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Lifeboats

LATEST CALL OUT INFORMATION

AMBULANCE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE TO REMOVE PATIENT FROM HOLY ISLAND

Call Out No:	**04**	**/ 2004**			
Day:	**Wednesday**	**Time:**	**2.50am**	**Date:**	**02nd June 2004**
Weather:	**Fine**	**Wind Speed:**	**Force 1/2**	**Direction:**	**West**
Visibility:	**Clear**	**Sea State:**	**Smooth/Slight**		
Lifeboat(s) Launched :	**Inshore Lifeboat**	**Crew:**	**J.Hanvey, P.Ternent**	**Landrover I.Clayton**	
Returned to Station:	**5.45pm**	**Service Duration:**	**2hrs 55mins**	**Coastguard Incident No:**	**312**

At **2.50am**, on Wednesday 2nd June, 2004, North East Ambulance Control called Humber Coastguard, requesting assistance to attend an elderly male who had collapsed at his home on Holy Island. The causeway was covered by the tide, and the ambulance could not reach the incident. The RAF Helicopter was unavailable, and Lifeboat assistance was requested. The Station Operations Manager was informed, and several crew were called to man the Inshore Lifeboat, which launched at 3.05am. Meanwhile the station Landrover and recovery trailer travelled by road to the landward side of the causeway, to assist if required and recover the lifeboat there if necessary. The tide was receding at the time. A paramedic from the ambulance was taken by the Inshore Lifeboat to the Island, where he assessed the casualty. As the tide was falling, the patient was transferred to the Holy Island Coastguard Landrover which had also been called out, and which brought him carefully across the flooded causeway to the awaiting ambulance on the mainland side. The patient was then transferred to Berwick Infirmary for treatment. The Inshore Lifeboat then returned to station by sea, as water on the causeway sands was becoming too shallow to recover the lifeboat there.

The Inshore Lifeboat was refuelled and ready for service again by 5.45am.

Ends.