

## Salem EMTs praise 3 citizens for help at accident scene

*by Cheryl McDermott*

Salem Fire Department paramedics and firefighters praised the efforts of three citizens who stepped up to help accident victims in one of several crashes that occurred Monday morning due to icy road conditions.

At about 8:45 a.m., January 7, 911 dispatch received a report of a rollover crash at the intersection of Skyline Road and Cole Road S., a news release stated.

When fire personnel arrived on scene, they found an SUV on its side in a water and mud-filled ditch, with a woman â€“ reportedly a grandmother, still inside.

Jesse Adams, one of the Good Samaritans, was standing in the deep mud and water rendering assistance to the woman.

Two other Good Samaritans, identified only as Mr. and Mrs. Montage, were caring for the woman's five-year-old grandson in their vehicle, keeping him safe and warm while paramedics and firefighters worked to free his grandmother.

Captain John Justice stated, "These three individuals really made a tremendous difference in assisting the rescue of the people trapped in the car. We cannot thank them enough," Fire Captain John Justice stated.

Both grandmother and grandson were transported to Salem Hospital in good condition, fire personnel reported.

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