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	<b>Dive Unit Standards</b>	Revised Date:

**I. SCOPE**

- A. This standard applies to all Queen Anne's County Fire Department's.

**II. PURPOSE**

- A. To establish standards for a Dive Unit.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. All Queen Anne's County Fire Department's will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this standard.

**IV. STANDARD**

- A. This vehicle shall consist of a motorized piece of equipment of minimum capacity to carry the equipment listed below without being overloaded. This vehicle shall meet DOT specifications and shall not exceed chassis manufacturer's GVW. This vehicle shall be equipped with an audible back up alarm and necessary warning devices. It must be registered as an emergency vehicle and meet all codes of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or its successors.

- B. 1. To be numbered with Dive and 1-digit number.

1. Example; Dive 3.

- C. Minimum equipment to be carried.

1. One mobile radio must meet QAC specifications.
2. One hand held fire radio.
3. One mobile radio.
4. One mobile scanner (optional.)
5. Three buoyancy compensators.
6. One hand held VHF radio.
7. Six air bottles.

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8. Three regulators.
9. Two communication masks.
10. Two communication headsets.
11. Two communication line ropes.
12. One communication splitter.
13. Three dry suits (two large & one extra large.)
14. One dive box (assorted spare parts & lite sticks.)
15. Four sets of fins.
16. Two rope bags.
17. Three weight belts with assorted spare weights.
18. One anchor weight with line.
19. One tool box (hand tools, center punch, seat belt cutter.)
20. One first aid kit (NFPA 1903) with oxygen.
21. One fire extinguisher.
22. Eight road flares.
23. Two wheel chocks.
24. One pick head fire axe.
25. One pair bolt cutters.
26. Two diver flags.
27. Two lite boxes- portable lights.
28. One hand held spot light (one million candle power.)
29. One haligan bar.
30. Six blankets.
31. Two underwater search lights.
32. Five maps (Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Kent, MD, Waterway.)
33. Four life preservers with emergency strobe lights.
34. One throwing buoy.
35. One long floating back board.
36. Three small weighted marker buoys with scotchlite.
37. Two large weighted marker buoys with scotchlite.
38. One set of drag hooks.
39. One pair of binoculars.
40. Personal dive bags (optional.)
41. QAC ADC map books for all jurisdictions in which you respond.

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