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### **PHOTO OP: Freezin' for a reason – Mayor Haak to participate in ZFD ice rescue training**

**WHAT:**

Every winter Zionsville Fire Department does ice rescue training to simulate pulling victims from icy cold water. This year will be no different except that Mayor Haak will be participating. Mayor Haak will don an ice rescue suit, jump through the water and illustrate a rescue with ZFD.

About 54 firefighters will be participating in the trainings, which take place over the course of three days next week. As part of the training, firefighters will play the part of a victim while other firefighters rescue that victim using various methods including: throwing bags, crawling to the victim in ice rescue suits and deploying an ice rescue boat.

**WHY:**

Ice rescue training keeps firefighters familiar with an infrequently used skill. According to Jeff Beam, ZFD Deputy Chief of Administration, "Victims have very little time to be rescued. It is imperative that we be proficient in our skills."

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Pond in Village Walk neighborhood (just north of Ford Road and Oak Street intersection)

**WHO:** Zionsville Fire Department and Mayor Haak

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