

# Operating Guidelines

Section: Departmental Administration

Subject: Ice Water Rescue

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## Purpose

To establish guidelines on how to safely mitigate an Ice Water Rescue.

## Procedure

### 108.1

Firefighters performing an operational task in respect to an Ice Water Rescue should be trained to the minimum required level of the task they are to perform.

### 108.2

All firefighters near or about ice or open water shall wear all required PPE in respect to their specific task. At minimum appropriate PFD's shall be worn.

### 108.3

Whenever possible, rescues should be shore based using appropriate length of rope to execute rescue.

### 108.4

At least one RDC (Rapid Deployment Craft) should be deployed with a minimum of two rescuers.

### 108.5

As soon as resources permit a RIT should be staged near deployment location.

## Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of every member of the Fire Department to obey all rules and regulations of the Parry Sound Fire Department in order to maintain a safe working environment for all.