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Ocean City Fire Department  
Standard Operating Guidelines

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## Special Operations

Subject: Water Rescue Vehicle  
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Section: 514.00

### 514.01 Purpose

To provide guidelines for use of the Water Rescue vehicle.

### 514.02 Policy

- A. The Water Rescue vehicle will be kept at Headquarters.
- B. The tire pressure will be kept at 22 psi. With this tire pressure, the speed will need to be kept low when responding; the maximum response speed will be 45 MPH.
- C. Water Rescue 1 will respond on Water Rescue calls in the Ocean City Fire District and will respond on all mutual aid calls for Water or Dive Rescue.
- D. For calls in Box Area 1, the Paramedic crew can respond in the Water Rescue Vehicle or in the medic unit. If a Diver or Rescue Swimmer is available, they are to respond to the scene with the vehicle.
- E. For calls outside of Box Area 1, the Headquarters Paramedic Crew can split 2 and 1 or drop to a 2 person crew to get the Water Rescue Vehicle to the scene if there is no one else available to respond with the vehicle.
- F. For Surf Rescues, the priority is to get Rescue Swimmers in the water as soon as possible. If there are no Rescue Swimmers on the scene, Water Rescue 1 shall be positioned at the end of the street, to aid Rescue swimmers for quick water entry. The vehicle shall access the beach if Rescue Swimmers have already entered the water upon arrival.
- G. The Water Rescue vehicle will be used as a quick response vehicle for Dive calls. Utility 10 will still need to respond with the rest of the Dive equipment from Station 3.