

SWIFT WATER, 2ND TONE, FLOATING VICTIM

OBJECTIVES

- **No one goes in the water!**
- Know who you're reporting to
- Proper PPE (Wildland Gear, Helmet)
- Accurate Communications on the correct channels (see below)
- IC at point of entry
- Other firefighters at observation/catch points (see below)

TRIGGER

1st Alarm Water Rescue (CAD Call Type: REWATR) is the default response to an unknown victim in the water.

2nd Alarm is initiated upon a confirmed moving victim:

- Agency representative witnessed moving victim
- Is an RP sighting report sufficient? Yes
- Is a reported missing victim sufficient? No
- Response: Agencies downstream of the incident

GEAR & EQUIPMENT

- ✓ Wildland gear
- ✓ Helmet
- ✓ Throw bag
- ✓ Radio Set to COMM PLAN 1 (in Group 9)

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications will be on Boulder COMM PLAN 1 (in Group 9)

Command will be on SO Fire 2 on PLAN 1

Rescue Branch will be on (FTAC 5)

Sugar Loaf operations will be on FTAC 7

Communications between the Division Supervisors and the Search Branch Director will be on SO Fire 2.

There are four divisions –

- Nederland is Alpha (FTAC 6)
- Sugar Loaf is Bravo (FTAC 7)
- Four Mile is Charlie (FTAC 8)
- City of Boulder is Delta (FTAC 9)

Only IC should be talking on Command Channel

All SUGARLOAF operations should be on FTAC 7

The one exception is: *if you spot the victim*, get on the Command Channel and notify

IC and OPs

IC is from the jurisdiction where the 1st alarm was initiated.

The exception is: *if there are no victims still at that location, the IC should move higher to a better location for communications.*

BES is operations over the whole incident.

Sugar Loaf should establish their own operations person.

IC should not be running ops.

LOCATIONS

IC should establish staging area for Sugar Loaf.

We have 5 pre-determined observation/catch points (use Avenza if you have it):

Location	Detail	Purpose
Flycasters Memorial Park	Pull-off area west of the tunnel	Observation and Catch Point
Mile Marker 36 Outcrop	West of Sugar Loaf where you can drive around the rock. Site of previous fatality.	Observation and Catch Point
3-House Bridge	Approx. Mile Marker 35.64	Observation and Catch Point
Black Tiger Sign	Approx. Mile Marker 34.7	Observation Only. Not recommended as Catch Point
Mile Marker 34 Turnout		Observation and Catch Point

INITIAL RESPONSE

Go to COMM PLAN 1

Report to point of water entry

Get key information: age, clothing, time of entry, etc.

Other firefighters go downstream from point of entry to the other observation points or Sugar Loaf staging area, as directed by IC.

Try to work in pairs.

Make sure IC has accountability on everyone. No freelancing.

SUGAR LOAF'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Do not go in the water.**
- Try to locate and track the victim through our pre-determined observation points.
- Try to throw rope bag to victim.

