Teen pulled from lake after drowning call

Emergency official: Boy flown to hospital with pulse

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SALEM — Roughly 40 minutes after receiving a call Friday about a possible drowning, emergency crews pulled a teen from the waters of Lake Keowee near Fall Creek Landing.

"We had some kids going to the island from the shore," Oconee County emergency services director Scott Krein said. "They got out there, got in trouble and started to come back. One couldn't swim ... and he didn't make it back."

Bystanders called at 5:20 p.m. to report seeing the unidentified boy go under water and not come back up, according to Oconee County fire chief Charlie King.

The divers located the boy and brought him back to shore within a time frame that gave Krein some optimism for the situation.

"We try to give them the best hope that we can," Krein said. "But we were doing CPR when we recovered him."

Krein later reported the boy was flown from Oconee Memorial Hospital to Greenville Memorial Hospital with a pulse.



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Emergency officials perform CPR on a teen pulled from Lake Keowee at Fall Creek Landing on Friday evening. The teen was flown to Greenville Memorial Hospital with a pulse despite being in the water for around 40 minutes, officials said.