

# FIRST IN UNIT SWIFT WATER

**MABAS Division 2  
Operational Checklist  
#20-F**  
Updated 1/30/17  
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**River Orientation: Upstream / Downstream / River Left / River Right**

<b>Arrival Assessment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure witness	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify location of victims
	<input type="checkbox"/> Determine number of patients and their condition: Talk to victim if able to self rescue.	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify hazards i.e., water speed, currents, debris, etc. Current of 2 knots or above considered swift water.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assess need for Swift Water / TRT / Dive Technicians	<input type="checkbox"/> Assess need for extra equipment, lighting, boats, etc.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate Type of Rescue: Shore Based / Boat Assisted / Boat Based / In Water contact Rescue	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact proper authorities State Conservation Police, County Marine unit

Rescue Operations		
<b>Scene Evaluation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Risk / Benefit Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop Incident Action Plan:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reach Attempt: Paddle, Extension ladder, Inflatable fire hose, Pike pole	<input type="checkbox"/> Throw Attempt: PFD /Throw bags
	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Based Rescue (Only trained and approved by AHJ)	<input type="checkbox"/> Go Attempt: Proper PPE Helmet Wetsuit / Swift water Dry suit / Gloves / Type 5 PFD (No Cold-Water suit)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Assign Up Stream Spotters looking for debris	<input type="checkbox"/> Assign Down Stream Safety: Tension diagonal, throw bags, etc.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop Incident Action Plan: Talk, Reach, Throw, and Row, go (Have it approved by IC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct Team Briefing on IAP <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a Back Up Plan

<b>Ongoing Assessment</b>	General Operations	Safety Considerations
	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the ongoing rescue operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate Risk/ Benefit Analysis

