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PURPOSE

To establish a standard for selection, commitment and evaluation to be a member of the Rescue Swimmer Boat Team (RSB)

POLICY

The Peoria Fire Department recognizes the inherent dangers in open water rescue operations. To reduce the potential for harm and to maintain fiscal responsibility to the department, this policy outlines the prerequisite requirements for eligibility to the Rescue Swimmer Boat Team Program (RSB).

When a vacancy occurs in the Rescue Swimmer Boat Team (RSB), it will be advertised according to the current bid policy. Prior to admittance into the training course, members will be required to successfully complete a swim test in confined water with a minimum of one Battalion Chief and the Rescue Swimmer Coordinator as the proctors. The swim events will be graded on pass/fail. Those members who pass the swim component will be eligible to move onto the written examination. The written test will be a comprehensive assessment of knowledge based on the published and currently accepted Special Operations and Lake procedures. Upon completion of the entire testing process, successful candidates will be placed on an eligibility list, the list will be in seniority order. Department needs will be considered when making final selections.

Prerequisite Swim for Eligibility List:

- a. 500- meter swim under 16 minutes, freestyle, backstroke, side stroke, or breast stroke only
- b. Swim underwater 50 feet without surfacing, no push off
- c. Recover a Minimum weight of a 10 lbs. from 10-12 feet under water
- d. Tread water for 15 minutes, 10 minutes using hands, 5 minutes while holding a five lb dumbbell above water.
- e. 50-meter swim, free style (45 seconds or less)

Required assignments to be completed in Target Solutions prior to eligibility swim:

<u>Lake: SOPs</u> 204.16 AP - Lake Pleasant GENERAL Operations 204.16 BP - Lake Pleasant FIRE Operations 204.16 CP - Lake Pleasant SAFETY Operations 204.16 DP - Lake Pleasant Operations_Rescue Swimmer	<u>Assignments:</u> Lake Pleasant Ops 2012 Fireboat Orientation Fireboat Safety
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The Deputy Chief of Operations, or his designee will notify the member(s) a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the scheduled certification course. The member(s) will be required to attend all scheduled training days in order to successfully complete the certification course. No absences will be permitted. Boat Operator and Marina fire operations task book must be complete before a member will be RSB certified and receive assignment pay.

COMMITMENT

With any specialty program, a certain amount of funding goes toward the education, equipment and staffing to facilitate the member in the program. As such, a commitment to any special team has the following requirements.

- A three (3) year minimum commitment to the team from the time of initial training. Acceptance of initial training constitutes an agreement to this three year commitment.
- Specialty Team members are subject to shift or company changes as needed by the Peoria Fire Department.
- RSB members not assigned to FS199 may be roved in FS199 based on departmental needs.

ONGOING TRAINING

Members must attend a minimum of 36 hours of Continuing Education (CE) training at the Company level and/or training offered by the Department throughout a calendar year. CE training hours will be logged into Target Solutions by CE proctor. Incorporated into the continuing education, all rescue swimmers will participate in quarterly training certifications. “Three of the four quarters will be Peoria Fire-Medical Department designated Rescue Swimmer/ Boat Operator curriculum and the final quarter will be ERDI Rescue Swimmer 2 curriculum.”

Alternative CE training that qualifies toward minimum attendance must be approved by the Battalion Chief in charge of Lake Operations.

Members must participate and successfully complete all scheduled department facilitated skill evaluations unless excused by the Battalion Chief in charge of Lake Operations.

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SKILL EVALUATION DEFICIENCY

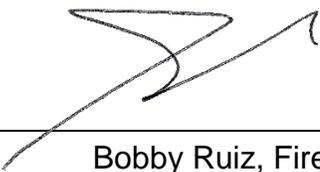
Any team member who does not meet set standards for core skills, endurance or CE hours will be placed into a three (3) month evaluation period with the following criteria:

An action plan will be written by the Rescue Swimmer Coordinator with approval of the Lake Operations Battalion Chief to assist the member in meeting set standards within a 3 month period.

Assistance will be provided to empower the member to meet or exceed standards.

A re-evaluation of deficient areas will be conducted by Lake Operations Battalion Chief and the Rescue Swimmer Coordinator at the end of the evaluation period. The member will not be eligible to constant staff as an RSB team member during this period but will be eligible to continue his or her present assignment. If the member does not meet minimum standards at the end of the evaluation period, the member's Special Operations assignment will be permanently suspended; specialty pay forfeited, and will be replaced by a member on the current eligibility list. The new member will be temporarily placed in the vacating member's position at Fire Station 199 until the next bidding period or upon a Member graduating from the RSB Program.

Approved:



 Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief

06/17/2020

 Date