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# News Release

Incident: Drowning  
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On Tuesday, August 7, 2007, the Egg Harbor Township Police Department responded to a possible drowning which occurred at approximately 12:24pm at Crystal Lake located behind the Crystal Lake development in the Bargaintown section of the township.

The police and EMS arrived on the scene followed by the Egg Harbor Township Technical Rescue Team [TRT]. The TRT is made up from members of all five township fire departments. The Ventnor Police Department Dive Unit responded also. The search went on and the body was found at 1:30pm. The victim was pronounced dead at 1:36pm by Dr. McNulty through the paramedics at the scene.

The Bargaintown, Cardiff, and Scullville Fire Departments responded to assist. The Absecon Emergency Service also responded to assist with the rehab of the rescuers.

The victim was with four of his co-workers who were applying a roof to a new house near by and decided to cool off during their lunch break. The victim [name withheld until next of kin notified] was the first in the water. After wading in a few feet, it was believed that the sand under his feet was unstable causing him to slide down into the water. His co-workers who also did not know how to swim attempted to reach for him but could not. One witness ran to a nearby house to call for assistance. The victim was under water for more than an hour before he was found and pulled from the water.

The workers were employees of the Michael Wright Construction Company.

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