

NEWS

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RELEASE

For Immediate Release – Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Town of Lake Tomahawk – On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 3:21 p.m. Deputy Nate Ouimette was at residence in the Town of Lake Tomahawk doing an investigation when he called Dispatch stating he had fallen into a septic or well and needed assistance.

Officers from the Woodruff Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Oneida County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. Assisting was Lake Tomahawk Fire Department and Medic 4.

As Deputy Ouimette was falling, he was able to brace himself and keep his head above ground until rescue personnel arrived. Deputy Ouimette was freed after being trapped for 22 minutes. Deputy Ouimette was transported to Howard Young Facility for examination. Deputy Ouimette was discharged with minor scratches.

Investigation showed homeowner had covered the septic with boards. When Deputy Ouimette stepped on the snow covered boards, they broke, causing the fall.

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