



# CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD

## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

<b>TOPIC: Chain of Command</b>	<b>S.O.G. # 1.9</b>
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### I. PURPOSE

- a. To establish chain-of-command for operations.

### II. CHAIN OF COMMAND

- A. The chain-of-command delineating overall authority is as follows:

- a. Chief
- b. Assistant Chief of Operations
- c. Deputy Chief - Night Operations
- d. Deputy Chief - Day Operations
- e. On Duty, Shift Duty Officer
- f. On Duty Crew Captain
- g. Senior Squad Operator On-Scene
- h. Senior On Duty Crew Member On-Scene

- B. Duty Officer

In order to provide better oversight for day-to-day operations, a Duty Officer position has been established. (SOG - 1.3) This position shall be filled by Line Officers and senior squad members at the discretion of the Chief and Assistant Chief of Operations. The Duty Officer position will be staffed continuously, making the Duty Officer available to address immediate, administrative and operational issues and function as the first line EMS command officer at all operational incidents.

- C. Specialty Officers

- a. Specialty Officers possess a great deal of knowledge within their specialty. Therefore it is expected that the specialty officers shall serve in a command role when operating at an incident involving their respective specialties.
- b. At a special rescue incident, the command structure at the operations level shall be as follows:
  - i. Specialty Rescue Captain
  - ii. Deputy Chief - Special Operations
  - iii. Specialty Team Member
- c. Deputy Chief - Special Operations
  - i. The Deputy Chief of Special Operations shall have command authority while operating in special rescue situations in the absence of the specialty captain.
  - ii. The Deputy Chief of Special Operations shall be responsible for the following:
    1. Overseeing all specialty teams to ensure that team members remain proficient in training and that all equipment remains in service as far as is reasonable.



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2. Ensuring that requests from the specialty team captains are addressed appropriately and in a timely manner.
  3. Reporting changes in status or capability of the specialty teams to the Chief, Assistant Chief, and on-duty Duty Officer.
- d. Specialty Rescue Team Captain
- i. There shall be a specialty rescue captain for the following disciplines:
    1. Vehicle Rescue
    2. Technical Rescue
    3. Water Rescue
  - ii. The Specialty Rescue Team Captain shall have the option of assuming operational command while operating at a special rescue incident.
  - iii. The Specialty Rescue Team Captain shall be responsible for the following:
    1. Overseeing the operations of the specialty rescue team to ensure that:
      - a. Members are trained in an appropriate and timely manner
      - b. Members remain proficient in their training
      - c. All equipment remains in service so far as is possible
    2. Addressing all issues that may arise relating to the operations of the specialty rescue team.
    3. Addressing all issues that may arise relating to actions of a member of the specialty rescue team operating at an incident.
    4. Reporting changes in status and or capability of the specialty rescue team to the Deputy Chief of Special Operations and the on-duty Duty Officer.