

Notice from March 13, 2024:

Immediate need for volunteers for the search and rescue efforts of Peter Michael Martin:

In an effort to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin's family, the Fond du Lac Police Department, and the Fond du Lac Reservation community are seeking immediate help from volunteers in his search and rescue.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Where: Brookston Community Center, Adult Side.

Address: 8200 Belich Road, Cloquet, MN, 55720

Time: 9:00 am CST.

Main Site Contact: Bruce Blacketter Jr. | 218-481-5994

Out of respect to the family and community, please be advised that all search and rescue efforts will be coordinated and directed by the Fond du Lac Police Department.

Please wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate attire.

Miigwech, thank you for your help with the search and rescue efforts for Peter Michael Martin.

Notice from March 14, 2024:

Missing Relative Update | Thursday, March 14

Search and rescue efforts are still underway to locate Peter Michael Martin.

On Wednesday, March 13th, the FDL Police Department, with the assistance of FDL Natural Resources, FDL Conservation, the Minnesota MMIR Office, and local community members, carried out a community search for Peter Michael Martin across 110 acres in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the Fond du Lac Reservation.

Search and rescue operations will continue on Thursday, March 14, and volunteers are still needed to help locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin.

Please be notified, out of respect for the family and community, that the Fond du Lac Police Department will coordinate and direct all search and rescue efforts. All volunteers are asked to wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate clothing.

Volunteer Request

When: Thursday, March 14, 2024

Where: Brookston Community Center, Adult Side.

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Time: 9:00 am CST.

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If you have seen Peter or have any information on his whereabouts, call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office at the following phone numbers. Please cite case #24032470.

Fond du Lac Police Department | 218-878-8040

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office | 218-726-2340

For all media inquiries: Caleb Dunlap | calebdunlap@fdlrez.com | 218-481-2814

Notice from March 15, 2024:

Volunteer Request | Search & Rescue Efforts for Peter Michael Martin

Call for Volunteers in the continued search and rescue efforts to locate Peter Michael Martin.

Search and rescue operations will continue tomorrow, March 15 and the FDL Community is in need of volunteers to help locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin.

Volunteer Request

When: Friday, March 15, 2024

Where: Brookston Community Center, Adult Side.

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Time: 9:00 am CST.

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Missing Relative Update | March 15, 2024

Search efforts to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, suspended for the weekend and will resume on Monday, March 18 at 9am CST.

The family of Peter Michael Martin requested for search and rescue operations to be suspended over the weekend out of respect and appreciation for all volunteers. No search efforts will occur this weekend. All search and rescue operations will resume from the Brookston Community Center on Monday, March 18th at 9am CST.

Yesterday, Thursday, March 14th, the FDL Police Department, with the help of FDL Natural Resources, FDL Conservation, the Minnesota MMIR Office, FDL Public Works, FDL Behavioral Health, FDL ENP and local community members, continued a community search for Peter Michael Martin across 50 acres in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the Fond du Lac Reservation with a total count of support from 64 persons.

Because of the density of the area searched on Thursday, the search and rescue efforts covered less ground than in previous days. No major findings were discovered, however the Fond du Lac Police Department continues to receive and investigate all Missing Person leads.

Out of respect for the continued efforts to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, anyone with tips or information related to his whereabouts is asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

Reminder that these are the official sources for all Missing Person leads for Peter Michael Martin.

Fond du Lac Police Department: (218) 878-8040

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office: (218) 726-2340

Today's search efforts were focused in Fond du Lac's Mahnomen neighborhood, where the family has provided an account of Peter's last known whereabouts, indicating that his physical location was close to his home.

The Fond du Police Department ensures that all volunteers who assist with efforts are tracked using a mapping system linked to their personal cell phones. Searchers are given detailed instructions on what to do if anything appears out of place, including audibly calling out to inform law enforcement, at which point they will assist and collect any items for further analysis. All volunteers are given broom sticks to help them comb through brush or other terrain during their search efforts.

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Notice from March 18, 2024

Volunteer Request for Monday, March 18, 2024 | Search & Rescue Efforts for Peter Michael Martin

Call for Volunteers in the continued search and rescue efforts to locate Peter Michael Martin.

Search and rescue operations will continue tomorrow, Monday, March 18, and the Fond du Lac Community and the family of Peter Michael Martin are asking for volunteers to assist in locating our missing relative.

