

Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: ROPE RESCUE

SOG 828

PURPOSE: To have in place a policy for all personnel to follow when performing rope rescue operations or training.

SCOPE: This procedure applies to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

1. Personnel Response:

When the department is dispatched to a possible rope rescue it shall be a full department response.

2. Vehicle Response:

Ladder 21 and Truck 20 with ATV 22, and any other units necessary shall respond to the call.

3. Incident Command:

The job function of the incident commander is:

- a. Establish the ICS.
- b. Conduct initial size-up, (request additional aid, cancel unneeded aid, and etc.)
- c. Contact reporting party or witnesses to determine exactly what happened.
- d. Determine number of victims, time they have been down, etc.
- e. Determine whether it is a rescue or a recovery operation.

4. Fire Department Operations.

- a. Only *trained* Fire Department personnel will conduct a rope rescue operation.
- b. Rescue will not be attempted until enough personnel are on hand to manage the operation safely.
- c. Communication will be established between **Command** and the **Rescue Team**.
- d. Ambulance will be notified and responding with First Responders on scene.
- e. The area and environment must be monitored to insure a safe rescue operation.