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### Water Rescue

At 9:36 am today, the Countryside Fire Protection District received a 911 call and responded to a water rescue on Lake Charles, located in the Gregg's Landing subdivision in Vernon Hills, Illinois. It was reported that two young men tipped over in their canoe and were struggling to swim in the weeds. When the fire units arrived on the scene the two victims in the water were clinging to their upside down canoe, and they did not have any flotation devices with them. The Countryside Fire Protection District deployed an inflatable rescue boat and rescue hovercraft onto Lake Charles, using the boat launch by Lake Charles Park. Both victims were rescued immediately by the Countryside Fire personnel. After both patients were safely on shore they were evaluated by paramedics. They were not injured and did not get transported to the hospital. The Hovercraft went back out on Lake Charles and retrieved the overturned canoe.

Countryside Fire was assisted by Mundelein, Libertyville and Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Departments with boats, divers and other resources. Vernon Hills Police Department also responded and assisted.

**Public Safety Message** - Always have a USCG approved flotation device with you when you are out on the water.

*Photos provided by Countryside Fire Protection District*

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