

Injured Scottsdale man rescued from mine shaft

SCOTTSDALE (AP) — A Scottsdale man fell 60 feet into an abandoned mine shaft, breaking both legs and a hip, but survived, authorities said Saturday.

It took rescuers nearly 10 hours to extract Michael Clark, 18, from the mine near Cave Creek after his fall late Friday, Rural Metro Fire Department spokesman Tom Knapp said.

Clark was listed in fair condition at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital, a nurse said.

Knapp said Clark was camping with friends in the Tonto Hills area when they decided to explore a mine tunnel.

“They had walked in about 300 yards when Clark fell through (flooring),” Knapp said.

Clark was alert during the rescue, which was performed by a Maricopa County sheriff’s search-and-rescue team with help of Rural Metro firefighters.

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