Mt. Tritle Road Swiftwater Rescue

November 2, 2026 | Groom Creek Fire District

On November 1, 2026, at approximately 10:48 a.m., the Prescott Regional Communications Center began receiving multiple 911 calls reporting a vehicle stranded in the water along Mt. Tritle Road. Personnel from Groom Creek Fire District, Life Line Ambulance, and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) were immediately dispatched to the area. Due to the technical nature and complexity of the incident, additional resources from the Prescott Fire Department (PFD) and Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) were requested to assist with the rescue operation.

Upon arrival, crew members located a black pickup truck partially submerged in water, with two occupants in the bed of the vehicle. After assessing the conditions and hazards associated with the rescue, it was determined that specialized technical rescue personnel from PFD and CAFMA would be needed to safely reach and remove the occupants. Upon arrival, Technical Rescue Team (TRT) personnel evaluated the scene and determined that a boat-based rescue would provide the safest means of reaching the stranded individuals. Rescue technicians successfully navigated the floodwaters, reached the vehicle, and safely evacuated both occupants. Following the rescue, both individuals were evaluated at the scene by Life Line Ambulance paramedics and subsequently released. No injuries to either the occupants or responding emergency personnel were reported.

Preliminary information indicated that the vehicle had been traveling northbound on Mt. Tritle Road toward Senator Highway when it became stranded in floodwaters.

Groom Creek Fire District reminds residents and visitors that floodwaters can rise rapidly and without warning. As little as six inches of moving water can knock a person off their feet, while 12 inches can carry away many passenger vehicles. Never attempt to cross a flooded roadway, as water may conceal dangerous conditions. Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown! If you become stranded in floodwaters, call 911 immediately and follow the instructions of emergency personnel.

Groom Creek Fire District extends its sincere appreciation to all responding agencies and personnel who assisted with this incident. The successful outcome of this rescue highlights the importance of interagency cooperation, specialized training, and the strong working relationships shared among emergency response agencies throughout the Prescott region. Through coordinated efforts and a commitment to public safety, responders were able to bring this potentially dangerous situation to a successful conclusion without injury.

For additional information, questions, or concerns regarding this incident, please contact:

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In the event of a fire, medical emergency, or other life-threatening situation, always dial 911.