

## 2012 Minnesota Boating Accident and Drowning Summary \*

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Summary of Accidents – as of 12/31 Each Year										
Accident Category & Year	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Boating Fatalities	15	16	12	15	12	15	14	23	15	17
Non-Fatal Boating Accidents	72	67	71	72	77	113	102	93	73	94
Non-Boating Drownings	40	50	32	28	33	26	49	45	30	32

\* Subject to change

### Boating Fatalities

1. 3/31 – Washington Co. – St. Croix River– a 46-year-old White Bear Lake man was pulled from the water around 6:20 p.m. and taken to shore – where he was pronounced dead. His body was found face-down, near his 16 ft. - 40 hp. outboard boat that was slowly going in circles, while still tethered to the anchor & line. Sheriff's deputies and local police were called to the scene, downstream of the Bayport Marina, just before 6 p.m. Callers reported an unattended boat turning in circles. It is probable he fell overboard trying to recover the anchor, and succumbed to the 42-degree water before he could reach safety. *(PFD worn – No)*
- 2-3. 4/6 – Clearwater Co. – Clearwater Lake – a 31-year-old Leonard, MN father took his three young sons out in the early afternoon of April 6<sup>th</sup> to try out his 10-foot long sailboat. Around 3 p.m. the boat capsized and all four occupants were plunged into the 43-degree water. The boys and the father were all wearing lifejackets. The father tried hanging on to the boys for a time, but then decided to swim for help. It took him 15-20 minutes to reach shore. He was then finally able to flag down a car and the occupants called for help on their cell phone around 3:24 p.m., and then drove him back to the access to await responders. Help arrived around 3:35 p.m., and they pulled the first boy out at 3:43 p.m. and the remaining two followed. All three boys, and eventually the father (who was also suffering from hypothermia), were taken to a local hospital. The two youngest boys, 2 and 6, were not able to be resuscitated. The 8-year-old boy, however, was able to be stabilized and then airlifted to a Minneapolis hospital. He was then transferred to a hospital in St. Paul and returned home on May 25<sup>th</sup>. *(PFDs worn – Yes)*
4. 5/17 – Winona Co. – Miss. River – a 57-year-old Winona man fell out of a 14-foot 40 hp outboard boat around 4 p.m. The other boat occupant threw him a life jacket, but he could not reach it. A multiagency search & recovery operation ensued near the Winona Interstate Bridge, and lasted until 8:30 p.m. Crews resumed operations on subsequent days. His body was eventually found at 5 p.m. on 6/1 washed up near shore about 11 miles downstream (near Lock & Dam # 6) from where he went into the river. *(PFD worn – No)*
5. 7/1 – Anoka Co. – Centerville Lake – Authorities in Anoka County were alerted to a possible boating accident around 6:30 a.m. and started a search for a missing man. Two people went into the water after a 10-foot canoe, with an electric motor, capsized. One victim was rescued by lake residents, after hearing shouts for help. The two anglers were fishing in about 8-10 feet of water at the time of the accident. Search and recovery operations, hampered by murky water, were halted at night and resumed the morning of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 21-year-old victim was recovered around 4 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. *(PFDs worn – No)*
6. 7/2 – Itasca Co. – Swan Lake – A 49-year-old Goodland man drowned after his aluminum 16-foot, 40 hp boat swamped between 8-8:20 p.m. High winds from a storm that swept the area appeared to be a major factor in the accident. The strong winds caused a line attached to a bridge to break, and then the craft filled with water. The other occupant in the boat made it to shore (about 14 feet away) and called 911 at 8:20 p.m. The victim was recovered on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m., about 120 feet away from where the boat swamped and in 8-1/2 feet of water. *(PFDs worn – No)*
7. 7/2 – Washington Co. – Forest Lake – A passerby on shore noticed an empty 22-foot pontoon boat and a dog swimming nearby the craft on the afternoon of July 2<sup>nd</sup> and phoned that in about 3:45 p.m. The apparent victim, a 51-year-old Forest Lake man who owned the boat, was missing and was presumed to have drowned. Due to wind and drifting, the search had to cover a fairly wide area. The body was recovered on July 5<sup>th</sup> around 11:25 a.m., about a half a mile from where the pontoon boat was found on Monday. *(PFD worn – No)*

