

FY20 annual Dive team report:

Activations: 8-1- 2019 thru 4-1-2020: the team was activated 2 times.

1. August 3, 2019 the team was activated to Hudson to check the Assabet River for tubs floating in the river leaking blood. Dive team entered water in Marlboro turned containers over to local & state PD

2. January 2020 the team was activated for a person through the ice on Brigham Street Westboro. Person was rescued by local team member prior to the full team arrival.

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Training: The training schedule and attendance was sent out to all of the active departments for Chiefs to review. Significant training activity included:

\* In September 16 members from the team completed their Dive Rescue 1 certifications During the 3 day class all divers completed multiple dives consisting of sweep and parallel search patterns as well as lost diver drills and victim/evidence recovery.

\* The team completed recertification of all divers and tenders during the December & January training drills and completed its deep dive in August.

\* Multiple towns in the district hosted training with out of the district police and fire divers.

\* The team has a car certified to place area waters to teach all team members vehicle recovery.

In the coming FY intentions are to complete the ongoing swift water training, and obtain Dive Rescue one certification on light salvage recovery training for the newer members.

Notes: We have 24 D14 active Firefighters divers & 5 Police divers that have completed the new team policy requirements of meeting with their chiefs and have agreed to commit to the terms of the SOG. The team size has been set at 40 members with 3 team leaders plus police.

Respectfully submitted,

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