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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Possible Drowning at Lake Meridian**

Kent, Wash – July 23, 2018 – At 5:42 PM City of Kent Lifeguards called 911 for possible drowning at the public swim area on Lake Meridian. A swimmer on the dock said to have seen a male swimmer in the water go under the dock and not come out and so notified Life Guards.

Puget Sound Fire units responded, and two rescue swimmers with the aid of the Life Guards began a search down to the depths of 12 feet. The Zone 3 Dive team was also dispatched and once they arrived did a detailed search of the lake bottom in and around the dock.

During the thorough search those on the beach were asked if they were missing any male member from their group or family.

It was decided that there was no individual in or around the dock and swim area that needed aid and so the incident was closed.

Puget Sound Fire would like to thank the City of Kent Guards who reacted quickly and efficiently to removing all swimmers from the lake and begin the search for the swimmer. Also help was received from Zone 3 divers who come from VRFA and Renton RFA. As always Medic One was standing by and ready in case their skills were needed.

Thankfully they were not.

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