8. 7/8 – Murray Co. – Lake Shetek – A 49-year-old Lambertson man was killed on Lake Shetek, when the 21-foot fiberglass boat he was operating collided with the Valhalla Road Bridge. Witnesses say the boat was traveling at high speed when it crashed and wedged itself under the bridge around 12:25 a.m. Two passengers in the boat, a 48-year-old woman and a 19-year-old woman, both from Lambertson, were taken to a local hospital. The 19-year-old victim was then flown to a Sioux Falls hospital. *(PFDs worn – No)*
- 9-10. 9/8 – Cass Co. – Lake Winnibigoshish – A 43-year-old man from Minneapolis, and a 53-year-old man from Princeton, drowned after their 16-foot, 20 hp outboard boat took on water over the transom while they were pulling fish nets. The boat then capsized. High winds (30-40 mph) were also a factor. Air & water temperature were both 65 degrees. A call from a resort at 6:38 p.m. reported an overturned boat on the lake, near the Richard Townsite Landing. An initial search using boats and a helicopter was conducted, but due to high winds, it was called off until the following day. Search operations continued at 7:30 a.m. the next day. The 43-year-old victim had washed up on shore and was recovered about 9:35 a.m. The 53-year-old victim was found around 5 p.m., about 200 yards south of where the boat capsized. Both victims were taken to the medical examiner's office for autopsy. A number of state, tribal and local departments were involved the search and recovery operation. *(PFDs worn – No & none were on board)*
11. 10/5 – Hennepin Co. – Snelling Lake – A 25-year-old Richfield man drowned when the canoe that he and his fishing companion were in capsized. A 911 call was received at 8:40 a.m. The victim was recovered by firefighters and taken to a St. Paul hospital where he died that evening. The victim had thrown the only life jacket on board to his friend, who swam to shore, was treated at the scene and released. *(PFDs worn – No, not by victim.)*
- 12-13. 10/7 (?) – Cook Co. – Alton Lake – A husband (55) & wife (52) from Forest Lake apparently died after their canoe capsized. It is unknown when they entered the water. Another group of canoeists spotted the overturned canoe and the two victims (both wearing life jackets) on Sunday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Responders were contacted at 12:40 p.m. that day, and the bodies were recovered around 3 p.m. It is unknown how long the victims were in the water. News stories noted a water temperature of about 50 degrees, and strong (16-25 mph) winds were present over the weekend. *(PFDs worn – Yes – by both victims)*
14. 10/27 – Lake Elysian – Waseca Co. – A 17-year-old Waterville-Elysian boy drowned when the boat he and four other duck hunters were in sank around 6 a.m. It happened on their way across the lake from the access, sending the hunters into the water. A 911 call was received shortly thereafter. When responders arrived on scene, four of the individuals had been picked up by other duck hunters and brought to shore. Two of them were treated at a local hospital and released, but the victim was nowhere to be found. Crews searched to no avail, and in late morning the search for the victim changed to a recovery operation. His body was recovered around 2 p.m. *(PFDs worn – No.)*
15. 6/26 – Hennepin Co. – Lake Minnetonka – A 20-year-old Minnetonka man drowned after jumping off a motorboat around 4:30 p.m. to go swimming. He struggled in the water after entering it and then went under, and did not come back up. There were four others in the boat, and it was in the Lower Lake, between Brackett's Point and Big Island at the time. After a search operation involving the sheriff's office and a local fire department, his body was recovered by the dive team on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 p.m. in 67-feet of water. *(PFDs worn – No, not by victim.)*

**Non-Fatal Boating Accidents** (See NOTES below)

Capsizing	6
Collision w / fixed/floating object	10
Collision w / another watercraft	19
Collision w / underwater object	
Collision w/ person in water	1
Fall in boat	1
Fall overboard	4
Fire/Explosion	4
Grounding / Hitting Bottom	2
Struck by Propeller	8
Sinking / Flooding / Swamping	3
Water skiing, wake boarding or tubing	10
Other	4
<b>Total reportable non-fatal boating accidents.</b>	<b>72</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Reportable non-fatal boating accidents are those where there was: a) at least \$2,000 in property damage, or b) an injury beyond first aid.
2. Reportability threshold for property damage was raised from \$500 to \$2,000 effective in 2003 to match Coast Guard standard.

