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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

At approx 10:14 am this date, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office took a 911 call transferred from Hancock County 911, reporting a man in the water. Janice Newton, wife of the victim, Stan Newton, age 77, from rural Pandora, reported her husband was attempting to rescue his dog from the ice covered pond when he too fell in. Newton was unable to make a self rescue and was quickly over-come by the cold water and went unconscious and partially submerged in the water.

The Sheriff's dive team, once on scene was able to recover Newton and pulled from the Water. Resuscitation efforts were started by deputies and the Pandora EMS as he was then transported to St. Ritas Abulatory Care Center in Glandorf. After being submerged for approx 30 minutes, emergency room staff was able to revive the victim and then transported to Lima St. Ritas. Current condition unknown at time of writing (12:35pm) Pandora Fire Dept. also responded assisting in the rescue.

NOTE: It is medically reported that a person has a chance of recovery upto one hour if submerged in cold water. (less than 70 degrees.) The water temperature and age of the victim is crucial in survival.

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