

Middlebury Police Department

Media Release

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SUB: Occupational Accident – Male injured

At 4:01 this afternoon the Middlebury Police and Fire Departments responded to a report that a man had fallen off a roof into the Otter Creek.

Initial investigation revealed that Robert Demic, 54, of Bristol, VT had been on the roof of a building at 48 Main Street taking photographs of work he had done on the roof. He fell off the edge of the roof into the Otter Creek just above the falls. 48 Main Street is adjacent to and slightly overhanging the creek.

The Middlebury Fire Department Technical Rope Team extricated him from the river. He was taken to Porter Hospital by Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance and later transported to Fletcher Allen Hospital. His condition is not known at this time. He had suffered severe leg and head injuries but was conscious during the rescue effort.

VOSHA has been notified of the incident.

Chief Thomas Hanley