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Technical Rescue at Wediko Children's Services in Windsor, NH

CONCORD, NH (September 18, 2023) – Concord Tower 1, Rescue 1, and Ambulance 1 responded to Wediko Children's Services in Windsor, NH on Sunday, September 15 to assist the Hillsboro Fire Department units on the scene with a Technical Rescue. The first arriving Hillsboro units were dispatched to the incident at 5:50 p.m. and made the decision to special call Concord units to the scene at 8:03 p.m.

Upon arrival, units learned that an 11-year-old male had become wedged in a 12-inch wide space between two large boulders. Tower 1 contacted Incident Command and worked with fire companies to devise a plan for removing the victim.

The victim was conscious and alert and located approximately 4 to 5 feet down between the two boulders with narrow access to either side. Due to the restricted opening, the victim had limited room to move his arms or legs.

Concord Fire Department crews worked in conjunction with on-scene Fire and EMS companies from Henniker, Hillsboro, and the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact. Manchester Fire Rescue 1 was also called to the scene at 11:53 p.m. to assist with technical rescue operation. Crews worked together to clear a tunnel to the side of the boulders, which allowed a rescuer to reach the victim's legs and assist with removal from the top of the boulders.

At 3:15 a.m., the victim was freed and vertically hoisted after additional debris was removed using jackhammers, concrete cutting saws, and shovels. Friction-reducing plastics and oil/soap solutions were also used to protect the victim from injury and ease the removal process.

The victim was transported to Concord Hospital by the Concord Fire Department with minor injuries and was released from the hospital the following day.

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If you require further information about this incident, please contact Chief John Chisholm at 603-230-3801, or jchisholm@concordnh.gov.