Search & Recovery Callout

We Will Cover (1)

- Initial contact

- Verifying a callout

- Internal alert callout system

- Meeting point

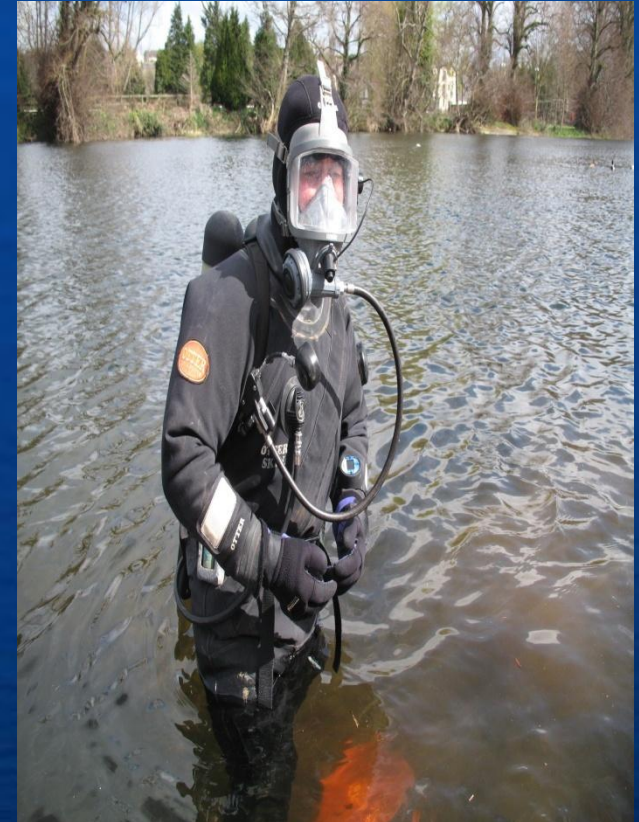Irish Underwater Council

We Will Cover (2)

- Interaction with others on site

- Fact Finding

- Information Required

- Dive brief

- Team tasks

Initial Contact

- State Agency

- Gardaí

- Coastguard

- Civil Defence

- Member of the public

Verifying a Callout

- Beware of hoaxes

- Caller to give name and telephone

- Call number back to verify

- Mobilise when called by statutory body

- Refer members of the public to Club (SAR) DO

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Internal Callout System

- Land line | mobile phone | bleep

- Mobile phones most widely used

- How many to call out - depends on nature of incident | location | possible duration

Meeting Point

- Usually clubhouse or car park

- Away from scene of incident | privacy

- D.O. to visit scene before briefing (if possible)

- Arrive as one group if possible

Interactions on Site

- Sensitivity to the circumstances

- Talk to witnesses

- D.O. liaises with Gardaí, Press etc.

- Don't interact with on-lookers

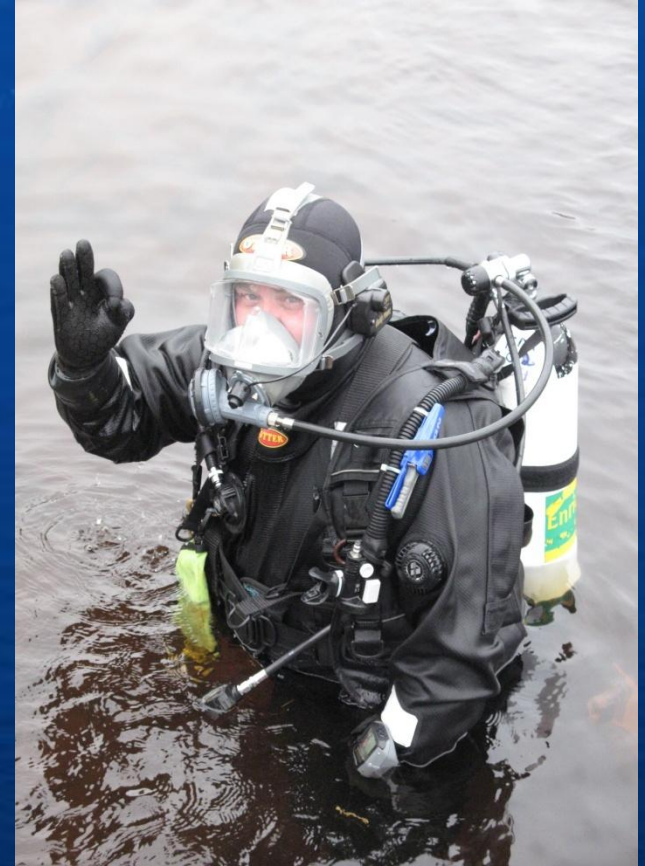- Avoid dive team interaction with relatives

Fact Finding

- As soon as possible start gathering information

- Gather information on the missing person

- Urgently try to determine the point last seen or last known point

Information Required

- Physical description

- Clothing – type / colours

- Destination / Location

- What they were doing

- Experience

- Time of occurrence

- Any other details which may be useful

Decision to Dive

- Decision made by D.O.

- Having considered conditions

- Best search method

- Who does what / equipment

- Surface search may be an option if conditions are not safe for diving

Dive Brief

- Per CFT / out of earshot of others

- What is our objective?

- How long has the missing person been in the water?

- Details of search (dry run)

- Recovery plan

- Rope signals

- Emergency plan

Team Tasks

- Divers / diving and standby

- Search co-ordinator

- Boat handling

- Rope-work

- Compressor duty

- Logger / recorder

Good luck everybody !

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