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Press Release

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FOREST FIRES

May 19, 2012 Vilas County, Wisconsin

The Vilas County Sheriff's Office received several 911 calls throughout the day reporting forest fires in the county.

At 13:24:53 pm, Vilas County Dispatch Center received a report of a forest fire caused by downed power lines near Pomeroy Lake Rd. and Hartman Dr., Presque Isle. Presque Isle Fire & EMS, Winchester Fire & EMS, WDNR-West Fire Control and Excel Energy responded to the fire. It is unknown at this time as to the extent of the fire or related damages.

At 14:23:59 pm, Vilas County Dispatch Center received another report of a forest fire possibly caused by a nearby fire pit. Eagle River Fire and WDNR-East Fire Control responded to the scene. It is unknown at this time as to the extent of the fire or related damages.

At 14:47:29 pm, Vilas County Dispatch Center received another report of a forest fire in Land O' Lakes, between Spring Rd. - Anderson Lake Rd and CTH B. The cause may be related to downed power lines. Responding to the scene included, Land O' Lakes Fire & EMS, Conover Fire, Phelps Fire, Watersmeet Fire, WDNR -East Fire Control, Vilas County Sheriff's Office and WE Energies. The acreage the fire encompassed is not known at this time, but preliminary report indicated (2) out-buildings were destroyed by fire. There were no reports of any injuries by civilians or emergency personnel.

At 17:05:54 pm, Vilas County Dispatch Center received another report of another forest fire in Arbor Vitae near 2726 Witches lake Rd. The cause is unknown at this time. Arbor Vitae Fire and WDNR-West Fire Control responded to the scene.

Fire danger in the Eagle River area is reported as "High". Please consider the present environmental conditions of the area if you should decide to burn.

Lt. David Gardner, VCSO

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