

a dramatic rescue played out Friday afternoon on Lake Pepin, a wide spot in the Mississippi River. According to the Goodhue County Sheriff's Department, a snowmobiler who had ventured out on the ice off Long Point in Old Frontenac plunged through just after 2 p.m. # " The victim was halfway between the beach and the navigation channel, approximately 100 yards from the point, " Sgt. Scott Powers said in a news release. " The snowmobiler was still holding onto the ice and was semiconscious when pulled into the airboat by deputies. " # One of the deputies trying to make his way to the snowmobiler also fell through the ice and had to be rescued, Powers said. # The 61-year-old snowmobiler was flown to a hospital. His condition was unknown Friday evening. # David Joles, Star Tribune # A dog got comfortable taking in the warm weather while driving around Bde Maka Ska with its owner as temp soared into the 40s Friday, January 4, 2019 in Minneapolis, MN. # A crowd of rescuers was involved, including sheriff's deputies, DNR conservation officers, Lake City firefighters and ambulance crews and a Mayo One helicopter crew. # On New Year's weekend, an Apple Valley couple died when their snowmobile went through the ice on Webb Lake in northwestern Wisconsin. Timothy and Kimberly O'Brien, 57 and 56, were returning to their cabin when they hit a spot of open ice. Authorities say they may have become lost, and thus ended up in open water that they couldn't see in the darkness. # Karen Zamora is a Southern California native who joined the paper in 2014 after graduating from Texas State University in San Marcos.