




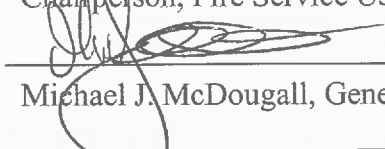
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**9-1-1** FIRE  
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**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS  
 FIRE SERVICE POLICY**

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**1.0 Policy**

Fire units staffed with personnel trained as rescue swimmers need to be easily identified via the computer aided dispatch system (CAD) to allow for unit recommendation based on that qualification.

Rescue swimmers are specially trained to effect rescues in open water and often work in pairs. Staffing of rescue swimmers on fire apparatus is inconsistent and may vary day to day.

**2.0 Procedure**

2.1 Agencies with trained rescue swimmers will notify NetCom daily of their rescue swimmer staffing.

2.1.1 This can be done via daily phone call from each unit Captain, or

2.1.2 One call from the Duty Chief, or

2.1.3 Fax from the agency

- 2.2 Upon notification, NetCom Lead Dispatchers will update the attributes for each unit to accurately reflect rescue swimmer staffing.
  - 2.3 The rescue swimmer attribute does not expire and will remain associated with a unit until further notice, therefore daily notification and accurate updating is essential.
- 3.0** A responder's need for rescue swimmer(s) will be handled via response upgrade in CAD to assign the nearest staffed emergency response unit.