

# **Taunton Police and Fire Departments rescue 2-year old unresponsive child in near drowning**

Police Chief Edward J. Walsh and Fire Chief Timothy Bradshaw report that the Taunton Police and Fire Departments responded to a residence Wednesday evening for a report of an unresponsive child in a swimming pool.

At approximately 5:30p.m., Taunton Police, Fire and EMS were dispatched to an address on Washington Street. Police were on scene in less than one minute, and officers pulled a 2-year-old child out of the pool and immediately began providing medical aid and CPR. Additional Police and Fire personnel arrived shortly after and assisted until EMS arrived.

The child was transported to a nearby hospital by Brewster Ambulance and was taken by medical helicopter to a Boston Hospital. The child was reported to be breathing on their own, but no other updates are available at this time on the child's condition.

"I commend the work of the officers for arriving on scene as quickly as they did, within one minute of the initial call," Chief Walsh said. "The quick actions of both the police and fire personnel is a testament to their training and ability to act under very stressful circumstances."

The incident is under investigation by the Taunton Police Department.

Drowning is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, accounting for 7% of all injury-related deaths.

United States of America: drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children aged 1-14 years.

There are an estimated 360,000 annual drowning deaths worldwide.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs347/en/>



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