## Non- Boating Drownings

- 1-2. 1/14 – Wright Co. – Lake Charlotte – A snowmobile with an operator and passenger broke through the ice just before 9 p.m. Residents heard and saw the snowmobile breaking through in an area that had just frozen over the day before. A resident attempted to rescue them on his all-terrain vehicle (ATV), but he also broke through the ice and had to be pulled to safety by a neighbor on another ATV. Just before 9 p.m., 911 was called. The sheriff's office spotted the tracks leading to the open water and started the search. They utilized a state patrol helicopter to assist in the search and in lighting up the area. The county called off operations at 3 a.m. They resumed the next morning, with the assistance of a scanning sonar and air boat provided by Hennepin Co. Both victims and snowmobile were spotted on the sonar in 41 feet of water, around 1 p.m. The bodies of a 20-year-old Buffalo man and a 19-year-old Corcoran man were recovered by divers at 2:25 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. 1/26 – Stearns Co. – Rice Lake – A 65-year-old Paynesville man drowned after his ATV entered open water on the west side of Rice Lake during the evening of the 26th, three miles east of Paynesville. The sheriff's office was notified around 4 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> of a missing person. They initiated a search, with assistance of DNR conservation officers, and recovered the body in open water around 5:45 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. 2/05 – Traverse Co. – Mud Lake – A 50-year-old Wheaton man drowned after parking his ATV, and then falling through the ice while on foot. It is not clear at what time he fell through the ice, a ping trace of his cell phone off the Wheaton tower occurred at 1:12 p.m. on the 5th. Law enforcement personnel were notified by his wife at 10:25 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> that the victim was overdue returning from his fishing trip. His wife had been trying to contact him by phone since 6 p.m. A search party comprised of a number of state and local agencies checked access sites on Lake Traverse. About 12:15 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup>, they found his truck parked by White Rock Dam. Searchers followed vehicle tracks that led to both his ATV (parked on the shore of a channel and his dog). They also found a hole in the ice consistent with a person breaking through on foot. Searchers recovered his body at 2:37 a.m. in seven feet of water. The ice in that area was less than 1" thick.
5. 2/15 – Itasca Co. – Hotel Hot Tub – A 20-month-old Bovey boy died at a Duluth hospital after being pulled from a three-foot deep hotel hot tub in a Grand Rapids hotel. Apparently, the boy wandered away from a birthday party in a nearby hotel room, and somehow entered it around 3:55 p.m. The party was in proximity of the tub. Assistance was summoned at 3:59 p.m., and police and EMS personnel took over CPR on arrival. The boy was first taken to a Grand Rapids hospital and transferred to Duluth, where he eventually died.
6. 2/16 – Washington Co. – Hotel Hot Tub – An 83-year-old Nisswa woman drowned in a whirlpool / hot tub in her Afton hotel room. She was traveling with her two daughters and they were all staying at the hotel that night. They checked in around 8:10 p.m., had dinner and then went back to their room, since the victim wanted to take a bath. The daughters ran the water for their mother and made sure the temperature was OK. They then left her in the tub while they went to the bar for about 30 minutes. When they came back she was face down in the water. They pulled her out around 10:25 p.m. and one daughter summoned help. Hotel staff responded and started CPR. Law enforcement and EMS took over CPR on arrival around 10:40 p.m., also utilizing an AED and oxygen. Despite the efforts, however, she was not able to be resuscitated.
7. 2/18 – Crow Wing Co. – Mississippi River – A 79-year-old Sebeka man drowned after somehow entering the river. He was reported missing in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, after he was discharged from a Brainerd hospital. He was supposed to be picked up by a relative, but he was nowhere to be found. The police department and relatives had been looking for him since the 15<sup>th</sup> and an effort was made to search the banks of the Mississippi River as it flowed through Brainerd. After finding some personal identification items on the river bank, the searchers located his body 200-300 feet further downstream, near the railroad bridge. It was in about a foot of water.
8. 2/25 – Hennepin Co. – Residential Hot Tub – A 52-year-old Nisswa woman, visiting relatives in Plymouth, drowned in an outdoor residential hot tub. Her niece came home and found her face down in the tub. Police received a 911 call around 7:30 p.m. and responded to the residence.
9. 4/24-25 – St. Louis Co. – Apartment Bath Tub – A 46-year-old Duluth woman drowned in her apartment. This occurred sometime between 8 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> (when she talked to a relative by phone) and 12:30 p.m., the following day, when the same relative came to pick her up for an appointment. The relative pulled her out of the tub, called 911 and started CPR. All to no avail.
10. 4/25 – Wright Co. – Residential Hot Tub – A 55-year-old Delano woman drowned in an outdoor hot tub at her residence. She went in the tub at about 8:15 a.m. and was found floating face down about 8:25 a.m. The person that discovered her pulled her from the water, called 911 and started CPR. She was rushed to a Mpls. hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 11:12 a.m.

