



WHITEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Whitewater Fire Dept

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RE: Whitewater Lake Water Rescue

Whitewater Fire Dept Responds To Water Rescue.

Town of Whitewater, WI, 5-25-18, 5:30 P.M. (Updated 5-28-18 12:00PM)

At approximately 5:30PM, the Whitewater Fire Dept was notified of a possible drowning on Whitewater Lake. Crews arriving on scene were advised of 2 subjects attempting to retrieve a personal water craft from the lake. During the attempt to recover the craft, a young adult male, not wearing a life vest, experienced distress and went under the water.

Crews searched the water for over 3 hours, locating the drowning victim just after dark. The death investigation is being led by the Walworth County Sheriff's Dept. The WFD was assisted by the Walworth County Sheriff's Dept and WI DNR. The following Fire Dept's assisted in the recovery: City of Delavan, Fontana, Lake Geneva, Linn, Lauderdale La Grange, Town of Delavan, Elkhorn, Darien, Sharon, Williams Bay, Walworth and Lyons. Mercy Walworth MD-1 also assisted at the scene.

(Updated 5-28-18 12:00PM)

We now know the identity of the victim in Friday's drowning accident. Courtland Cornelius, age 19 of Palatine IL was pronounced dead at the scene after being removed late Friday (May 25th) evening from Whitewater Lake.

Questions may be directed to the Whitewater Fire Dept at info@whitewaterfire.org.