

Crews rescue boy from rocks in South River

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CONWAY — A 10-year-old boy was transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital on Thursday with injuries that resulted from being trapped between two rocks in South River.

Members of the Conway Fire Department responded to the South River near Reeds Bridge Road at around 2:30 p.m. following a 911 call reporting a boy whose foot was caught between rocks.

“The force of the water spun him around and forced him under the water,” said Fire Chief Robert Baker. “But luckily, his father was right there and was able to hold his head above the water while his other brother called 911.”

Once on scene, rescuers jumped in the water. As more people arrived, they were able to divert some of the wa-

ter to take the tension off the boy and his father.

“The water is really swift right there,” Baker said.

The Northfield Dive/Rescue Team was called to assist and South Deerfield Fire Department arrived with the Jaws of Life, but ultimately, the tool was not strong enough to break the rocks.

“We were able to ... grease his ankle and reduce water flow and pull his ankle out of the wedge,” Baker said.

The boy, who Baker said was from the Northampton area, was extricated from the rocks about an hour and a half after crews arrived.

Baker said the boy was headed to Cooley Dickinson Hospital with what appeared to be a knee injury.

“Everything worked out well in the end,” he said.

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