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### **Lost kayaker on Chipuxet River located safe**

On Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, officers from the South Kingstown Police Department, the Department of Environmental Management, volunteers from the Union and Kingston Fire Districts and members of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services responded to an area on the Chipuxet River in South Kingstown after receiving a 911 call from a disoriented kayaker.

The 17-year-old female was located in the heavily-dense swamp area using the signal from her cellular telephone. South Kingstown Dispatch personnel remained in contact on the phone with the individual as personnel responded to the scene. Once located, a drone was used to guide the kayaker out of the area to rescuers staged at a location on the South County Bicycle Path. Although shaken, the kayaker was found to be in good health and refused medical treatment.

“Teamwork and technology were key to locating this lost kayaker in a timely manner,” said Chief Matthew C. Moynihan. “By using 911 location services and deploying a drone, the team was able to locate this young woman and reunite her with her family. We want to remind anyone venturing out to enjoy the beautiful trails and waterways in South Kingstown to be sure that their cell phone is charged and that someone knows where you are going.”

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