

# ASST. SAFETY OFFICER WATER RESCUE

MABAS Division 2  
Operational Checklist  
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EFFECTIVE 02/01/10  
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## Responsibilities

- Get briefing from Incident Command / Wear Identification Vest
- Conduct a Risk / Benefit field analysis to identify the risks and determine the benefit of conducting the dive at each site
- Ensure that a fully dressed Safety Diver is prepared to immediately enter the water (in the event that a Primary Diver becomes entangled or needs assistance) prior to any dive operations being initiated
- Develop an emergency action plan including transportation for an injured diver to the nearest operational hyperbaric chamber, or closest appropriate emergency medical facility
- Develop a safety plan for all surface and dive operations prior to any operations being initiated
- No dive operations shall be conducted without a Safety Diver and 90% Diver for every diver that is operating below the surface
- All water is to be presumed contaminated. Therefore, all open water dives will be conducted in dry suits and full-face masks to reduce exposure to contamination
- Proper decontamination procedures will be followed for all chemical and biological hazards
- The Dive Tables will be referred to on all dives
- No dives will be conducted in depths greater than 100 feet
- A three-minute safety stop is suggested on all dives
- Ensure Rehab is established Heating or Cooling locations.
- Ensure Primary diver & Safety Diver have their own communications line and are attached
- Ensure Teams review the line signals in case of communication line failure
- Electronic communication system, fully operational, must be in place before any dive operation is initiated, unless there is a rescue mode exception present
- Termination of dive: When cylinder pressure has 1,000 psi or Loss of electronic Communication

### Brief statement of Incident Action Plan

# ASSISTANT SAFETY OFFICER – WATER RESCUE

**RADIO DESIGNATION:** WATER SAFETY      **CHANNEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORTS TO:** INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

**REPORTS TO YOU:** ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AS ASSIGNED

