

# Rochester Fire Department Monthly Media Blast



## April 2019

- **Accelerated Ice Melt:** The worst of our snowy winter is well behind us, and everyone is heading outdoors to shake off cabin fever. This includes small children who become more active and start to explore. But with the nicer weather comes more dangerous ice on lakes, ponds and rivers. With the more intense sunlight, the ice actually begins to act like glass in a greenhouse, warming the water beneath and melting the ice from below! RFD urges everyone to be vigilant around the ice as spring approaches. And remember, ice is never 100% safe.



- **Back to School:** RFD is launching a new program this year to help local high school students interested in a career in firefighting get a jump start on their future. RFD and Rochester Public Schools will partner up during the 2019-2020 school year to offer Firefighter 1 and 2 courses in the school district. This is a brand new addition to the high school curriculum that is available to next year's juniors and seniors at Mayo, Century, and John Marshall high schools. The course will include online course work and hands-on training with Rochester firefighters.

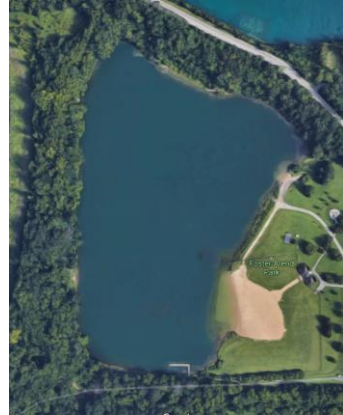
- **Vehicle Extrication with Gold Cross:** RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 4: On Monday, April 8, RFD will host a vehicle extrication drill with Gold Cross Ambulance paramedic students. The drill will take place in the afternoon at Fire Station 4 (1875 41<sup>st</sup> NW). RFD and Gold Cross often respond together to vehicle accidents that include entrapment, and this training allows both agencies the opportunity to learn how to best work together



to extricate patients as efficiently and safely as possible. If you are interested in covering this training, please email us at [FirePublicRelations@rochestermn.gov](mailto:FirePublicRelations@rochestermn.gov) before April 8.

## **Training Calendar**

- **Boat Ops:** April 19, Foster Arend Lake
  - RFD will be training on boat operations for water rescue. If you are interested in covering this training, please email us at [FirePublicRelations@rochestermn.gov](mailto:FirePublicRelations@rochestermn.gov) before April 19.



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