



# GENERAL ORDER

## Swim Test

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Approved By: Darren L. Stevens, Fire Rescue Chief

In accordance with Operating Procedure 205 and the referenced Northern Virginia Fire Departments, Inland Water Rescues and Emergencies Manual (First Edition 2010), all personnel certified at the swift water operations, swift water technician, or swift water boat operator levels, are required to complete a periodic swim test.

The Department will be performing a semi-annual swim test on the dates listed below for personnel who are currently certified at the "swift water technician" level or higher. Overtime is approved for personnel attending the April 2018 swim test sessions. Volunteer departments that would like to send members on these test dates are to contact Battalion Chief Kidwell to schedule.

The following are the parameters for the swim test:

- Test location will be the WARF at 0700 hours. Personnel are to bring Department issued ID for entry.
- Personnel must be able to swim 300m unassisted in under 12min to maintain technician certification.
- Minimum of 1 evaluator must be present who must be a Department officer.
- Proper swim attire is required as stipulated by the WARF.
- Utilization of goggles is permitted
- Personnel may utilize any stroke and may pause at ends of pool
- Personnel shall not touch bottom of pool
- Failure to finish within the prescribed time will necessitate the need for a re-test. If a successful retest is not completed within 6 months the student will be downgraded to Operations (OPS) level, thereby limiting response capabilities and water entries.

Monday April 2, 2018	Tuesday April 3, 2018	Wednesday April 4, 2018
- Butler, Corey	- Frederick, Clifton	- Arft, RJ
- Miller, Brendan	- Baer, Nick	- Weeks, Anderson
- Wilson, Benjamin	- Nugent, Matthew	- Miller, Samuel
- Baker, Russell	- Kidwell, Dale	- Gillam, Michael
- Flippo, Butch	- Flinn, Zachary	- Neam, Kenneth

Personnel who elect to NOT participate by attending and completing the swim test shall be downgraded to Operations (OPS) level, thus restricting activities with response of swift water assets in Fauquier County until such time as they choose to successfully complete a department sanctioned swim test session. Personnel who plan to NOT attend the April 2018 session should notify Battalion Chief Dale Kidwell via email prior to the first day of testing.

Questions regarding this general order should be directed to Battalion Chief Kidwell.