



# TECH ON THE LAKE



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Mooresville Fire-Rescue Lt. Joel Private, left, and Capt. Justin Christie watch a computer screen as a sonar device attached to the back of the department’s boat scans a Lake Norman shore for a test dummy suspended around 30 feet under the water from a buoy.

## How do Iredell County rescuers recover drowning victims in Lake Norman?

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When someone goes missing or drowns in Lake Norman, how do rescuers find them?

In June, a possible drowning was reported on Lake Norman. Within two minutes of the call, the Iredell County Sheriff’s Office Lake Patrol was on the scene searching for the missing person.

Deputies were able to find a woman and save her. A 63-year-old man, identified as Charles William Crowe Jr., drowned. The sheriff’s office and other rescue agencies were able to find Crowe’s body within 24 hours, Sheriff Darren Campbell said.

The sheriff’s office used a remotely operated underwater vehicle called an ROV to find and pull Crowe’s body from the water. Deputies were able to respond to the scene using a closed-cabin fast response boat. Campbell said the boat was bought with money recovered from drug operations. The boat is equipped with cameras, heat detection technology and sonar.



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The Iredell County Sheriff’s Office remotely operated underwater vehicles called remote operated vehicles, or ROVs.

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## Discovery High ranked 6th in state

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U.S. News & World Report recently released rankings of the top public high schools in the country. One school in Catawba County was ranked as one of the top 10 high schools in North Carolina.

Discovery High in the New-

ton-Conover City Schools district was ranked as the sixth best high school in the state out of 682 high schools. It was also ranked 275th nationally out of more than 24,000 high schools.

Discovery had the highest ranking of any school in the Hickory metropolitan area, comprised of Catawba, Alexan-

der, Burke and Caldwell counties.

At Discovery High during the 2022-2023 school year, 100% of students took at least one Advanced Placement (AP) exam and 81% received a passing score, according to the media company’s data. The school had a graduation rate of greater

than 95%, a mathematics proficiency score of 80% and 98% of students scored proficient on reading exams.

The school had an enrollment of 162 students during the 2022-2023 school year, according to U.S. News & World Report.

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**High 79**  
**Low 58**  
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