



News Release

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ANGOSTURA RESERVIOR, HOT SPRINGS, S.D. – On March 18, 2023 at 4:12 p.m., a 911 call was received by Fall River County Dispatch in reference to a man that had fallen into the water at Cold Brook Reservoir. The 62yo Hot Springs man had been out fishing when his boat overturned causing him to fall into the water and was holding onto the ice.

The individual's daughter who had called 911, maintained communication with the Dispatcher, giving updates on his status while units from the Fall River County Sheriffs Office, Hot Springs Police Department, Hot Springs Ambulance, Hot Springs Fire Department and South Dakota Highway Patrol responded.

Fall River County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dobbs was one of the first on scene along with Hot Springs Police Departments Officer Justin Richardson. Deputy Dobbs who secured a rope around his waist, crawled out onto the ice, but was unable to reach him due to the ice breaking beneath him. The Hot Springs Volunteer Fire Department arrived on scene a short time later. Three of the Fire Fighters were able to quickly don their Ice Water Rescue suits and proceeded out onto the ice and rescued the individual from the frigid waters. He was brought to the safety of the awaiting Ambulance, who transported him to Fall River Hospital for treatment.

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