

Firefighters bring man down from New Bedford/Fairhaven bridge

At approximately 6am on April 25th, 2015, a 911 call came in regarding a despondent male on the New Bedford/Fairhaven bridge. Upon arrival officers observed the male sitting on the top span of the bridge on the southeast corner.

The fire department immediately responded with a ladder truck. Officer Jakub Cwiek (a former firefighter in New Bedford) and firefighter Robert Ferreira were able to establish a dialogue with the 27-year old New Bedford man.

Both Cwiek and Ferreira climbed the ladder and were able to bring the man safely down to the street. He was transported to St. Luke's Hospital for a medical evaluation. Both men should be commended for their actions in preventing what could have been a tragic situation.

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