11. 5/15 – Blue Earth Co. – Blue Earth River – a 21-year-old Mankato woman was tubing on the river with three friends, and apparently decided to leave her tube and enter the river in an area with fast current and deep water. She then got into trouble and one of the friends tried to help her, but she went under and did not surface again. A nearby angler saw the accident and called 911 at about 3 p.m. A number of agencies responded, and along with volunteers, searched the river. The nearby Rapidan Dam was also closed to reduce the current. About four hours into the operation (7:06 p.m.), divers pulled her out of 16-feet of water in a portion of the river known as Davis Hole – close to where she went into the river.
12. 5/27 – Otter Tail Co. – Red River Lake – A 25-year-old Fergus Falls man drowned after jumping off the Schmidt Bridge, near Elizabeth and just north of Fergus Falls. He was jumping/or fell into the water off the bridge. When he went in the last time, he surfaced and swam for a short time, then went under and did not resurface. A dispatch center received a call around 6:45 p.m. and numerous state, county and local agencies responded. He was recovered around 8 p.m., CPR was started and he was transported to a Fergus Falls hospital, where he was pronounced dead.
13. 5/28 – Winona Co. – Lake La Canne – A 5-year-old Arcadia, WI girl apparently entered the water around 6:40 p.m. She was with her family visiting La Canne Park Swimming Area in Goodview. Local police received a call at appx. 6:45 p.m. on a missing child. First responders started a human chain and she was found about 60 feet from shore in three feet of water and then recovered, unresponsive, about 7:30 p.m. CPR was started and she was then taken to a Winona hospital where she was pronounced dead.
14. 6/1 – Hennepin Co. – Country Club Pool - A 6-year-old St. Paul boy, attending an evening birthday party, drowned in an outdoor pool in the City of Hopkins. The pool was supervised at the time by 2-3 lifeguards. He was spotted in the water around 6:30 p.m., help was summoned and lifeguards then pulled him out. He was unresponsive and CPR was initiated. He was taken to a Minneapolis hospital where he was pronounced dead.
15. 6/5 – Cass Co. – Long Lake – A 55-year old Walker man was found dead in the lake. He went swimming around 3 p.m. in front of his house – he was wearing a wet suit. The sheriff's office was called around 9 p.m. after the man didn't return from snorkeling. After a search by deputies, the man was found floating in 6 feet of water, about two feet below the surface, just before 10 p.m. and then pronounced dead.
16. 6/6 – Chisago Co. – Residential pool – At 5:40 p.m. emergency crews responded to a home in South Chisago Lakes Township on the report of a 14-month-old drowning victim. She had apparently somehow entered the shallow (appx. 3 feet deep) end of the pool. Upon arrival of the emergency crews, the victim was receiving CPR next to the above-ground pool by a neighbor, who is a nurse. The still-unresponsive victim was taken to a Wyoming hospital; where she was pronounced dead at 6:27 p.m.
17. 6/7 – Hennepin Co. – Lake Independence – A search ensued on the lake for a 67-year-old Long Lake man, after the county sheriff's office got a call at 10:17 p.m. on Thursday, the 7th, that a boat was found abandoned and adrift on the lake - about 600 feet from the launch site. The victim had gone out fishing in the morning of the 7th and did not return. It appears he fell off the boat launch dock somehow and drowned. His body was recovered on Friday, the 8th, around 3:30 p.m., in 6-1/2 feet of water under the boat launch dock.
18. 6/8 – St. Louis Co. – Burntside Lake – A 50-year-old Ely man drowned after somehow entering the lake, near his cabin. He was last seen around 10 p.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup>. A call at 11:20 a.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> started the search operation. He was located floating face down about 20 feet off shore in 4-5 feet of water, just off his dock.
19. 6/9 – Blue Earth Co. – Hiniker Pond – A 23-year-old Mankato man drowned while playing catch with friends in the pond. He went under around 6:40 p.m. and was recovered just before 7 p.m. He was transported to a Mankato hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy is pending.
20. 6/10 – Polk Co. – Maple Lake – A 55-year-old rural Beltrami woman drowned after jumping off a pontoon boat. A 911 call at 1:45 a.m. alerted rescue crews who arrived on scene and pulled her out of the lake at 2:45 a.m. Resuscitation attempts were unsuccessful.
21. 6/10 – Hennepin Co. – Cedar Lake – A 16-year-old girl was swimming at an unguarded beach in Minneapolis. She was having difficulty swimming off a raft sometime around 2:20 p.m., and did not resurface. Bystanders called for help and formed a human chain to find her. Sheriff's divers found her about 2:40 p.m., twenty minutes after she disappeared. She was in 12-14 feet of water, about 100 feet from shore, near the swimming raft. Resuscitation was started and she was rushed to a Minneapolis hospital. Unfortunately, despite all of the efforts, she died on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
22. 6/11 – St. Louis Co. – Lake Superior – A 13-year-old Duluth boy was swimming with his friends in Lake Superior near the concrete cribs, just off the Duluth Lakewalk. The victim was swimming back from the cribs when he went underwater and his companions tried to find him. A 911 call came in about 4:15 p.m. and a multi-agency response ensued. This included use of an underwater remotely-operated vehicle to locate him in the 6-12 foot deep murky water. After about 30 minutes underwater he was recovered, life support started and he was

