

Workers save woman in yard

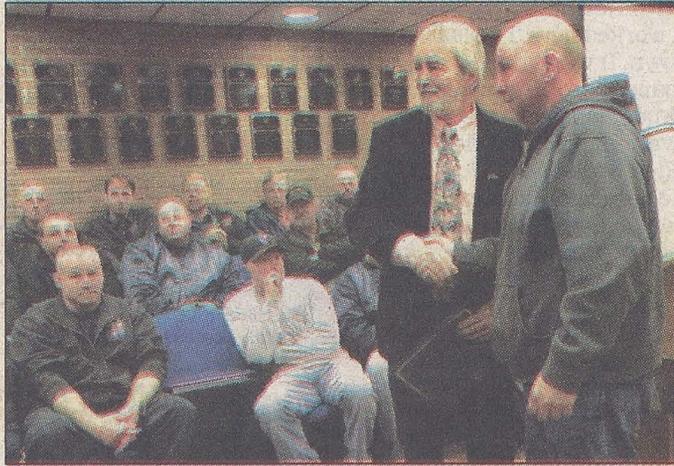
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A change in the regular route by sanitation workers on Dec. 29 resulted in the rescue of a woman who had fallen in her Betsy Road driveway nearly an hour before.

"I thought I heard something," said Mario Simeone. When he and co-worker Daniel Hall, who are both Southington residents, looked by a vehicle parked in the driveway, they found the resident on the ground calling for help. Clad in a thin coat, she had ventured outside to take out her garbage when she slipped on ice. It was the same day that heavy winds knocked out most of the power in Plainville.

The two men wrapped her in their own coats and called 911. She was coherent when emergency personnel arrived but was beginning hypothermia and frostbite, and had cut her eye and her nose was bleeding. "She hurt herself pretty good," Hall said.

That morning the men, who work for Waste Material Trucking in Southington, decided to make their trash pick ups in a small section of neighborhoods, rather than the larger area first. They modified their regular route



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Above, Town Council Chairman Dan Hurley, left, congratulates Daniel Hall at the Jan. 18 council meeting. Hall and Mario Simeone, below on right, saved a woman from freezing to death. Town Council member Christopher Wazorko thanks Simeone.



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because a motor vehicle accident occurred at a major intersection where a traffic signal was not working and the road was blocked. Going to the Betsy Road neighborhood area first was a fortuitous choice, they said.

For their Good Samaritan act, Hall and Simeone were honored at the Plainville Town Council's Jan. 19 meet-

ing. Mark Zommer, president of WMT, described what had happened.

Afterward, Hall received his certificate of appreciation from council Chairman Dan Hurley and Simeone was presented with his by council member Lynn Szach. "We thank you for your efforts on this day and every day," Hurley said.

The woman, who did not want to be identified, was due to be released from the hospital Sunday, nearly a month after she was admitted to the hospital intensive care unit.

"They were at the right place at the right time. They are awesome guys," Zommer said.