



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Type and Description of Incident: Boat Fire with 5 victims:**

At 1913 hrs The Derry Fire Communications Center received a 911 call from a female reporting she was on a boat in the middle of Beaver Lake that was smoking. The call was disconnected, but dispatch was able to return a call. The caller reported there was a fire on the boat and that she was getting in the water with three children and on to a raft they were towing. She reported the occupants had suffered smoke inhalation.

Car 1, Engine 1, Medic 1, Medic 3 and Marine 4 were dispatched to the scene. The boat operator sounded his horn to summon assistance from other boaters on the lake. Multiple boaters came to the aid of the 5 subjects.

All five were brought to shore where they were evaluated by EMS. All five refused transport to the hospital. The smoke was determined to be from a starter that shorted out and burnt wires. There was no release of fluids on the lake.

Derry Police and Marine Patrol responded to assist.

**Damage To Property:** Property damage was estimated at \$500 to the 1987 Four Winns 19' inboard/outboard Bow Rider.

### **Additional Remarks:**

We are pleased to report this had a positive outcome for several reasons including: All subjects had personal floatation devices, the boat had a fire extinguisher, and the boat had a working horn that was able to summon help from nearby boaters. Multiple citizens responded and aided by bringing the family to shore and towing the disabled boat to shore.

Incident #	<b>2016-2946</b>	Time of Alarm	<b>1914</b>
Date of Incident:	<b>August 3, 2016</b>	Time "Under Control"	<b>1927</b>
Incident Address:	<b>1 Lake St. Derry, NH</b>	Recall of Alarm	<b>1954</b>

Fire Officer Submitting Release: **Battalion Chief Scott R. Haggart** Date: **08/03/2016**

Signature of Fire Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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