

CANNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

Water Rescue

A. Only trained personnel will operate the fire department Rescue Boat at emergency calls.

B. Personal Flotation Devices or PFDs MUST be worn at all times by the crew in the boat. Enough PFDs must be taken for the amount of people being rescued. Everyone in the boat should have a PFD on.

C. The Rescue Boat must be rinsed off as soon as possible coming out of the water. A more thorough cleaning will be done at the station. All fluids and safety gear must be checked, cleaned and put away. The outboard engine must be flushed with clean water before being put back in station.

D. When the fire departments Rescue Boat is put in the water, at least one more Rescue Boat has to be put into the water for back-up. For rescues close to shore our boat can be used to carry out the rescue, however the back rescue boat must be called and on route.