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* Press Release *

On Sunday, August 6th at 05:42 the Esopus Fire Department and Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad were dispatched to a report of a one car motor vehicle accident in the area of 711 Route 9W. The first arriving unit was on the scene within five minutes and reported a single car off the roadway with one patient still in the car. Due to the entrapment a 2nd alarm was requested for manpower as well an ALS unit to respond. A medevac helicopter was requested to go on stand-by but was not available. Firefighters were able to extricate the patient from the car in twenty minutes using Hurst tools commonly referred to as the Jaws of Life. It took an additional 10 minutes to bring the patient up to the roadway, the vehicle and patient were located 15 foot down an embankment requiring low angle rescue techniques and ropes. Original reports stated there was a second patient, firefighters and police searched the woods for 30 minutes until additional information was received and the search was discontinued. The patient was transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie by Esopus Ambulance, assisted by Mobile Life Support Services. Route 9W was closed for approximately 2 hours during the cleanup and accident investigation.

While operating at this incident, Esopus Fire and Esopus Ambulance were dispatched for a Motor Vehicle Accident involving a motorcycle in the area of 46 Ulster Ave. One patient was transported by Esopus Ambulance to Vassar Hospital. Ulster Ave was closed for approximately 45 minutes for this incident.

Esopus Firefighters were assisted by the Town of Esopus Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Mobile Life Support Services, the New York State Police, and the Ulster County Sherriff's Office.