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Near Drowning at Angle Lake

SeaTac, Wash. - June 29, 2016- A teenage girl has been treated and transported to a local hospital after two bystanders found her underwater at Angle Lake Park this afternoon.

Firefighters from the Kent Regional Fire Authority, which is contracted to provide EMS/Fire services to SeaTac, were dispatched at 3:15 this afternoon to a report that civilians were doing CPR on the young girl after she was found face down in the water near the dock. According to witnesses, the patient may have been underwater for several minutes.

The firefighters and paramedics took over the CPR from the civilians and were able to regain a pulse in the patient. The patient was transported to the hospital shortly after that. The patient's family was on scene.

Much of the credit for the firefighters being able to regain a pulse in the patient was due to the CPR done prior to our arrival by the civilian bystanders. Good CPR provides oxygen to the brain, increasing the chance of survival, until firefighters and paramedics can take over with more advanced care.

No further information will be made available about the patient's personal history or condition due to privacy laws.

This is the second incident at Angle Lake in the last month. In June, a young man jumped off a raft in the middle of the lake and drowned. His body was recovered several hours after he was last seen.

There were no lifeguards on duty at the time of the incident. Lifeguards are not stationed at the park until July 1.

These precautions can reduce the chance of another tragedy:

- Always swim with a buddy
- Supervise children when in or near water
- Wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket
- Never over estimate your swimming ability
- Remember that the lakes and rivers of this area are very cold
- Never mix water activities and alcohol
- Swim where there are lifeguards

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