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Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department gives DNR Life Saving award for ice rescue

Ronald Odash and Spencer Bobst were recognized for saving the life of a man who had fallen through the ice near Nisswa in March. Gary Daml was fishing on Gladstone Lake about 500 feet from the public water access when he fell through the ice. Odash and Spencer saw Daml fall through the ice. Odash called 9-1-1 and drove to the lake. Bobst ventured onto the lake with an extension ladder.

Gary Daml was glad he was able to see the heroes receive the award. "I really want to thank Spencer and Ron for the quick response. Getting that extension ladder out to me and allowing me to get up on top of it and waiting for the firemen to get there to get me off the ice. The very quick decisive action led to my rescue."

Crow Wing County Sheriff's Captain Scott Goddard, nominated the men for the Minnesota DNR life saving award. "Without the quick action of Ronald Odash and Spencer Bobst this incident could have easily resulted in a body recovery effort not a rescue. Their immediate action was truly heroic."

The Nisswa Fire Department and Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department assisted with the rescue.

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