



PRESS RELEASE

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Ames Police and Fire Department Rescue Woman from Railroad Bridge

At 1:27 A.M. on April 8, 2021, the Ames Police Department was contacted by Union Pacific Railroad reporting a person on the outside railing of the bridge at Dayton Avenue. When officers arrived, they found a distraught adult female grasping the railing. Officers physically held the woman to keep her from falling to the tracks below.

The Ames Fire Department was contacted to assist in the rescue. APD officers held the woman from above while AFD positioned a ladder truck. APD officers climbed up and secured the woman in a harness and AFD lowered them all to the ground safely.

This team effort from both the Ames Fire and Ames Police Departments led to the successful rescue of the woman. She was taken to Mary Greeley Medical Center for evaluation.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Sergeant Joel Congdon, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5230 or (515) 239-5130 or Commander Nick Lucchesi, Ames Fire Department at (515) 239-5415

Anyone with information relating to this incident is encouraged to contact the Ames Police Department at 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line, **239-5533**. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at 515-223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com or text a tip, Text "PCCS" plus your message to 274637 (CRIMES).



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