

Tolland County Dive Team – January 3, 2008 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 18:40 at TN.

2008 Participation Agreement Forms are being sent out to the chiefs now, please make sure they are signed and sent in as quickly as possible.

Drills: January – we had to move the drill to Sunday 1/13. The drill will still be at the Mansfield Community Center pool, starting at 5PM.

February – is Sunday 2/10 in Ashford Ice dive – 8AM at Station 20

March – is Sunday 3/9 in Crystal Lake Ice Dive?

Reminder – meetings are now going to be more along the lines of an officer's meeting, where we will have a more open discussion on issues concerning the team. These meetings are still open to the entire dive team membership if they have something they wish to bring up and discuss. We are tentatively scheduling them for the first Thursday night of every month – at 18:30. In addition we will be keeping them to a centralized location in Tolland.

Norm and John are working on the dive team PowerPoint presentation. Again the goal of this is to go visit the departments we cover, and meet with the line officers so they know what to expect from us when they get a water call in their town.

We will be moving Greg Vincek, Frank Falcone, and John Strieber up one number. We will be leaving the vacant Deputy Dive Commander's position (RD719) open for now.

Line Signals: we have officially adopted the line signals we sent out last month. These are fairly simple and will still allow a diver and tender to do something as simple as 2 tugs to stop and turn around when doing pendulum sweeps.

- We will be making a number of quick reference cards up, and having them available at the next drill. They will also be attached to the rope bags for quick reference.

Our overall SOP package is being looked at. Somehow some information was simply dropped out when it was last incorporated into the TN Emergency Operations Plan. We also will have to address the new NFPA requirements.

For upcoming drills we are again going to look at working with some of the border towns and teams that we may be called on to work with.

For commanders we will work on putting together a set of table top exercises to help us practice organizing a variety of scenarios that we may not encounter that often due to our low volume of actual emergency responses.

Alpha pagers have been iffy at best so far. TN is working on the issues with QV. A test page was sent out tonight at around 18:15. If anyone has a new alpha pager, we need to know who did or didn't get the test message. Please email or call John Roache.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45