

398 WATER RESCUE THROW LINE BAGS

- I. DISCUSSION: To provide a simple yet effective device and method of extracting a person from a body of water.

- II. PROCEDURE:
 - A. Location of the water rescue line bags: Each marked police unit including supervisor's units, shall contain a throw line bag in the trunk of the vehicle. These vehicles must be so equipped and available at all times. All police vessels, with the exception of Jon boats, shall be equipped with a throw line bag.

 - B. Training: The underwater search and recovery team will provide training in the use and care of the water rescue throw line bag.

 - C. Deployment of the water rescue throw line bag: Any squad officer(s)/supervisor(s) who observe or receive information reference to an incident requiring water extraction assistance will immediately respond and deploy the throw line bag as training dictates.

 - D. Inspection and maintenance of the water rescue throw line bag:
 - 1. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to inspect the throw line bags during their regular vehicle inspections. Should replacement of the device be required, the supervisor will contact the Training Unit who will provide that replacement.

 - 2. The officer will ensure that the throw line bags are rinsed with fresh water and air-dried after every submersion.

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