



MABAS Division 19

Unified Training Series

Dive Team



Operational Overview

The MABAS 19 Underwater Search and Recovery (dive) Team is authorized to assist any MABAS 19 department with underwater search and recovery operations. An incident commander may request the MABAS 19 dive team at their discretion by notifying MABAS 19 Dispatch Center on IFERN per box alarm request protocols (SOP 19-200).

The incident commander may wish to request the MABAS 19 dive team when:

- A victim (s) have reported to be under ice or water
- Scene evidence suggests a victim may be under ice or water
- A vehicle has been found in the water with possible victims
- Evidence recovery

There are two modes in which the dive team will operate:

- *Rescue Mode*— First 90 minutes of incident
- *Recovery Mode*— After 90 minutes of down time or for evidence recovery



When requesting the MABAS 19 dive team, please provide the dispatcher with the following:

- Location of incident
- Brief incident scenario
- Staging area
- Directions to incident

First Due Company Actions

In order to assist the MABAS 19 dive team, the first in companies should attempt to:

- **Initiate the Incident Command System and demarcate hot, warm and cold zones**
- **Locate witnesses**
- **Establish the last scene point.**
- **Determine the number of victims**
- **Determine access points for vehicles, boats, crews**
- **Assemble ALS ambulances for victims & dive team (1 per victim, 1 for dive team)**

