



# LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Media Press Release

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Investigating Officers: Officer Schilling

### Synopsis of Event:

On July 27<sup>th</sup> 2019, Laconia Police and the Laconia Fire Department were advised of a boat fire and explosion in the Weirs. When units arrived an older model Baja was fully engulfed and was drifting towards Meredith Bay. The Laconia Fire Department was able to put the fire out and were assisted by the New Hampshire Marine Patrol.

Through the investigation it was found that the boat had been at the docks fueling up and then was having trouble starting prior to the fire and explosion. Six people jumped off the boat, that eventually began to float towards the marina and the Mount Washington. A few boats docked had minor damage. Two unidentified good samaritans on Jet Ski's pulled the fully engulfed boat out away from land saving further damage to other boats and the Mount Washington.

Two people were transported to the hospital for minor injuries.

The accident is still under investigation and if anyone saw or has additional information please call the New Hampshire Marine Patrol at 293-2037 or the Laconia police at 603-524-5252.

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