rushed to a Duluth hospital. He was then transferred to a Minneapolis hospital in the morning of the 12th. He never regained consciousness, was taken off life support and was pronounced dead that afternoon.

23. 6/22 – Stearns Co. – Little Cedar Island Lake – A 71-year-old Richmond woman apparently lost her balance while working on her shoreline, fell, and struck her head. She then entered the water unconscious around 4:30 p.m. and drowned. She was located by fisherman close to shore around 7 p.m., pulled from the water and CPR started. Despite 30 minutes of resuscitation, she could not be revived.
24. 6/29 – Scott Co. – O’Dowd Lake – A 17-year-old Shakopee boy drowned while trying to swim from an inflatable raft, approximately 60-90 feet, to an island. Authorities were called about 1:45 p.m. and were able to pull him from 6 feet of water, 30 feet from shore, about 2:20 p.m. He was taken to a Shakopee hospital and then transferred to a Minneapolis hospital, where he was pronounced dead.
25. 7/3 – Chisago Co. – Round Lake – A 5-year-old boy from Rush City drowned while his family was visiting relatives and friends. He apparently entered the lake near a dock. When he asked to go swimming, he was told that he needed to wear a life jacket. A short time later, they could not find him, and his life jacket was lying on the dock. Help was summoned at around 7:15 p.m. and deputies were on their way when family members and friends pulled him from the water, which was 12 to 14 feet deep at the end of the dock. A family member and a friend began CPR, but medical personnel pronounced him dead at the scene.
26. 7/4 – Mille Lacs Co. – Lake Mille Lacs – A 52-year-old Plymouth man drowned after somehow entering the lake on foot, adjacent to a rocky shoreline. This occurred unwitnessed sometime during the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>. A call for help was made around 12:10 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup>, after a passerby spotted a body floating face-up near the shoreline. The body was in water about 1-3 feet deep and the lake temperature was 73 degrees.
27. 7/4 – Itasca Co – Bray Lake – A 67-year-old Nashwauk man drowned around 12:40 p.m., while trying to swim out to a neighbor’s swim raft. About 60 feet from the raft he stopped swimming and was floating in the water. Witnesses yelled for help and two of them pulled him into a boat. He was taken to shore and CPR started. He was pronounced dead at a Hibbing hospital.
28. 7/7 – Hennepin Co. – Theodore Wirth Lake – A 6-year-old Golden Valley boy, visiting the park with his family on his birthday, apparently drowned while swimming in about 4 feet of water. The Minneapolis Parks beach had two lifeguards on duty. Another swimmer saw him on the bottom, about 5:20 p.m. CPR was started and help summoned through 911. He was rushed to a Robbinsdale Hospital, but he could not be resuscitated.
29. 7/11 – Steele Co. – Lake Kohlmier – A 19-year-old Faribault man drowned while swimming with family members. Witnesses lost sight of him just before 6 p.m., when he was swimming around the dock on the beach side of the park, located in Owatonna. Assistance was summoned a little after 6 p.m. and his body was recovered at 6:47 p.m. from 11 feet of water, near the dock.
30. 7/11 – Kandiyohi Co. – Lake Florida – A 70-year-old rural Spicer man drowned after falling into the lake while working on his boat (it was on a lift). Apparently he fell off the dock, sometime after 3 p.m., struck his head on something and entered the water. He was pulled out of 3-4 feet of water by neighbors. At 4:37 p.m. law enforcement was summoned, and upon their arrival, CPR was already being performed on the victim. He was taken to a Willmar hospital where he was pronounced dead.
31. 7/21 – Wright Co. – Sugar Lake – A 75-year-old Menlo Park, California man apparently was swimming about 70 feet from shore and 50 feet from a swim raft and then went underwater about 4:15 p.m. Bystanders pulled him out of 7-10 feet of water about 4:20 p.m., summoned help and started CPR. He was taken to a St. Cloud hospital where he was pronounced dead on Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
32. 7/25 – Hennepin Co. – Farm Pond – An 11-year-old St. Paul boy was visiting a farm in Corcoran with his family and then entered a pond somehow. His brother informed adults around 4:30 p.m. that he was in the water. They summoned help and first responders were at the scene in minutes. CPR was initiated and he was rushed to a Robbinsdale hospital by air ambulance, where he was pronounced dead.
33. 7/26 – St. Louis Co. – Residential Pool – An 18-month-old rural Duluth boy apparently drowned after entering an outdoor inflatable pool sometime between 4:15 p.m. and 5:18 p.m. The boy was pulled out of three feet of water around 5:18 p.m. He apparently climbed into the pool (via a ladder) on his own. The call for help was made at 5:19 p.m. and family members were trying to revive him when first responders arrived at 5:24 p.m. He was transported by ambulance to a Duluth hospital and at 6:20 p.m. he was pronounced dead.
34. 7/29 – Itasca Co. – Sand Lake – A 68-year-old Warba man apparently fell off the end of a fishing pier and into the lake at 3:08 p.m. He had been filling buckets with lake water. He was reported missing in the afternoon and his body was found by two anglers floating 50 feet out from the dock in 7 feet of water. His body was removed and taken to a Grand Rapids hospital where it was determined that it was a dry drowning.

