

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF GILPIN
CITY OF BLACK HAWK

COUNCIL BILL NUMBER: CB27

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2016-27

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CERTAIN CITY OF BLACK HAWK
FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK,
GILPIN COUNTY:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 2-178 of the Black Hawk Municipal Code, the City Council hereby approves the attached City of Black Hawk Fire Department Standard Operating Guideline, and directs that they be incorporated into the Fire Department's Comprehensive Standard Operating Guidelines.

Section 2. Safety Clause. The Board of Aldermen hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Black Hawk, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Board of Aldermen further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

Section 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect application to other persons or circumstances.

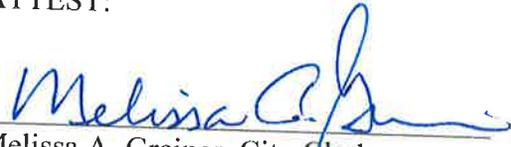
Section 4. Effective Date. The City Clerk is directed to post the Ordinance as required by the Charter. This Ordinance shall become effective upon posting by the City Clerk.

READ, PASSED AND ORDERED POSTED this 26th day of October, 2016.


David D. Spellman, Mayor



ATTEST:


Melissa A. Greiner, City Clerk

Swift Water Incident Response (September 2016 Revision)

600.10

Swift Water Rescue and Incident Response

Purpose:

To maximize safety during swift water incidents and training for the members of the Black Hawk Fire Department. This guide represents the minimum requirements for the Swift Water program within the Black Hawk Fire Department.

Scope:

This guideline shall apply to all employees of the Black Hawk Fire Department (BHFD).

Guideline:

All personnel must be certified at a minimum of the Awareness level to engage in any swift water operation. Any personnel operating within 10 feet of the water shall be in a department issued PFD (knife and whistle attached), swift water helmet, gloves and uniform or wet suit. **Absolutely no structural gear is to be worn during swift water operations.**

All personnel shall attend annual swift water training to maintain certification. ~~Rescue Swimmers shall attend at least one (1) open water swim annually and complete a rescue swimmer course every three (3) years.~~

Rescue Swimmers will be required to complete the following to maintain their swimmer equipment and status:

Attend and successfully complete a rescue swimmer class every three (3) years.
Participate in two (2) swift water trainings with the Golden Fire Department Swift Water team (or Chief approved equivalent) annually.

Complete a controlled water environment (pool) swim evaluation consisting of at least 10 minutes of treading water and 100 yard swim in with PPE, Fins and Boogie Board.

The IC will determine if the operation is within the scope of the training of the BHFD personnel on scene.

The Reach, Throw, Row, Go method shall be utilized during any operation.

Response:

Additional resources should be requested as early as possible, if necessary.

See 600.03 for response guideline.

Size up:

- Consider Risk Vs. Benefit analysis
- Number of Victims
- Victim information (age, sex, type of clothing)
- Last known location, approximate time of entry
- Speed (MPH) and Flow (CFS) of water
- Assessment of scene (recovery or rescue)
- Access and egress
- Potential hazards
- Initiate Incident Command and consider IC location

Rescue Operations:

- At no time shall members of BHFD enter the water, with the exception of qualified Rescue Swimmers with appropriate up and downstream safety personnel in place.
- At no time shall ropes be tied to rescuers.
- All persons in the water should be considered candidates for hypothermia.
- Three long blasts on whistle = Danger, stop all operations and look at whistle blower
- Rescue priorities
 - Personal safety
 - Team safety
 - Victim safety
 - Bystanders (Rafters, kayakers, etc.)

Vehicle or other Item Recovery Assistance:

Swift water rescue personnel may at times be requested to assist with recovery of a vehicle or other items from a moving water area. Upon receipt of a request for this assistance the station officer shall do the following:

- Verify the request is not regarding a victim rescue or recovery. If there is the potential that a victim is in the water, the office shall have the communications center dispatch the appropriate resources.
- Once verified there is no victim in the water, the station officer shall report to the requested location and evaluate the scene and determine the necessary resources to accomplish the requested task.

Swift water rescue personnel may be utilized to assist a tow company, law enforcement agency etc with recovery of a vehicle or item to include attached to a tow vehicle. This is to be closely coordinated with the requesting agency or company and to prevent placing non-trained individuals into swift water and potentially causing additional rescues or recoveries.

Issued Swift Water PPE for Shore-based Rescuers:

- PFD (attached knife and whistle)
- Swift water or leather gloves for rope operations
- Swift water helmet
- Throw bags (at least two per rescuer)

Issued Swift Water PPE for Rescue Swimmers:

- Thermal protection (wet suit)
- PFD (attached knife and whistle)
- Swift water helmet
- Booties
- Swift water gloves
- Fins
- Boogie board
- Mask and snorkel (optional)
- Throw bag

Additional equipment for night operations:

- Flashlight with strobe function (waterproof)
- Glow sticks