



# ***Lake Delton Police Department***

## **Press Release**

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Incident Type: Drowning

Location: Newport Park, Lake Delton – Wisconsin River

Date: August 7, 2019

### Details:

At 1:06pm, first responders were dispatched to Newport Park in Lake Delton for a report of a man who had gone underwater and failed to resurface. Upon arrival, first responders were directed by witnesses to an area where the man was believed to have gone under. Delton Fire Department was able to quickly deploy a boat and within minutes pull the 40-year old male victim from the water.

Dells-Delton EMS worked diligently to deliver advanced life support protocols in an effort to revive the man. That effort was ultimately unsuccessful and the victim was pronounced dead at the scene by the Sauk County Coroner.

The ensuing investigation suggested the man, who possessed limited swimming ability, was wading in shallow water near a steep underwater drop. The man was witnessed struggling in the water and went under before bystanders could reach him. The victim, a rural Wisconsin Dells man, was enjoying the day at Newport Park with his family. The name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of family.

Chief Daniel Hardman, Director of Public Safety for the Village of Lake Delton, said that caution should always be taken when swimming in the Wisconsin River due to significant currents and the unstable river bottom. Lake Delton Police Department was assisted at the scene by Delton Fire Department, Dells-Delton EMS, Lake Delton Department of Public Works, Kilbourn Fire Department and the Sauk County Sheriff's Department.

There is no further information at this time

Chief Daniel Hardman