

01-30-1989 Williston ND – Timothy Wells – LEO PSD Ice Training

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A 37 yoa sheriff's deputy drowned when he unintentionally swam under an ice shelf in the Missouri River during a training dive. The deputy, along with six other divers, was conducting a routine training dive to meet departmental dive team requirements of three dives per month. The dive was to be confined to the open water side of the river. The divers drifted with the current and the deputy became separated from the group and ended up under the ice shelf. The ice shelf was described as being one half mile long and 300 yards wide. The diver was recovered several weeks later. Investigation revealed that his tank had less than 35 psi remaining.

Timothy L. Wells

American police officer aged 36, Williston, North Dakota, cold water training dive in the Missouri river, found under thick ice near the shore by colleagues, tank empty, drowned.

<http://www.thediversassociation.com/index.php/sheets>



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Deputy Sheriff

Timothy L. Wells

Williams County Sheriff's Office, North Dakota

End of Watch: Saturday, February 11, 1989

Deputy Sheriff Timothy Wells drowned in the Missouri River near Ft. Peck, Montana, during a training dive which involved filming sturgeon and paddlefish.

He was diving with six other rescue divers but failed to surface. The other divers immediately began to search for him but were unable to locate him.

Bio & Incident Details

Age: 36

Tour: 4 years, 6 months

Badge # 4796

Military veteran

Cause: Drowned

Location: Montana

Deputy Wells was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Williams County Sheriff's Department for 4-1/2 years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.



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<http://www.nleomf.org/officers/search/search-results/timothy-l-wells.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

TIMOTHY L WELLS



Rank: Deputy Sheriff
Panel: 18-E: 4
Department: Williams County, North Dakota, S.D.
End of Watch: February 11, 1989
Cause: Drowning
Age: 36
Years of Service: 15

Description: Deputy Wells drowned under the ice while attempting to earn his diving certificate for the County.

