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Corinth-Shiloh Fire District Responds to Water Emergency on Lake Hartwell

On July 4, 2026, at approximately 2:40 a.m., Corinth-Shiloh Fire District, Seneca Rescue One, Oconee County Emergency Services, and Clemson Fire Department responded to a reported water emergency involving a person in Lake Hartwell near Harts Ridge.

Following extensive coordinated search efforts in the surrounding areas by responding agencies, along with dedicated water search operations conducted by the Oconee County Dive Team, a male victim was recovered at approximately 9:30 a.m. and was confirmed deceased.

The members of Corinth-Shiloh Fire District extend our deepest condolences to the victim's family, loved ones, and all those affected by this tragic incident. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

As we continue through the holiday weekend and summer season, we urge everyone to exercise extreme caution while participating in water activities. Please follow all safety precautions in and around the water, including wearing life jackets when appropriate, closely supervising children, avoiding impaired operation of watercraft, and remaining aware of changing conditions.

Additionally, with the current extreme heat, we encourage everyone to stay hydrated, take frequent breaks, and monitor yourself and others for signs of heat-related illness.

Corinth-Shiloh Fire District would like to thank all responding agencies, including Seneca Rescue One, Oconee County Emergency Services, the Oconee County Dive Team, and Clemson Fire Department, for their assistance, professionalism, and continued partnership in serving our community.

For additional information regarding this incident, please contact Oconee County Emergency Management.



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