

FATHER, 2 SONS KILLED WORKING IN CESSPOOL AT LONG ISLAND HOME

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A father and two sons were killed Sunday in an accident in a cesspool at the family's Long Island home, police said.

It was not immediately clear whether the deaths were caused by drowning, exposure to noxious fumes or some other factor, said Officer Michael Maffucci, a Suffolk County police spokesman.

Gaspare Campo, 57, and his son Anthony, 27, were working in the cesspool overflow at about 2:30 p.m. when they apparently were overcome by fumes, police said.

Another son, Thomas, 16, went into the house and called 911, Maffucci said. He then went back to the cesspool to help his father and brother. Rescue workers from the police and fire departments found the father and both sons submerged in about 6 feet of water. They pulled them out and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but all three died.

Autopsies were to be conducted today to determine the cause of death.

Police said the cesspool overflow the men were working in is made of precast cement with a 2-foot round opening, leading to a 6-foot-wide, 19-foot-deep structure.

It is used for liquid waste and is directly hooked into the main cesspool.