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Swift Water Rescue/Flood Rescue at Shady Creek

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Units responded to a report of a vehicle stuck in Shady Creek at Murphy Road in Nevada County with a solo occupant trapped. Upon the arrival of the first fire units, it was reported 1 victim in the center of the creek on top of his vehicle. The vehicle was located 75' from the shore in approximately 3' of rushing water, the creek had swollen to 150' wide with the large amount of rain runoff.

The Nevada County Fire Swift Water Rescue Team along with Penn Valley Fire Swift Water Rescue Technicians were activated and responded to the incident. Swimmers entered the water with the use of a boat and rope systems and were able to remove the victim from the vehicle with no further injury. The victim was then escorted to the awaiting ambulance, where they were treated and released at scene.

The combined efforts of all agencies involved, (Nevada County Consolidated Fire, Penn Valley Fire, and North San Juan Fire) contributed to the successful outcome of a very complicated and technical incident.



