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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Water Rescue from Clearfork

JOHNSON COUNTY, MO – At 3:31 PM on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, Johnson County Fire Protection District was dispatched to a water rescue incident along the Clearfork Branch of the Blackwater River west of Knob Noster, MO. The incident was reported by a male who had become trapped in a tree along the flooded, fast flowing river.

At 4:08 PM, JCFPD's Water Rescue Division launched a watercraft in the floodwater. After travelling over a mile along the flooded river, water rescue crews located the original reported victim and rescued the male from a tree he was seeking refuge in. The first victim was reported safe at 4:13 PM.

A search commenced for the remaining three subjects who were reported to still be missing in the floodwater. At 4:57 PM, the remaining three individuals had been located. All three were able to escape the floodwater north of 50 Highway or approximately three miles north of DD Highway

The four subjects were uninjured from this incident. The individuals voluntarily entered the floodwater on DD Highway at the Clearfork bridge. Three of these subjects were members of the Air Force and stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base.

This water rescue was in addition to multiple rescues performed earlier in the morning of August 22, 2017. JCFPD's Water Rescue Division responded to assist during flooding in rural Cass County, MO in the early morning hours. JCFPD assisted South Metro Fire, Dolan-West Dolan Fire and the Cass County Sheriff's Office with multiple water rescue incidents.

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