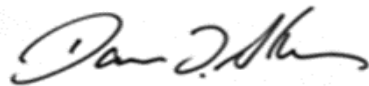
	GENERAL ORDER	
	Swift Water Swim Test	
	Date: February 22, 2021	Number: 21.020
	Effective Date: February 22, 2021	Expiration Date: N/A
Approved By: Darren L. Stevens, Fire Rescue Chief 		

In accordance with Operating Procedure 205 and the referenced Northern Virginia Fire Departments, Inland Water Rescues and Emergencies Manual (Second Edition 2019), all personnel certified at the 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 March 3rd, 4th, and 5th for personnel who are currently certified at the "swift water technician" level or higher. Overtime is approved for personnel attending the March 2021 swim test sessions. Volunteer departments that would like to send members on these test dates are to contact Captain Latham to schedule.

The following Swift Water Technicians are required to complete the swim test and should contact Captain Latham to schedule your test:

Alford, William	Gray, Jeffery	Miller, Brendan
Baer, Nick	Highland, Jordan	Moynich, Peter
Butler, Corey	Hulvey, Andrew	Myers, Charles
Ferraiuolo, Mason	Jaeger, Bryan	Neam, Kenneth
Flinn, Zachary	Latham, Brian	Schmidt, Luke
Frederick, Clifton	Leonard, Jeremiah	Wilson, Benjamin
Frinks, Jonathan	McEvelly, Fred	Wood, David

The following are the parameters for the swim test:

- Test location will be the WARF at 1345 - 1600 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 and 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.

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 and deployments through Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) until such time as they choose to successfully complete a department sanctioned swim test session. Personnel who plan to NOT attend the March 2021 session should notify Captain Latham via email prior to the first day of testing. If you are a Swift Water Technician and have been accidentally left off this list, please contact Captain Latham to schedule a swim test.

Questions regarding this general order should be directed to Captain Brian Latham.