



Memorandum

TO: City of Neenah and Menasha Common Council Members
Mayor Merkes
Mayor Kaufert

FROM: Chief Auxier

DATE: September 19, 2014

RE: Quarry Quest

As you know, Michel's Quarry invited our Dive Team to put together an activity for Quarry Quest. "Beneath the Surface" was a simulated dive scenario. This involved the divers getting into the water, from the surface, diving down and searching for the vehicle and possible victims. Once the vehicle was located, they completed a 360 degree inspection of the vehicle to look for potential victims. Once they found a victim they would communicate that and begin to surface with the victim. Through the entire scenario the diver communicated with the tender who was on shore. They wore GOPRO cameras with a live feed that televised onto three televisions on the surface. While this was happening, the non-divers were at the surface to explain what the divers encounter, how they mitigate problems and how they help the victims who could be in the water with the vehicle. They also discussed boating, open water and ice safety.

The feedback from this event was extremely positive. We are grateful for the opportunity to help the public understand the importance of safety while out enjoying recreational activities on the water. If there is ever an unfortunate accident we were able to help the people present understand the processes involved to conduct rescue efforts under the water. We feel education is a key component and many people present communicated their realization of how important it is to make better choices while enjoying their recreational activities on our area waterways.

Scheels donated the GOPRO's, Eye of Mind donated the live feed housing, Silica donated three televisions and Fox Stamp's help with our banner. We are appreciative of these vendor's for letting us use their equipment and they have all committed to letting us this equipment at future Quarry Quest events.

We are especially grateful for Michels Quarry and their continued support of our Dive Team and our Department.

When we received the invitation to participate at Quarry Quest I had a hard time imagining the activity we could do and would have an impact on the public regarding the importance of safety while out on the water. Once again, I am amazed with another idea our members came up with that achieved our goal of educating the public on water safety and what happens if we ever get a call. Our Dive Team members put a lot of time and effort to coordinate this event and a couple of them spent quite a bit of their off duty time working on this to make sure it was a success. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication to our Department and the citizens we serve in both of our communities.

Thank you for your support of our desire to maintain a Dive Team and for the support you give to our Department.

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