

	<b>Queen Anne's County Fire &amp; EMS Commission Operations Manual</b>	No. 06.14
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	<b>Dive Rescue Team 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 Rescue Team.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

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

**IV. STANDARD**

- A. For any company to be alerted to respond to a water related accident involving an actual water rescue, the company must have all qualifications listed and be recognized as a Queen Anne's County Dive Team.
- B. Operational procedures
  1. A coordinator will be chosen by the Dive Team Committee. That position will rotate each year. Each company will have a Dive Team Captain who will report to the Coordinator on a regular basis.
  2. There will be at least one (1) County Dive Team drill each year.
  3. At the scene of the diving incident, the first Dive Team on location will set up Command and coordinate operations with the Officer in charge of the Rescue Assignment.
  4. There will be no dragging operations started until the Dive Team is consulted and determines the mode of operations to continue with.

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C. Department Dive Team must be equipped as follows:

1. Six (6) certified divers with current certification.
2. Three (3) wet or dry suits complete with gloves, boots, hood, fins and mask.
3. Three (3) buoyancy compensators.
4. Three (3) weight belts with a variety of and compatible weight sizes.
5. Three (3) consoles inclusive: pressure and depth gauges.
6. Three (3) compasses.
7. Three (3) flash lights with extra batteries and bulbs.
8. Three (3) regulators.
9. Three (3) secondary air sources: pony bottles or optopus.
10. Six (6) air tanks.
11. Six (6) knives.
12. Six (6) glo-sticks.
13. Two (2) sections of rope each 150' in length.

D. Membership requirements

1. A member of a Queen Anne's County Fire Department for at least two (2) years.
2. At least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. Must have open water certification.
4. Must have advanced certification.
5. Stress & Rescue or Rescue certification.
6. Must possess a current physical examination

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