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.