

DARIEN~WOODRIDGE

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<u>Press Release – Swimming Accident (Woodward Avenue & Cambridge Road, Woodridge)</u>

On Sunday, June 4, 2023, at approximately 4:37 pm, a 911 call was received, reporting a swimmer had not surfaced after entering the body of water near Woodward Avenue and Cambridge Road in Woodridge.

Three (3) engines, one (1) ladder truck, two (2) medic units, several Command staff officers, along with a dive team were dispatched.

The first units arrived on the scene at 4:42 pm, and the first SCUBA diver entered the water at 4:55 pm. A victim was located by 4:57 pm. The male victim was removed from the water and transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove in critical condition.

No firefighters were injured during the incident.

Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection units were assisted by the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District, Downers Grove Fire Department, and Darien and Woodridge Police Departments.

The Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone of the dangers of swimming alone or without lifeguards present. We also encourage everyone to know and understand their swimming limitations, including their physical fitness level, medical conditions, and mental state, and to understand the unique risks that may be present in openwater environments such as shallow or unclear water and cold-water temperatures.

For more information on water safety, please visit https://www.redcross.org/get~help/how-to~prepare-for~emergencies/types~of~emergencies/water-safety.html.