

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

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Firefighters Rescue Baby Ducks Trapped in a Sewer Drain

Slidell, LA. – On Friday May 10, 2013 St. Tammany Fire District #1 received a call from Beth Montreuil stating that her grandchildren, Mia and Chase, had heard baby ducks in the sewer drain and that they were trapped. The incident occurred on Hogan Court in the Grand Champions subdivision in Slidell. Beth and a neighbor attempted to remove the drain cover with a crowbar but were unsuccessful. Beth then contacted the fire department for help. Engine 16, which is assigned to Station 16 in Eden Isles, came to the rescue. Captain Sammy Burke, Fire Operator Tim Dudenhefer, and Firefighter Mark Ficarra used a halligan tool to remove the drain cover. Firefighters were able to rescue two baby ducks from the drain.

According to Beth “Another neighbor volunteered to keep the ducks and try to nurse them to health before we let them go back to the pond”. As of this morning, the ducks are doing fine and have been released back into the pond.

St. Tammany Fire District #1 responds to numerous public assists such as these each year. Firefighters are always eager to help and enjoy giving back to the community.

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