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A Champlain man who apparently lost control of his vehicle that ended up in the Chazy River was rescued by a Clinton County Sheriff's Office deputy and a local firefighter on Thursday April 8, 2010.

48-year-old Jeffrey J Bernard was driving near the intersection of Perry Mills and Creek Road around 8:00p.m. when he apparently lost control of his vehicle and went into the Chazy River.

Deputy Nicholas Leon who was responding to a call from a 911 dispatcher about the accident - arrived on the scene and found Bernard still inside his vehicle. Deputy Leon entered the water with a firefighter from the Champlain Fire Department. The pair was able to locate Bernard and hold his head above the water until additional help could arrive to assist in the extrication. Bernard was transported to CVPH Medical Center.

Deputy Leon had to be treated at the scene for hypothermia and was transported to CVPH where he was treated and released.

The investigation into the accident is being handled by the New York State Police.

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