## VALLEJO FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS RESCUE 6-YEAR-OLD FROM DRAIN PIPE

VALLEJO - Vallejo firefighters rescued a 6-year-old boy from a storm drain Thursday evening after the boy's foot became stuck in the pipe.

Firefighters were called to 242 Larissa Lane at 6:38 p.m. where they found Marquis Black, 6, stuck in the storm drainpipe. Firefighters called for the Vallejo Fire Department's newly formed Confined Space Rescue team and gear.

Firefighters attempted to pull the boy out from the top of the pipe but were unable to, as the boy was stuck somewhere below ground level.

Assistant Chief Ted Stockli called for a public works crew with a backhoe and jack hammer. Upon their arrival the crew began digging a trench to the south of the storm drainpipe so the firefighters could use a rotodrill to gain access to the area where the victim's foot had become stuck.

"Without them, this (rescue) would not have been possible," Stockli said of the Public Works crew.

Firefighters monitored the victim's vital signs and oxygen levels throughout the ordeal, all the time speaking with the victim to provide comfort. Firefighters eventually gained access to the pipe and freed the victim's trapped foot, allowing them to remove him from the pipe. He was taken by Medic Ambulance to Kaiser Hospital for a check up, and was later released.



