



**Spartanburg County
Office of Emergency Services**

Water Rescue

Checklist for First Responders

Objectives: Assess scene, Control hazards, Rescue victim(s), Evacuate victims from scene.

- Initial On-scene Report**
- Assess the scene
- Size-up Report**
 - What happened?
 - What is the access?
 - Number of victims?
 - Condition of the victim(s)
 - How are they trapped, stuck?
 - Swift water or flat water?

Initial Actions

- Isolate and deny entry
- Mark water line
- Downstream safety
- Downstream safety opposite bank
- Upstream spotters

Minimum PPE for water entry

- PFD
- Water rescue helmet
- Whistle
- Dry suits (when available) if
 - Air/water temp below 120 degrees
 - Water is contaminated

Rescue Sequence

1. Yell
2. Reach
3. Throw
4. Boat Crew?
 - a. Row
 - b. Go (Swiftwater Crew Only)

Shallow Water Crossing?

- Less than 18 inches? Certified personnel? Safety plan? PPE for Rescuer? PFD for victim(s)? Crossing pole? **OK TO GO.**