Man rescued from the Forth

A 43 year-old man was rescued by Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service this morning from the edge of the River Forth just behind the Commodore Hotel on Marine Drive.

He had entered the water to assist a Gordon Setter dog which had got into difficulties. It appears that he was not the dog's owner. By the time the fire crew arrived the dog was safely out of the water, but they had to throw a line to the man who was still hanging onto the rocks, and was apparently unable to get out of the water by himself. He was checked over by an ambulance crew, but did not require any treatment, and was able to go home with a family member who came to pick him up.

The Reporter was on the cycle path when we saw three fire officers making their way on foot towards the scene, and we snapped this photograph of the fire appliance with blue lights flashing on its way along the foreshore to meet up with them.