

WWFD Ice Rescue

Ice Rescue Outline:

- a. Recent incidents, injuries and deaths.
 - b. Incident Safety
 - c. Ice Rescue equipment
 - d. Rescue Operations
 - e. EMS
 - f. CISD
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- a. Incidents: Johnsons Pond (this week) Warwick several years ago
 - b. Safety:
 - No one on ice without proper protective equipment
 - Gear includes but not limited to Ice Rescue suits, Personnel floatation devices, Tag lines
 - Distribute weight: Crawl, Sled, raft, ladders
 - Beware of objects in water, floating downstream.
 - Rope Management
 - Scene safety, bystander control
 - Police to assist
 - c. Ice/Water rescue equipment
 - Survival Suits: Buoyant, Insulated, Waterproof
 - Ropes: Polypropylene, floats
 - Personnel floatation devices
 - Ice rescue sled/ Boat
 - Fire hose air adaptor
 - d. Rescue Operations
 - Responding: Size Up: pond, river, Time of day, weather, number of victim, number of responders
 - Apparatus and equipment access
 - Last known location of victim. X marks the spot.
 - Properly equipped rescuer, SAFETY FIRST
 - Conscious victims: REASSURE
 - Throw, tow, row, GO
 - Victim Access. Get a lifeline around victim if possible
 - Minimum number of rescuer on ice
 - Crawl to distribute weight. One rescuer towards victim, one to work there way around.

- Grab victim from behind if you get into water
- Back up rescuer to assist back onto ice or assist you getting victim back onto shore.
- Get victim onto sled or boat to get on shore.
- Have backup rescue team available.
- Handle victim as gently as possible

Other Considerations

- Running Water, Someone down stream with throw rope
- Dive Team availability, lead time
- Rehab/Canteen
- 1 rescue per victim/ 1 rescue for responders
- Long handle tools to search underwater.

e. EMS

- Have the following equipment ready at shoreline. Stokes, O2, Airway devices, Portable suction, blankets
- Clear airway
- Treat by protocol. Warm IV fluids
- Lifestar

f. Critique:

We don't have these type of incidents often
 What went good/Bad or could have been done differently
 How did equipment perform
 What equipment could have worked better

g. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing