

danger of going out on Minnesota lakes and rivers, and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) escalated its warnings to people to stay off the ice. # " The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes, " the agency said on its website. " Your safety is your responsibility. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet. " # As if to illustrate that danger, 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.