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### Rescue Workers Retrieve Victim of Construction Accident in Credit River Township

A construction worker, Paul Joseph Holasek, 32, of New Prague, was killed Wednesday morning, Sept. 13 at the Credit River Territory development in Credit River Township when the east wall of a ditch he was working in collapsed. The ditch is next to Prairie Grass Pass near the intersection of Dakota Ave. and Prairie Grass Pass in Credit River Township.

The emergency call was made at 10:53 a.m. and the Prior Lake Fire Department was on site at 11:03 a.m. On arrival, firefighters attempted to rescue the victim. Allina Paramedics arrived at 11:11 a.m. Once rescue personnel were able to reach the victim, paramedics pronounce him dead.

Great caution was used to retrieve the victim as rescuers removed the accumulation of mud and water from the bottom of the ditch using ropes and buckets. The ditch was approximately 10 feet x 25 feet wide, and 12 to 15 feet deep.

Several city and county emergency workers assisted in the recovery including firefighters from Burnsville, Savage and Prior Lake; the Scott County Sheriff's Department; a worker from KAWitt Construction; and a representative from Laurent Development Company LLC, the owner of the development.

There was a nearby gas line, but tests revealed no leak. Fresh air was pumped into the ditch to rescuers as a precaution. The victim was brought up from the ditch and released to the Dakota County Coroner's Office at about 3:35 p.m.