



City of Madison Fire Department

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City of Madison Fire Department Lake Rescue Team Searches for Missing Swimmer

On Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 9:46 PM, the City of Madison Fire Department Lake Rescue Team was dispatched to Lake Monona. It was reported that two people were on a boat, when they decided to go swimming. One never made it back to the boat.

A witness heard a man screaming from the boat and called 9-1-1. The person on the boat also called 9-1-1 to report his friend was missing.

The search area for the missing swimmer is between the Olin Park Docks and Monona Terrace; a large area on the Southwest side of the lake. City of Madison Police Officers also walked along the shore in search of the man.

After the Lake Rescue Team searched for around 1 hour, they turned over to the Dane County Sheriff's Dive Team.

Please contact the Dane County Sheriff's Office for additional updates.

The Madison Fire Department Lake Rescue Team is comprised 51 trained scuba divers, certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. On-duty divers respond year-round to topside, underwater, and ice rescues and recoveries, vehicle recoveries, and assistance calls from the City of Madison Police Department and Dane County Sheriff's Office.