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I) PURPOSE/SCOPE/APPLICATION

- A) To establish training guidelines to refresh, update and advance the skills of all the members of the District 14 Dive Rescue Team.
- B) This SOG will identify the minimum levels of training required to maintain active duty status on the team.
- C) The Team Leaders and Liaison Chief shall apply this SOG when reviewing personnel membership status.

II) REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- A) N/A

III) DEFINITIONS

- A) N/A

IV) SPECIALIZED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) All members shall be responsible for enforcing this SOG.

V) SAFETY

- A) N/A

VI) ENFORCEMENT

- A) Failure to understand this Standard Operating Guideline may result in disciplinary action.
- B) Any deviation from this Standard Operating Guideline may require a written report to the Chief overseeing the team and/or the District 14 Chair.

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C) This policy is for internal use only and does not enlarge an employee's civil liability in any way. The policy should not be construed as creating a higher duty of care, in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party civil claims against employees. A violation of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department for non-judicial administrative action in accordance with the laws governing employee discipline.

VII) STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

A) Active Status - Diver

- 1) To remain on active status as a diver, they must attend Eight (8) of the annual training sessions and must dive at Six (6) of those for a minimum of Twenty (20) minutes each dive, or to complete the dive mission. The member must also successfully complete the annual skills review. Failure to meet the minimum requirements, the member will be placed on inactive status as decided by the Operational Chiefs.
- 2) Outside classes can be counted towards (1) one of the required dives if prior approval has been obtained in writing from the Team Leader, or Assistant Team Leaders in his absence. No more than (1) outside dive will be permitted during a calendar year, without prior arrangements with Team Leaders and Operational Chiefs.
- 3) Diving during an activation shall count toward completion of one of the minimum dive requirements.

B) Active Status – Support

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1) To remain on active status as support, they must attend Four (4) of the annual training sessions. The member must also successfully complete the annual skills review. Failure to meet the minimum requirements, the member will be placed on inactive status as decided by the Operational Chiefs.

2) Omitted

VIII) RECORDS, REPORTS, CHARTS, FORMS

A) The Team Leader or designee will be responsible for maintaining training records of all members.

Sog Review Dates: