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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **South Jordan Fire Department Invites Media to Ice Rescue Training Event**

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT** – As we move into winter, dangerous ice is starting to form on the waterways in the Salt Lake Valley. With Oquirrh Lake in Daybreak, the East River Front Park Fishing Ponds, the Jordan River, and other smaller waterways in South Jordan, the potential for residents to fall into a dangerously cold body of water is very real.

The South Jordan City Fire Department has responded to several ice rescues in the city and surrounding areas over the last few years. For the past 12 years, the South Jordan City Fire Department has trained our firefighters in ice rescue. We refresh this training every year so that we are prepared when someone calls for us to respond to perform ice and cold water rescues. We carry specialized suits and equipment to keep our firefighters safe and give them the tools to perform the rescue.

If a person or pet falls in the water, we encourage everyone to call 911 immediately. Hypothermia can set in quickly and can lead to unresponsiveness within minutes. While the ice may appear solid, most bodies of water in South Jordan are dangerously unsafe this time of year. Because of the dangers, we want to remind the community that it is **not** safe to walk or play on the ice. If there are any questions or you would like more information on our ice rescue program please contact the South Jordan Fire Department.

#### **Media are invited to our Ice Rescue Training Demonstration:**

**What:** Ice Rescue Training Demonstration

**When:** January 23, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** North Beach of Oquirrh Lake (Rubicon Rd. and Fish Hook Rd.) just off of South Jordan Parkway

**Who:** South Jordan City Fire Department Personnel, Rachael Van Cleave, and media.