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DMFD Ice Rescue Training at Gray's Lake

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Thursday, January 24, 2019 – The Des Moines Fire Department's Water Emergency Team (W.E.T.) will be conducting nighttime ice rescue training at 6 p.m. January 24th-26th. The drills will occur offshore from Gray's Lake's northwest boat ramp.

While the Department's W.E.T. routinely conducts winter training, these sessions will introduce the added complication of darkness as it relates to rescue operations. In particular, equipment setup and victim location will become more challenging for the rescuers operating in low light conditions. Colder nighttime temperatures will also complicate operations for rescuers and support personnel.

First formed in 1994, the W.E.T. responds, on average, to nearly twenty emergencies annually on Des Moines' bodies of water.

For more information, contact the City of Des Moines Fire Department PIO at (515) 283-4948.

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