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DATE: 4/23/2021

SUBJECT: Bike injury

BY: Assistant Chief Brent Consie

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Biking accident

CASE NO.: 21-00004118

INCIDENT DATE: 4/23/2021

INCIDENT TIME: 2:21 p.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 3210 Haines Road

[Duluth, MN] At 2:21p.m. the Duluth Fire Department responded for the report of a person who had fallen off of his bike within the Piedmont Biking Trail system. The reporting party confirmed that it was he who was injured. First reports were not clear on the patient's location within the trail.

Firefighters responded and brought with them, off-road vehicles. They reached the patient at 2:38 p.m. just seventeen minutes from the original dispatch. Responders were able to pinpoint the patient's location using the patient's phone location.

The patient was alert upon contact and able to answer questions. The male is approximately 23 years of age. He was biking alone at the time. The patient received medical care for his injuries and was carefully packaged for transport out of the woods on the Duluth Fire Department's utility task vehicle (UTV). The UTV is a small off-road vehicle capable of transporting someone while lying down.

The patient was taken to a local hospital for treatment. His bicycle is in the care of the Duluth Police Department.

Fire Companies from Miller Hill, Spirit Valley, Lincoln Park and Downtown responded to this incident. The number of personnel was necessary in pinpointing the patient's entry point into the woods, patient location and patient care. The Duluth Police Department and Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service also responded to the incident and provided assistance.