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Park District Incident Results in Ice & Cold Water Rescue Training for Local Fire Departments

Yesterday, February 10 while preparing ice rinks at Four Seasons a Lombard Park District maintenance vehicle fell through the ice and became fully submerged, 20 feet in the water. All safety protocols were taken and no onsite injuries were had.

This morning, several local fire departments were able to use the incident as Ice & Cold Water Rescue Training (Lombard, Oak Brook Terrace, York Center, Itasca, Winfield, Villa Park, Roselle, West Chicago). With the assistance of West & Sons Towing, the vehicle was removed from the water within three hours.

The Illinois Environment Protection Agency (IEPA) was onsite as well as DuPage County Stormwater team. All precautions and safety measures were made to ensure there were no automobile fluid leaks or hazardous materials. IEPA will return in the spring for a water quality test after the ice melts.

For questions or concerns, please contact Executive Director Paul Friedrichs, 630-953-6016.

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