

A TRUE STORY OF SCOUTERS IN ACTION

He Saved The Exhausted Swimmer!

Brian Dailey, 43, was camping with his troop at a beach in Maryland when a man from another group approached in distress.



Can you help? My friends are in trouble!

Dailey saw two swimmers struggling in a rip current. He yelled to them to swim parallel to the shore, but they did not respond. With no flotation device nearby, Dailey swam out to attempt a rescue while another adult called 911.



The first swimmer was about 60 yards from shore. He told Dailey he could get back on his own but didn't have the strength to help his friend. By the time Dailey swam another 40 yards to reach the woman, she could barely keep her head above the water.



Stay calm! I'm going to help you!

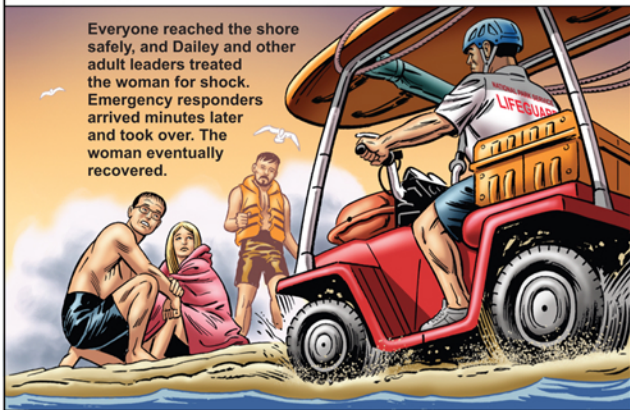
When the woman panicked and tried to climb onto Dailey's back, he calmed her and told her to grab his arm. Dailey then pulled the woman parallel to the shore to escape the powerful current.



One of the woman's friends swam back to Dailey with a life jacket. They put the life jacket on the woman and swam with her toward shore. A second person approached with two boogie boards. Dailey gave one to the woman and used the other for himself.



Everyone reached the shore safely, and Dailey and other adult leaders treated the woman for shock. Emergency responders arrived minutes later and took over. The woman eventually recovered.



Brian M. Dailey, an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 347, chartered to Trinity United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, Md., received an Honor Medal for his actions.



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