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On 12/14/2021 at approximately 8:21 A.M. this morning Barnes County Sheriff's Deputies along with a Corp of Engineer Ranger, Dazey Fire Department/First Responders and the Barnes County Ambulance Service responded to a report of a person on the ice yelling for help at the Ashtabula Crossing on Lake Ashtabula.

Upon arrival a Corp of Engineer Ranger and Sheriff's Deputies saw a local Barnes County man about 100 yards from shore sitting on the ice wearing a t-shirt, blue jeans, and no shoes. The Corp of Engineers Ranger and Sheriff's Deputies with the aid of safety equipment retrieved the male off the ice. This individual was transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital in Valley City for non-life-threatening injuries he sustained from the incident.

This male individual told Sheriff's Deputies and responders on the scene he was sleep walking. A female friend, who lives with him told Barnes County Sheriff Randy McClafin he had left his residence about 6 A.M. that morning.

Sheriff McClafin would like to remind everyone to please stay alert to ice conditions on local lakes and use caution when going onto it.