

CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A DIVE COMPANY

COMPANY: _____

- _____ 1. The shall be incorporated by the State of Maryland as a non-profit, all volunteer, county wide organization for the purpose of serving the citizens of Charles County.
- _____ 2. Minimum of 15 members, 8 of which shall be certified divers.
- _____ 3. All divers shall hold open water diver certification issued by nationally recognized certification agency (PADI, NAUI, YMCA, PDIC, SSI)
- _____ 4. Chief officer shall have documented public life safety dive training or experience.
- _____ 5. All divers shall meet and maintain minimum training standards as set forth by the company's Standard Operating Procedures.
- _____ 6. Training standards to include a minimum of two (2) pool sessions annually for basic skill review, and one (1) open water training dive per month.
- _____ 7. All non-diving tenders shall meet and maintain the minimum standards as set forth by the company's Standard Operating Procedures. Standards for non-diving tenders is to include, at a minimum, one (1) hour of tending time per six month period.
- _____ 8. The company shall possess and maintain a minimum of one (1) support unit to transport equipment and provide an enclosed crew area to support operations.
_____ *Dive Support 13: 1984*
- _____ 9. The company shall possess and maintain a minimum of one (1) rescue unit equipped for immediate response, and to transport dive boats.
_____ *Dive Rescue 13: 2009*
- _____ 10. The company shall possess and maintain two (2) dive boats to support dive operations.
_____ *Dive Boat 13: 2005* _____ *Dive Boat 13A: 1992*
- _____ 11. All boat operators shall, possess as a minimum, pass the US Coast Guard Boaters Safety Training Program.
- _____ 12. The company shall possess and maintain a surface supplied diving system for underwater confined spaces.

APPROVALS:

Standards Committee: 08/29/2005

CCVFA Chiefs: 08/29/2005

CCVFA: 11/2005

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____ 13. As per the by-laws, all active members shall be CPR trained.

COMPANY MEMBER/RANK: _____

INSPECTED BY: _____
(Standards Committee Member)

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____ APPROVED _____

DISAPPROVED _____

EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED: