the levy on First Street. All units were relocated to the West side of the levy for operations.

Two rescue personnel in ice rescue suits and tethered with a rope to on shore personnel made their way onto the ice. The rescuers went to the men in the water first. They were able to extricate both victims from the icy water within eight minutes of being on scene. The third victim was brought to shore within eleven minutes. The third victim was not in the water at any time. All equipment was salvaged by TCFES personnel.

All three victims were assessed by EMS units on the scene. The two victims that were in the water were transported to local emergency rooms for evaluation by medical personnel. The third victim was assessed and did not want transported to a hospital. The men were all adults ranging from 20-60 years old. All transported victims arrived at the hospitals in stable condition.

“The rescue was a total team effort on behalf of all personnel. Our personnel utilized ice and rope rescue skills to make an effective rescue.”

Crews were assisted by Tipp City Police Department and Bethel Fire medic 1. Fire, EMS and Police crews did not report any injuries.

TCFES recommends that all persons stay off of the ice. The freeze-thaw cycle significantly reduces the integrity of the ice.

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