Volunteer Request:

When: Monday, March 18, 2024

Where: Brookston Community Center, Adult Side.

Address: 8200 Belich Road, Cloquet, MN, 55720

Time: 9:00 am CST

Main Site Contact: Bruce Blacketter Jr. | 218-481-5994

All volunteers are asked to check in at the Brookston Community on the Adult side before beginning any search activities. The Fond du Police Department ensures that all volunteer efforts are tracked through a mapping system linked to the volunteers' personal cell phones. In assisting in their search efforts, all volunteers are given fluorescent yellow vests, whistles, and broom sticks to help them comb through brush or other terrain. Before beginning volunteer work, all volunteers are given specific instructions on what to do if anything appears out of place, including audibly calling out to law enforcement, at which point they will assist and collect any items for further analysis.

Reminders to all volunteers: temperatures are likely to drop below freezing; please dress accordingly, and the terrain of search areas may be highly forested; please wear appropriate footwear.

Out of respect for the continued efforts to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, anyone with tips or information related to his whereabouts are asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Please cite case #24032470.

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Notice from March 18, 2024:

Missing Relative Update | Monday, March 18

Search efforts continue to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, after 388.9 acres of Fond du Lac's (FDL) Mahnomen neighborhood have been combed through since the search began.

On Friday, March 15, the family of Peter Michael Martin requested that search and rescue operations be paused over the weekend out of respect and appreciation for all volunteers, and they resumed today, Monday, March 18, at the Brookston Community Center.

Since March, 388.9 acres of Fond du Lac's Mahnomen neighborhood have been searched with the help of community volunteers, FDL Natural Resources, FDL Conservation, the Minnesota MMIR Office, FDL Public Works, FDL Behavioral Health, and FDL ENP until search efforts were suspended for the weekend on Friday, March 15.

On Friday, March 15th, the Fond du Lac Police Department and volunteers were able to search 207.6 acres of terrain, the greatest amount of acreage yet.

The Fond du Lac Police Department ensures that all volunteers who assist with efforts are tracked using a mapping system linked to their personal cell phones. Searchers are given fluorescent yellow vests, whistles, and broom sticks to help them comb through

brush or other terrain. Before beginning volunteer work, all volunteers are given specific instructions on what to do if anything appears out of place, including audibly calling out to law enforcement, at which point they will assist and collect any items for further analysis.

Peter Michael Martin continues to be considered a missing person, and the FDL Police Department is investigating all leads. Anyone with tips or information on our missing relative's whereabouts is asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

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Notice from March 19, 2024:

Volunteer Request for Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | Search & Rescue Efforts for Peter Michael Martin

Peter Michael Martin's ongoing search and rescue efforts continue to need the support of volunteers.

Peter Michael Martin remains listed as a missing person, and tomorrow, Wednesday, March 20, the Fond du Lac Community and the family of Peter are asking for volunteers for help in the ongoing search of our missing relative.

Volunteer Request:

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Where: Brookston Community Center, Adult Side.

Address: 8200 Belich Road, Cloquet, MN, 55720

Time: 9:00 am CST

Main Site Contact: Bruce Blacketter Jr. | 218-481-5994

All volunteers are asked to sign in at the Brookston Community Center on the Adult side before beginning any search operations.

The Fond du Police Department ensures that all volunteer efforts are tracked using a mapping technology linked to each volunteers' personal cellphones.

To aid in their search efforts, all volunteers are provided fluorescent yellow vests, gloves, whistles, and broom sticks to help them comb through brush or other terrain. Before beginning volunteer work, all volunteers are given specific directions on what to do if something appears out of place, including audibly alerting law enforcement, at which point officers will assist with anything that appears amiss.

Reminders for all volunteers: temperatures are likely to drop below freezing tomorrow; please dress accordingly, and the terrain of search areas may be heavily forested or wetlands; please wear proper water-protective footwear. Also, because the search needs the usage of your cell phone, please make sure it is well charged.

Out of respect for the continued efforts to locate our missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, anyone with tips or information related to his whereabouts are asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Please cite case #24032470.

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Notice from March 19, 2024:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Search continues for Missing Fond du Lac Relative, Peter Michael Martin

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Cloquet, MN (March 21, 2024) – The Fond du Lac (FDL) tribal community continues to look for missing relative, PETER MICHAEL MARTIN.

