

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

OPERATING PROCEDURE

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NOVA Inland Water Rescue & Emergencies

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PURPOSE

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual dealing with Inland Water Rescue & Emergencies 2nd edition (2019).

SCOPE

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the NOVA Inland Water Rescue and Emergencies Manual. Fauquier County cannot meet the full complement of apparatus needed for an assignment, but the intent is met and relayed through an Inland Water and Rescue Emergencies Manual Addendum created by the Fauquier County Fire Operations Group.

I. PREFACE

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, and various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and county.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all operating at an inland water emergency. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the Inland Water Rescue and Emergencies Manual, allow for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting) consistency as well.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue, hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Manual: Inland Water Rescue and Emergencies 2nd edition (2019), as amended in section III.

Desire to Serve

Ability to Perform

Courage to Act

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B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the Inland Water and Rescue Emergencies Manual 2nd edition (2019).

III. ADDENDUM

A. The following amendments to the response compliment associated with the NOVA Inland Water and Rescue Emergencies Manual have been adopted by Fauquier County.

- 1. Response Compliment (Water Rescue)
 - 2 Swift Water Boats
 - 1 Truck or Heavy Rescue
 - 2 Engine Companies
 - 1 Command Officer
 - 1 EMS Transport Unit

- 2. Response Compliment (Ice Rescue)
 - 2 Swift Water Boats
 - 1 Truck or Heavy Rescue
 - 2 Engine Companies
 - 1 Command Officer
 - 2 EMS Transport Units (1 for victim & 1 for emergency responders)