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**DATE:** 8/16/2023

**SUBJECT:** Duluth Fire Department responds to water emergency off of South Lake Avenue

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**NATURE OF INCIDENT:** Water Emergency

**CASE NO.:** DFD23009393

**INCIDENT DATE:** 8/16/2023

**INCIDENT TIME:** 1412

**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 8th St S and S Lake Ave

**Duluth Fire Department responds to water emergency off of South Lake Avenue**

[DULUTH, MN] At 2:12 PM on Wednesday, August 16, Duluth Fire Department was dispatched to a water emergency near 8th Street South and South Lake Avenue in Canal Park.

Two adult females who were floating on innertubes along the shore were carried out away from shore by currents and couldn't get back to shore on their own due to the wind and strong currents. Neither floater had a life jacket on, but one had a cell phone handy and was able to call St. Louis County 911 for rescue assistance. Duluth Fire Department's Marine 1 and the US Coast Guard were able to approach and rescue the individuals. Neither of the women needed or received any kind of medical care in the incident.

The DFD would like to thank Duluth Police Department, the United States Coast Guard, St. Louis County Rescue and Sheriff's departments, and Mayo Clinic for their swift work on this rescue.

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