Nine rescued from Cramond Island

Queensferry RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew were called out today to rescue 9 people including a 3 year old child who had become trapped by the incoming tide at Cramond Island.

Queensferry RNLI lifeboat *Jimmie Cairncross* was launched at 15:20 and arrived at Cramond Island six minutes later. All 9 people, who were uninjured, were taken on board the lifeboat and landed safely at Cramond harbour.

The Coastguard rescue team from Queensferry had also been called out and gave assistance to help the casualties on to dry land and offer safety advice. Also in attendance at Cramond harbour were several Fire engines, Ambulances and Police.

A Queensferry RNLI spokesman said:- 'If anyone finds themselves trapped on Cramond Island by the incoming tide, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard. The Coastguard will alert the lifeboat. Never attempt to wade or swim ashore. We advise to check the tide tables for safe crossing times before attempting to cross to Cramond Island'.