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RESCUE CREWS CONTINUE SEARCH FOR MISSING TEEN ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



County Coordinator Brayden Fahey briefs various agency members who will continue the search for the missing 16 year old tuber

The Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety and the Office of Emergency Management is assisting with the continued search of a 16 year old boy who disappeared while on a tubing trip on the Delaware River in Kingwood Township yesterday.



According to Hunterdon County Prosecutor Kearns, "A group of six individuals rented tubes from a facility known as Delaware River Tubing near the Kingwood boat launch this morning. The group consisted of two 13 year old boys and one 16 year old boy, as well as three adult counselors from the Marlton Family Guidance Center. About one half mile downstream, one of the teens became separated from his tube and attempted to swim upstream to retrieve it. He was unable to reach the tube and went under the water. A counselor waived down a bicyclist and used her cell phone to

call 9-1-1. None in the party were wearing life jackets."

River rescue and dive teams responded as well as a New Jersey State Police helicopter and searched the area for several hours before severe thunderstorms moved into the area.

The New Jersey State Police Marine Unit from Burlington is heading up the rescue operation. Other emergency units that responded were NJSP Kingwood, Frenchtown Police, Delaware Township Police, New Jersey State Park Police, Stockton Fire and Rescue, Kingwood Fire and Rescue, Lambertville-New Hope Rescue, Amwell Valley Fire and Ambulance, Flemington-Raritan Rescue, Frenchtown Fire Company, HMC Paramedics, Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management, NJSP Northstar, Clinton Rescue, New Hope Fire Department, Point Pleasant Fire Department, Upper Black Eddy Fire Department and the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office.

The teen is described as African-American with a close cropped hair cut, 5-foot, 3-inches tall, last seen wearing black Nike swim trunks, a white or gray T-shirt, white Nike knee-high socks and flip-flops.

For more information on the search visit the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office website at: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/prosecutor/press.html or www.nj.com/hunterdon/