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Tonight, we responded to two separate water incidents on Lake Michigan. The first occurred at 5:49 pm and involved the report of multiple individuals in distress in the water at Bender Park. The first arriving Fire Department unit observed three victims on the beach and initiated patient care. Those victims had all been in the water and were removed prior to the arrival of the Fire Department. Two victims were transported to the hospital for further treatment and one victim refused treatment.

The second incident occurred approximately one hour later and involved a rowboat that capsized near the WE Energies fishing pier. Both people who had been on board were located along the rocky shoreline. One of the victims was able to walk with assistance to the WE Energies Fishing Pier for medical evaluation. This individual refused further treatment and was not transported to the hospital. Due to the second victim's injuries, and the cliff that borders the water in that area, the Milwaukee Fire Department's Heavy Urban Rescue Team (H.U.R.T) and Cudahy Fire Department's High Angle Rescue Team were utilized to move that individual up the face of the cliff. After an extensive technical rescue operation, the second victim was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

The Oak Creek Fire Department was assisted on these incidents by the Milwaukee Fire Department H.U.R.T and Dive Rescue teams, the South Milwaukee Fire Department's rescue boat and paramedic unit, the Franklin Fire Department, the Cudahy Fire Department, the Oak Creek Police Department, and the United States Coast Guard.

More information will be provided as it becomes available and circumstances surrounding these incidents are under investigation.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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