Missing relative, 31-year-old Peter Michael Martin, a Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa tribal member who grew up on the FDL Reservation's Mahnomen neighborhood is a father, brother, uncle, friend, 2011 Albrook (Southridge) High School graduate, and an avid basketball player.

On Monday, March 11, officers from the Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) were notified of a missing person and promptly responded to Peter Michael Martin's home in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the FDL Reservation. Officers arrived and were unable to locate Peter at his home. They continued to search the property, its surroundings, and canvassed the neighborhood door to door, but Peter was not found. Soon after, the St. Louis County Rescue Squad (SLCRS) was contacted to assist with the search and provide a mobile command station. Over the next 24 hours, FDLPD and SLCRS launched a 140-acre search and deployed drone support near Peter's home.

On Wednesday, March 13, FDL Emergency Management was contacted, and a community search and rescue effort was launched in the Mahnomen neighborhood, with logistical and investigative support from the FDL Police Department, where Peter was last seen on Friday, March 8.

As of Wednesday, March 20, community volunteers provided over 2500 hours of support and systematically searched, within 10-15 feet of each other, 894 acres of varying terrain, including deep woodlands, fields and wetlands, to help discover and rescue Peter. At this time, search and rescue efforts, as well as an investigation, have not discovered Peter's whereabouts. Peter remains a missing person.

"Land and water searches continue across the Mahnomen neighborhood and surrounding watershed. These efforts are critical to locating Mr. Martin."

– Mel Barney, Chief of Police, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band and FDLPD collaborated with SLCRS and Minnesota's Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relative (MMIR) Office to conduct search efforts. Together they deployed technologies such as drones, airplane surveillance, ATVs, cadaver dogs, human-scent bloodhound dogs, an underwater Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV), an amphibious SHERP vehicle, CalTopo mapping software, and a 21-foot boat equipped with scanning sonar.

"The community has come together in an extraordinary way for this young man who is a son, brother, and father. It is important to emphasize that, despite the world's indifferences, when people work together, good things always emerge. The Fond du Lac Band continues to employ its resources and staff, as well as collaborate with other agencies, to assist the family in locating Peter. Our thoughts, tobacco, and prayers are with the family and the entire community. Miigwech to all for your support."

– Chairman Kevin Dupuis, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

At this time, the Fond du Lac Band and Peter Michael Martin's family would like to acknowledge community volunteers, FDLPD, SLCRS, the Minnesota MMIR Office, and FDL's Emergency Management, Natural Resources, Conservation, Behavioral Health, and Cultural Resources Departments for their ongoing assistance.

"We are so appreciative of the overwhelming support from community it honors my brother who is a happy and outgoing person."

– Linda Martin-Proulx, Peter Michael Martin's sister and family spokesman.

If you have any information related to the whereabouts of missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, please call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Please cite case #24032470.

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Notice from March 25, 2024:

Missing Relative Update | Monday, March 25

Search efforts for missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, suspended today, Monday, March 25, due to winter weather conditions.

The family of Peter Michael Martin has requested that search and rescue operations be paused today, Monday, March 25, due to winter weather conditions.

As of Monday, March 25th, Peter Michael Martin remains a missing person, and the FDL Police Department continues investigating all leads. Anyone with tips or information on our missing relatives whereabouts are asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

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Notice from March 26, 2024:

Missing Relative Update | Tuesday, March 26

Search efforts for missing relative, Peter Michael Martin, suspended today, Tuesday, March 26, due to continued winter weather conditions.

The family of Peter Michael Martin has requested that search and rescue operations be paused today, Tuesday, March 26, due to winter weather conditions.

As of Tuesday, March 26th, Peter Michael Martin remains a missing person, and the FDL Police Department continues investigating all leads. Anyone with tips or information on our missing relative's whereabouts are asked to call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

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Notice from March 28, 2024:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Fond du Lac Band strengthens efforts to locate missing relative, Peter Michael Martin.

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa – Cloquet, Minnesota (March 28, 2024)
As of Friday, March 22, search and rescue efforts for Peter Michael Martin had been

suspended, due to winter weather conditions and out of respect for the wishes of Peter's family, until the week of April 1st.

Prior to Friday, March 22, over 1000 acres of various terrain in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the Fond du Lac Reservation were searched, with 2500 hours of support from community volunteers, Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) and other agencies.

