



# CHARLOTTESVILLE - ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD



## STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE

<b>TOPIC: Support 138 Staffing &amp; Operations</b>	<b>S.O.P. # 5.10</b>
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### I. PURPOSE

- a. To provide a guideline for the operation of Support 138.

### II. USES

- a. To serve as the primary vehicle for the towing of the dive boats.
- b. To serve as the primary vehicle for the towing of the special events trailer.
- c. To serve as the primary vehicle for the towing of the MCI trailer.
- d. To provide a vehicle for members traveling to locations outside of the Charlottesville/Albemarle area for activities approved by the director and/or fleet operations officer.
- e. To provide a vehicle for approved squad related tasks and errands.
- f. To serve as a support vehicle for special events and other rescue operations as deemed necessary by the Duty Officer or a Line Officer.

### III. STAFFING

- a. Minimum staffing in Support 138 shall consist of one released EMT-B/Driver in good standing, unless being utilized at special event or at the discretion of the OIC.
- b. Preferred staffing in Support 138 shall consist of one released EMT-B/Driver released to tow the boat trailer.
- c. Members utilizing Support 138 shall be available to respond back to the building in a timely manner in the event of a dive team, special events, or TRT incident.

### IV. OPERATIONS

- a. Persons utilizing Support 138 shall not use the vehicle for towing unless specifically approved by the fleet operations officer.
- b. The squad member assigned to the vehicle is responsible for the vehicle until relieved of the assignment. Fluids, fuel and equipment should be checked and replaced as necessary.
- c. Non-CARS members may ride in the vehicle but should dress themselves appropriately.
- d. Minors shall not be transported when the vehicle is operating in an emergency mode.
- e. All persons riding in the vehicle shall wear seatbelts while the vehicle is in motion.
- f. Magnetic identifiers are available for use with Support 138 when it is functioning in a special events or fleet operations capacity. The identifiers are located on the exterior door to the south bays.