



Edgerton Fire Protection District

Skill Drill #119 - Ice Water Rescue

Objective

All participants shall have an understanding of the hazards involved with operating at water rescue scenes. Participants shall show competency in operating all equipment used at these types of incidents.

Preparation

Scout out locations on lake

Get spikes for rope bucket to secure it to ice

Bring large Pelican light to night training

Drill

- Station briefing
 - What to do if a call comes in during training
 - Radio procedures
 - Staging areas (show lake maps)
 - Review Water Rescue SOG
 - Cover each section in detail
 - Discuss MABAS response
 - Response order
 - 79 with suits and trailer
 - Ambulance 73
 - Engine 72 (as needed for lighting)
 - 76 responds in our area for Incident Command
- Rescue strategies
 - Deploy Zodiac in open water and head towards ice
 - Walk out on ice towards open water
 - Which is quicker
- Be sure that rescuer and rope tender are spaced apart.
 - Rescuer should be leading
 - Tender follows



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- Connect 500' rope bucket to rope tender
 - This bucket should be manned at all times
 - Personnel at this bucket will have a portable radio and flashlight

Evolutions

Divide into 2 groups if necessary.

1. Working as teams, enter water and retrieve floating throw cushion.
2. Launch, operate, and return Zodiac to trailer

Discussion Questions

Is there anything that can be done to improve safety?

What techniques worked the best? Why?

Is there any additional equipment needed?

How can we improve our response?