

17. Water Rescue Vehicles

17.1 Avon Inflatable Rescue Boat - Emergency Use

17.1.1 The Avon Rescue Boat shall be used in emergency situations deemed necessary by the IC. The rescue boat will become locally known as "Marine One" and shall be addressed as such.

17.1.2 Only approved operators shall work with Marine One. Staffing shall be a minimum of 1 (one) Line Officer and 1 (one) firefighter or a maximum of 1 (one) Line Officer and 2 (two) firefighters.

17.1.3 Marine One shall not be placed in service under severe weather conditions including, extremely high winds or dangerous lightning.

17.1.4 No personnel shall approach the water while wearing turnout gear. No personnel shall approach the water unless they are wearing a PFD. Personnel working with Marine One shall wear the following PPE:

Non-Fire Operations

A. In warm weather-street clothes
In cold weather-Imperial Exposure suits or Mustang dry suits with street clothes underneath

B. High angle helmet

C. PFD

Fire Operations

A. Nomex Coveralls or shirt

B. Approved structural firefighting helmet

C. Approved firefighting gloves

D. PFD

17.1.5 In cold water operations only firefighters in approved exposure suits or dry suits may operate Marine One.

17.1.6 No firefighters shall enter the water unless properly equipped and trained.

17.2 Avon Inflatable Rescue Boat - Non Emergency Use

17.2.1 All non emergency uses must be approved by the Chief.

17.2.2 Marine One will not be used for personal recreation.

17.3 Metal Rowboat

17.3.1 Metal Rowboats, which are owned and maintained, by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Wall Fire District #3, shall be used during emergency incidents.

17.3.2 These boats shall be number designated upon their use and shall be used when the inflatable boat is unable to be deployed. Number designation examples: Marine Two, three, etc..

17.3.3 Personnel shall wear the appropriate PPE when using the rowboats.

17.3.4 The rowboats shall not be used in tidal waters, ex.ocean, rivers, etc..

17.4 Care and Protection

17.4.1 Care shall be used in loading and unloading any equipment in Marine One. Total load, including equipment and personnel, shall not exceed 1400 (fourteen hundred) pounds.

17.4.2 Gas pumps, lights, or other equipment that may produce heat shall be properly placed and secured so that the equipment does not burn any vulnerable areas.

17.4.3 Sharp objects such as pike poles, axes, halligan bars and other tools shall be covered, padded or placed so they do not damage or puncture any vulnerable areas.

17.4.4 Marine One will be carried by hand or trailer into the water. At no time will the boat be dragged over any rough surfaces.

17.4.5 After each use, Marine One will be washed, inspected for possible damage, the engine flushed and cleaned, and refueled properly. After these operations are completed, the boat will remain inside the station until completely dry and covered.