At this moment, search and rescue operations, as well as investigation efforts, have yielded no results, and Peter remains missing. However, the Fond du Lac Band remains dedicated to assisting the family and locating missing relative, Peter Michael Martin.

On Thursday, March 28, the Fond du Lac Band activated a complete Emergency Operations Center (EOC) process to boost its search for Peter Michael Martin. The Fond du Lac Band's EOC process requires all divisions of the tribal nation to donate all available resources to meet the process's specific needs. With this shift, the Fond du Lac Band expands its capacity to search across the entire Fond du Lac Reservation and surrounding areas of interest, while also enhancing its efforts through the utilization of its staff members' technical skills, knowledge and abilities.

"I've been able to search acres and acres for my brother, Peter, alongside volunteers and Fond du Lac Police officers. As search efforts increase, our family and I remain assured that our tribe will continue to work through a process will bring my brother home."

– Linda Martin-Proulx, sister of Peter Michael Martin and family spokesperson.

Along with the activation of the Fond du Lac Band's full EOC process, the FDLPD continues to support the ongoing missing persons investigation through investigation into all leads provided to 911, FDLPD, and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. The FDLPD continues to request that anyone with information on Peter Michael Martin's location contact one of these official agencies.

"Our investigation efforts are supported by highly trained officers, many from the Fond du Lac tribal community, and I have full confidence in our agency and our investigation division to utilize all available resources, which includes outside agencies, to support locating Mr. Martin."

– Mel Barney, Chief of the Fond du Lac Police Department.

The Fond du Lac Band and Peter Michael Martin's family are extremely grateful for the ongoing efforts of outside agencies that continue to collaborate with the tribe in search and rescue efforts, as well as the hundreds of community volunteers and Fond du Lac Band employees who have given of their time, energy, and expertise to support all efforts to locate missing relative, Peter Michael Martin.

"The Fond du Lac Band remains committed to exhausting all efforts to bring our relative home, and as a sovereign nation, we respect the decisions and approaches of our FDL Police Department and Emergency Management division. Our thoughts, tobacco, and prayers remain with Peter's family and the entire community. Miigwech to everyone for their support."

– Kevin Dupuis Sr., Chairman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

The Fond du Lac Band wishes to remind everyone that Peter is more than a missing person. Missing relative, Peter Martin Michael, a 31-year-old Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa tribal member, is a father, brother, uncle, friend, 2011 Albrook (Southridge) High School graduate, an avid basketball player, one who loves being among the wild rice, and an important part to the community and his family.

To assist with locating Peter Michael Martin, his family, and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, request that anyone with information on his whereabouts call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department, or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and reference case #24032470.

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Notice from April 2, 2024:

Missing Relative Update & Volunteer Request | Tuesday, April 2

Fond du Lac Band activated a full EOC to support search efforts for missing relative.

On Monday, April 1, the Fond du Lac Band activated a full Emergency Operations Center (EOC) process, requiring resources from all divisions across the tribal nation to support the search and rescue efforts for Peter Michael Martin. This now allows for search efforts to continue across all districts of the Fond du Lac Reservation, with a focus on the Sawyer district and places that were important to Peter throughout his life.

This week, due to recent snowfall, search and rescue operations were limited to vehicles and Side by Side ATVs, but they were able to search 20+ miles of open space and trails.

Search and rescue operations continue tomorrow, Wednesday, April 3, from the Sawyer Community Center on the Fond du Lac Reservation, and the Fond du Lac Band and Peter Michael Martin's family are requesting volunteers to help with the ongoing efforts.

Volunteer Request:

When: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Where: Sawyer Community Center, on the Adult side near the ENP.

Address: 3243 Moorhead Rd, Sawyer, MN 55780

Time: 9:00 am CST

Main Site Contact: Bruce Blacketter Jr. | 218-481-5994

Before beginning volunteer efforts, all volunteers are asked to check in at the Sawyer Community Center, where they will be given specific instructions on how and where to conduct their search and what to do if something appears out of place.

To assist in search efforts, all volunteers will be tracked through a mapping system linked to the volunteers' personal cell phones, are given fluorescent yellow vests, whistles, and broom sticks to help comb through brush or other terrain.

Reminder to all volunteers: please dress accordingly for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and make sure to keep your personal cell phone charged.

To anyone with tips or information related to the whereabouts of Peter Michael Martin please call 911, the Fond du Lac Police Department or the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Refer to case #24032470.

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