CARVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guidelines

Section 4.08 - Marine 1 **June 15, 2013**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is to outline and clarify operation and procedures for the new boat

1.1 SCOPE

All activities, both emergency and non-emergency which require use of the Marine Unit

1.2 GENERAL

The Boat will be designated Marine 1 or "M-1". The boat should be designated as M -1 on the Fire Alarm Channel. It shall be designated Carver Marine or Carver M1 for Mutual Aid.

1.3 RESPONSE

01. In Town Responses: The boat should be towed by Car 2 for water incidents in Town.

02. Mutual Aid: If "M-1" is called to respond Mutual Aid, as would be the case with Dive Team, Car 1 or 2 will be utilized for towing. Utilizing a firefighter's vehicle for towing to any incident will be permitted as a last resort.

03. Manning: The new boat is designed to carry a maximum of 7 people. These positions will include the Boat Driver, up to 2 support Firefighters and 4 Divers.

04. Boat Speed: Caution shall be used while operating the boat at all times. The maximum allowed speed of the boat will be determined in March, prior to Company Boat practicals. It should be understood that there will be a maximum operating speed implemented for use by Carver Fire Department personnel. No person shall operate the boat at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the water conditions.
It shall be assumed that all ponds in Carver have underwater objects (stumps, rocks and foreign objects) and the speed of the boat shall be so controlled as to avoid colliding with any object in, on or under the water.

05. Boat Launching and Retrieval: As with all Carver Fire Department apparatus, a back up guide with a portable radio shall be used whenever backing the boat into a Station or a body of water. The 2" towing receive shall be kept with the boat trailer at all times, making towing with a non-Carver Fire Department vehicle more efficient.

1.4 SAFETY

01. Life jackets: All personnel working on the boat and not dressed in diver gear will wear a life jacket at all times.

02. Turnout Gear: No Structural Turnout Gear shall be worn by firefighter personnel while working in or operating the boat.

03. Weather: Weather conditions should always be monitored for excessively high winds in regards to a safe operation of "M-1". The Incident Commander on scene shall make the decision if "M-1" will be used as a safe rescue platform

1.5 SAFETY CHECKLIST

Since the boat is being housed at Station 3, a boat safety checklist will be created for Company 3 Firefighters to manage. The boat shall be inspected according to the boat checklist sheet monthly by members of Company 3.

1.6 BOAT CLEANING

The Rescue Boat should be cleaned regularly and only with manufacturer supplied products or soap and water. Absolutely **no Amorall** products should be used on the boat due to warranty issues.