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Jet Skis Capsize in Lake Michigan

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office responded to a call at about 1:35 p.m. today that a jet ski had capsized in Lake Michigan north of Bradford Beach. The Milwaukee Fire Department Dive Team was on the scene approximately 100 yards off shore, along with the United States Coast Guard, and removed three subjects from the water.

Sheriff's deputies conducted interviews with the three individuals. Two 19-year-old women were riding on one jet ski and stated that their engine had stalled. A 34-year-old man on a jet ski attempted to help them, but his jet ski also broke down. The two women used life preservers and swam back to shore. The man tired while trying to bring his jet ski back. The U.S. Coast Guard picked him up and towed his jet ski to land. A salvage company will have to recover the other jet ski. All three refused medical treatment at the scene.

Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. said, "People can't treat Lake Michigan like a small, inland lake. Water is unforgiving, and we have to respect Lake Michigan and use caution. I don't care how good a swimmer you are. The temperature of the lake is now approximately 50 degrees, and it can take less than two hours for hypothermia to set in."

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