



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: January 20, 2013 INCIDENT TIME: 3:21 AM
INCIDENT LOCATION: Voyageur's National Park in northern Saint Louis County

INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED: (Refer to News Media Policy-Rules III A.1 Thru 4; Procedures B.1, A thru J & I; 2b; 3b; g & h; 4a, b, & c)

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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

The St Louis County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Rescue Squad was called early Sunday morning, January 20th, to search for two overdue snowmobilers who had left the Ash River Trail area Saturday afternoon bound for the Crane Lake area and who had not returned home by late evening. As officers were checking local resorts and hotels, the missing snowmobilers made their way back to the Ash River Trail at 9:30 Sunday morning after spending the night in an unheated boathouse. The missing men, both from Hibbing, said they had become disoriented in the blowing and drifting snow and had found refuge in the boathouse in Voyageur's National Park. One of the men suffered a minor back injury while trying to free his snowmobile from the ice. Neither man required hospitalization.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

The Rescue Squad was assisted by the aviation wing of the Minnesota State Patrol.

AUTHORITY: Sgt James P. McKenzie DATE: January 20, 2013 TIME: 4:45 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind those who travel in the wilderness areas of St Louis County to be prepared for emergencies and to watch the weather, no matter the season.

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