

<b>Standard Operating Procedure</b>	NO: 04-04-03
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## **Purpose**

To establish a basic operational guideline to be used by members when faced with an actual or potential ice rescue incident.

## **Guideline:**

- First two qualified members to arrive at the station should don dry suits.
- First unit to answer up should request the County Dive team.
- Upon arrival, confirm the exact location of the incident and available access for apparatus
  - Normal Response is 2762 with 2775,2721,2771
  - If needed request off road vehicles ATV's / Snowmobiles
- First Arriving member should make contact with victim or witness to ascertain the victims last location.
  - Try to keep victim calm and talking
  - Identify the number of victims
  - Attempt to throw a rope bag to victim and have them roll in it
- Rescue team should consist of:
  - Incident Commander / Operations
  - Rescuer in Ice Suit
  - Back-up Rescuer in Ice Suit
  - Rope Handler
  - Observer
  - EMS – Can be ambulance crew
- Attempt to rescue victim by shore means prior to committing personnel to the ice.
- Personnel operating on the ice should be in rescue suits or a minimum of a life jacket.
- Any personnel within 10 ft. feet of the water's edge should be wearing a life jacket.
- Turn out gear is not recommended for use near water.
- Request an ambulance for each victim and an additional for stand-by
- Consider Mutual Aid, as needed:
  - US Coast Guard
  - Oswego City – Suits and Rescue Sled
  - Minetto – Suits, boat and Rescue Sled
  - Oswego Town – Suits and Rescue Sled
  - Volney - Suits