Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders
Standard Operating Guidelines

SUBJECT: ROPE RESCUE

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.