



ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

INCIDENT DATE: 07/16/13 INCIDENT TIME: 11:35AM
INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth-Superior Harbor near Skyharbor Airport, 5000 Minnesota Ave

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

Name: Mark Andrew Marino	Age: 63	Address: 716 E. Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
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INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On 7/16/13 at approximately 1135hrs, St. Louis County Communications received a call of a biplane that had crashed in the Duluth-Superior Harbor near the Skyharbor Airport. A "Lark of Duluth" experimental aircraft piloted by Mark Andrew Marino of Duluth crashed in the water after a brief flight. Marino, who was the pilot and sole occupant, stated that the water take-off was fine but he reported a "hard landing" on the water. Marino was not injured and a chase boat that had been assisting with the flight was on hand to transport Marino and tow the aircraft back to Skyharbor airport. The aircraft appears to have sustained substantial damage and the Federal Aviation Administration will be investigating this incident on 7/17/13. The aircraft's fuel system was not compromised and there was no fuel leaked into the harbor. The aircraft "Lark of Duluth" is a replica of a 1913 flying boat type airplane made of wood with fabric covered wings and is owned by the Duluth Aviation Institute.

ASSISTING AGENCIES:

Duluth Police Department, Duluth Fire Department, United States Coast Guard, Minnesota DNR, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and St Louis County Rescue Squad

AUTHORITY: David Phillips - Undersheriff DATE: 07/16/13 TIME: 1430

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR UPDATE:

AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____