

Information Sheet #1

TOPIC: DAMAGED / LOST EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION: Plan for dealing with loss of equipment during operations

Some equipment loss or damage is expected during normal water rescue training. While no operation should exceed the capability of the equipment in use, minor damage such as scrapped paint, salt water incursion, and accidental dropping an item occurs.

Determine Urgency of Reporting Equipment Loss

Equipment Critical to Current Tasking

Report Loss of Immediately and Need for Immediate Replacement

Note Circumstances of Decision Including Safety Aspects (ICS 214)

May Accomplish Tasking With Substitute Method or Equipment

Can Safely Accomplish Tasking Safely With Existing Equipment

Report Equipment Loss When Best Able (ICS 214)

Longer Lead Time for Replacement Better

Future Tasking Issues Involving Non-use of Equipment

No Effect on Current or Foreseen Future Tasking

Note on Unit Log and Report When Return to Base

Options for Equipment Removed from Service Due to Damage

Tag Equipment as Out of Service Until Repaired – Tags Kept in Main Office

Tag Highly Visible and In Prominent Location

Render Item Not Readily Useable (If Can Do So Without Further Damage)

Minimum - Person Reporting, Date, Reason for Removal From Service

Store In Separate Area From Ready Staged Equipment Until Corrected

Destroy / Place in Garbage – Use Proper Disposal for Hazardous Materials

Destroy Due to Safety Issue Possible Reuse of Equipment

Surplus Damaged Equipment Uneconomical for DART to Repair

Store in Separate Area from Other Water Equipment

Returning to Service – Equipment Tagged as Out of Service Until Repaired

Confirm With Person Listed on Tag that Equipment Corrected

Remove Tag on Equipment

Clean, Maintain and Move to Store With Ready Equipment

Lost, Destroyed, Surplused Items

Critical – Water Captain Starts Purchase Process Immediately

Non-Critical – Item Replenished During Next Team Buy (Priority Order)

Excess – No Replacement Needed