

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: SNOW RESCUE

SOG 827

PURPOSE: The purpose of this standard operating guideline is for the Egg Harbor Fire Department personnel in providing emergency rescue in snow conditions.

SCOPE: This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

RESPONSE:

- A. Both stations will respond for the snow rescues. Truck 20 and Unit 22 will respond to an appropriate location for a command post/staging area. The first unit on scene will set up a command post and staging area.
- B. Snow rescue equipment can be transported by department members using department equipment or approved personal vehicles. Equipment should be unloaded and prepared to depart by department members or operators.

SETUP:

One Firefighter needs to be present to unload Unit 22 and set up the equipment. One Officer needs to be present on all missions and one support person.

RESCUE OPERATIONS:

- A. A senior medical person at the command post with a first aid kit shall have a witness of the accident take him to the scene. This person shall have established radio communications before departing. If at all possible leave a witness at the command post to lead incoming units to the scene.
- B. At no time will department owned snow rescue equipment be operated by non-department members. Only department members that have been properly trained are to operate equipment. Proper winter clothing will be worn at all times, and helmets worn by all operators and passengers including reflective vests. Proper snowmobiling etiquette must be used at all times. Any misuse, damage, or accidents are to be reported immediately through the chain of command.