

# Rescue efforts are filmed on Lake Murray for T.V. show

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A dramatic rescue of an electrocuted teenager at Lake Murray has won Lexington County a segment on CBS-TV's "Rescue 911."

Fifteen-year-old Reed Morton and his father, Richard, were in the water installing a boat lift on June 9. Although there were no electrical wires in the water, the shock occurred as Reed Morton was screwing in a screw that was near an extension cord on the dock.

Both Morton and his father appeared to be alright, but then the teenager yelled, threw up his hands and went under the water.

"That's when he drowned," said Alice King, a neighbor who called 911. "I looked at him and I knew he was gone."

Reed Morton's father and grandfather, L.R. Morton, pulled him from the water and administered first-aid while Mrs. King made the call.

The Lexington County dispatcher

sent an ambulance and fire truck from the Irmo Fire Station, sheriff's deputies and the Richland County EMS boat, which was in the area.

Richland County paramedics performed CPR on Morton until the Lexington County ambulance arrived with more sophisticated life-saving equipment.

Morton, who plays football at Irmo High School, was taken to Lexington Medical Center where he made a full recovery.

The "Rescue 911" television crew arrived July 18 and spent through July 23 researching and shooting the story. An air date has not been announced.

Most of the original participants will play the same roles for the filming.

"Rescues like this with happy endings is what makes our job worthwhile," said Mike Drennon, Lexington County EMS coordinator.