

CLAYTON FIRE COMPANY NO.1 INCORPORATED
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE # II-13

Date of Effect: August 1, 2010	To be reviewed: January, 2020
To: All Members	Revised: January 1, 2019
Ordered By: Alexander C Carrow, Fire Chief	
Subject: WATER RESCUE	

This guideline shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded.

Purpose: To establish a guideline for members of this department regarding water rescue.

I. GUIDELINE:

Anyone working around water while on the scene of an inland water rescue or ice water rescue

will be wearing Type I life vests. Anyone that enters any water will be equipped with a department issued Dry Suit and Type I life vest. Ice water rescues will be equipped with a department issued Ice Rescue Suit. **NO ONE SHOULD BE NEAR WATER WEARING TURNOUT GEAR!!**

II. RESPONSE:

To actively operate at the scene of any ice rescue or inland water rescue that members must have completed: For Ice Water Rescue/Shore based incidents you must have – Shore Based/Water Rescue I. For inland water rescues you must have: A) To ride as tech in the boat-Water Rescue I & II. B.) To operate the boat – Water Rescue I & II (the driver must also be cleared to trailer or tow the boat). Units to respond on any Ice Water or Inland Water Rescues shall be Rescue 45, Brush 45 (pulling 45Marine2). Whenever operating 45marine2 there will be 1 operator and when possible 1 tech to assist, both must be equipped with PFD's neither should be wearing their turnout gear. At no time will there be more than 2 RESCUERS in the boat (you need to leave room for a possible victim).

III. ON SCENE:

- A. ICE WATER RESCUES:** It is the policy of this department that two (2) members shall don ice water rescue suits. Only members who have completed the DSFS “Water Rescue I/Shore Based class or its equivalent shall don the ice water rescue suits. The department has been trained in and will use the “reach-throw-row-go” method when operating at the scene of a ice water/shore passed rescue. If the officer in charge calls for a “go” rescue, only members in the water rescue suits shall enter the water. Any member entering any water shall be attached to a life line at all times, an additional life line will be used for the victim. All on-shore members of the rescue crew, shall be required to wear a Type I life vest and either their structural firefighting helmet or a rescue helmet. Normal turn-out gear (coat and pants) should not be worn by these members. Any additional members, who do not have the proper safety equipment on will stay away from the shoreline at all times and maybe used by the officer for other duties.
- B. STILL/POND/FLOOD WATER RESCUES:** To respond to this type of call requires the members have at least completed Water Rescue I. To operate 45marine2 at a scene the member must have completed Water Rescue I & II and be approved to operate by the Fire Chief or his designee.
- C. SWIFT WATER RESCUES:** To enter the water and attempted any rescues during this type of incident the member must have completed Swift Water Rescue I
- D. AREA'S OF OPERATION:** Boat 45marine2 will not operate in any tidal waters with the exception of inland marsh areas, streams, rivers, or creeks.