

ICE RESCUE OPERATIONS

Purpose:

- To establish a basic operational guideline to be used by members when faced with an actual or potential ice rescue incident.

Guideline:

- Establish the location of the incident and what apparatus will be able to gain access to the scene
 - Normal Response is 2762 followed by 2761 and 2771
 - If needed request off road vehicles ATV's / Snowmobiles
- First Arriving member should make contact with victim or witness to ascertain victims last location
 - Try to keep victim calm and talking
 - Identify number of victims
 - If available throw rope bag to victim and have them roll in it
- Rescue team should consist of:
 - Incident Commander / Operations
 - Rescuer in Ice Suit
 - Back-up Rescuer in Ice Suit
 - Rope Handler
 - Observer
 - EMS – Can be ambulance crew
- Attempt to rescue victim by shore means prior to committing personnel to the ice.
- Personnel operating on the ice should be in rescue suits or a minimum of a life jacket.
- Request an ambulance for each victim and an additional for stand-by
- Consider Mutual Aid as needed
 - Oswego City – Suits and Rescue Sled
 - Minetto – Suits and Rescue Sled
 - Oswego Town – Suits and Rescue Sled
 - Volney - Suits