

# Washoe County firefighters get new shallow water rescue boat



This is a screenshot from a video by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District that shows a new shallow water rescue boat.

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**RENO, Nev. (KOLO)** - The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District has added a 17-foot rescue boat that can work in just a few inches of water like a shallow lake or wetlands.

It is stationed near Washoe Lake, where it can be used in rescues for kite boarders, windsurfers, hunters, animals and others, TMFPD said in a statement.

Features include a 40 horsepower motor; a GPS navigation system that detects water temperatures, speed, depth; and 360-degree sonar for searching for objects or victims below the surface.

“Our waterways and lakes remain high from last winter, and we’re seeing more people recreating in these areas than we did during the drought, which means there is more risk,” TMFPD Chief Charlie Moore said in a statement. “It is important for us to have the tools necessary to respond to water emergencies, and this boat is a great resource for our WET (water entry team) Team.”