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On 6/21/2013 at approximately 5:05pm Menahga Police and Wadena County Deputies responded to an unknown problem at the Menahga City Beach on Spirit Lake. Upon arrival it was quickly determined that a near drowning incident had occurred. This incident involved three juvenile males, one juvenile female and one Adult female. The adult female was swimming at the city beach when one of the juvenile males began to have difficulty swimming and was unable to keep his head above water. The two other juvenile males attempted to assist the struggling juvenile male to the beach and were quickly overpowered and had to abandon rescue efforts and make their way to the safety of the beach. Calls for help were answered by the lifeguards on duty, and emergency responders were summoned. The juvenile male was rescued by Lifeguards and brought to the beach. Witnesses on scene related that the Juvenile male seemed to be under water for at least 30 seconds just prior to being rescued by Lifeguards. Menahga Police officers and Wadena County Deputies were assisted on scene by the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, Menahga First Responders, Tri County Ambulance from Wadena, and North Memorial Ambulance from Park Rapids. The three Juvenile males were transported by ambulance to Tri County Hospital in Wadena. At this time conditions of all victims are unknown. All Parents of minor children were notified. Reminder to everyone that is planning on enjoying this warm weather on area lakes; please be aware of your swimming abilities and never swim alone. If possible swim where and when a lifeguard is on duty.