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Fire Department Responds to Cross Lake Drowning

The Shreveport Fire Department responded to the 1550 Cross Lake Blvd. at Melvin's Landing at 2:00 PM today. The dispatched call reported a man had fallen out of his boat at the marina. Fire crews arrived on scene at 2:06 PM and were directed by witnesses to the exact location of where the victim went into the water. Two Shreveport Firefighters immediately went in the water without the protection of SCUBA equipment and located the man. The man went down directly beneath his secured boat at the marina in 8-10 foot of water. Firefighters were able to get the man back in his boat from the water at 2:20 PM.

The man, who is approximately 50 years old, came out of the water without a pulse and was not breathing. Shreveport Fire Department paramedics and emergency medical technicians immediately began CPR and advance life support treatment to revive the man. He was transported to Willis Knighton North emergency room at 2:36 PM.

A witness stated he was with the man working on two of his boats at the end of the dock. He had his back turned and heard a splash and never saw the man come back to the surface. The accident remains under investigation with the Shreveport Police Department and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.