35. 8/25 – Chippewa Co. – Residential hot tub – A 62-year old Montevideo man drowned in an outdoor home hot tub. His wife returned home to find him dead in the tub. The 911 call was made at 10:15 p.m. He apparently had been deceased for some time.
36. 9/2 – Ramsey Co. – Apartment Pool – A 24-year-old man from India, who had started a new job and was staying with a friend at a Shoreview apartment complex, drowned in an outdoor pool. He went down to the pool by himself around 6:30 p.m. Sometime after that, a passerby spotted him face down on the bottom of the pool in 6 feet of water. She called for help and one of the men that responded was able to pull him out at about 6:45 p.m. He was unresponsive and not breathing. Chest compressions were started and help summoned. Paramedics were then able to re-establish a pulse before transport. He was taken off life-support after four days, however, and declared dead on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.
37. 10/14 – Chisago Co. – St. Croix River – A 52-year-old Edina man died after the dock he was pulling out of the river somehow broke loose from the tow rope that was attached to a vehicle. The dock apparently hit the victim in the head and he wound up in approximately 2 feet of water around 11:35 a.m. His son ran for help, and the victim's wife had her son call 911 and she attended to the victim. EMS arrived at 11:48 a.m. and pulled the victim above the embankment and started CPR, and he was transported to a Polk Co. (WI) hospital where he was treated, but to no avail.
38. 10/23 – Hennepin Co. – Lake Nokomis – The body of a 25-year-old Minneapolis man was spotted in Lake Nokomis by a jogger and a bicyclist around 5 p.m. Deputies donned cold water submersion suits and retrieved his body from 2-3 feet of water. The medical examiner ruled freshwater drowning.
39. 10/26 – Dakota Co. – Veteran's Center Swimming Pool – A 68-year-old Inver Grove Heights man drowned in a community center swimming pool. He was swimming in the lap pool and witnesses reported seeing him under distress and grabbing onto the lane rope. Other swimmers asked if he was ok. He was unresponsive and went under water. He was pulled out of the pool and CPR was started. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The medical examiner ruled the cause of death as drowning.
40. 10/22 – Beltrami Co. – Lake Irvine – A 31-year-old Bemidji man was reported missing by his sister. He was last seen on 10/19 at a co-worker's birthday party. On 10/26 the sheriff's office conducted a search of adjacent lakes. On 10/30 a door-to-door search was conducted of neighborhoods between downtown and his residence. A second search of Lake Bemidji and Lake Irvine was conducted the same day, with help from a state patrol helicopter. On 5/15/13, the lakes were considered ice free, and an air search was conducted by helicopter of the previous search area. At 1:49 p.m., the pilot reported locating a body floating near the reeds at the NW corner of Lake Irvine. A local fire department boat recovered the body. The ME ruled the cause of death to be drowning.