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Press Release

This afternoon the Thurston Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched for a roll over motor vehicle accident on County Route 2 in Thurston. When they arrived on scene, they found a 4-door sedan precariously standing on its front bumper in a ditch. One person was out of the car, but one other was still in the vehicle and was pinned with serious injuries.

The Thurston crew knew they had no time to waste and called for the Bath Volunteer Fire Departments Rescue Team for air bags. A medical helicopter was also called along with Corning Ambulance Service. Addison Volunteer Fire Department was called for a landing zone for the helicopter.

When Bath Fire arrived on scene, we found that Thurston Fire working with the New York State Police had taken steps to stabilize the car. Had it moved at all it could have been tragic, and they did a great job! From there we continued stabilization with Rescue 42 struts and more blocking. A strap was also connected to the axle of the car and the other end to Bath's Rescue and tightened with a come-a-long just enough to hold it steady. Two of Bath's crew members then made entry into the car for disentanglement and patient assessment. The "Jaws of Life" Hurst O-Cutter was then used to cut away the B post that was pinning the patient along with a reciprocating saw. They were then able to be pulled out of the vehicle to the awaiting Corning Ambulance crew and Guthrie Medivac teams.

It was another great example of neighboring departments, law enforcement and Emergency Medical Services working together when the pressure is on!

Photos courtesy of John Conrad Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

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