



Waterside Response

Passenger Vessel Safety

First On-Scene (OSC), Communications, Alerts, and Resources

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Check-In



Contact-Info

Alerts & Notifications



Effective alerts and notifications during a maritime disaster rely on a deep understanding of organizational mechanics and thorough preparation.

Roles, Responsibilities, Resources



Plan



Exercise

Resources & Requests



Identifying Needs

The OSC must continuously assess the scene and actively request additional resources and assistance based on vessel passenger capacity, environmental conditions, and the scale of the incident.



Managing Assets

Resource management is a two-way street. The OSC is also responsible for recommending the demobilization and release of resources back to the SMC once operational objectives are met.

Understanding Risk



The Risk Equation

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Threat} \times \text{Vulnerability} \times \text{Consequence}$$



Mitigation Strategy

Understanding these interconnected factors allows responders to accurately assess the severity of waterside incidents and allocate critical resources effectively during mass rescue operations.

OSC Tasks: Coordination & Operations



Primary Coordination

Coordinate continuously with the Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC) to ensure unity of effort and alignment with broader district objectives.



Sustaining Operations

Assume command and coordinate all Search and Rescue (SAR) operations on the water until officially relieved by a higher, designated authority.

OSC Tasks: Tracking & Accountability



Track SRUs

Monitor and record the arrivals and departures of all Search and Rescue Units (SRUs) entering the operational area.



Assign Tasks

Delegate specific, actionable tasks to incoming SRUs based on the immediate needs of the rescue operation.



Survivor Accountability

Maintain a strict count of the number of survivors, their locations, and their landside destinations.



Maintain Records

Keep highly detailed records and incident logs (e.g., Accountability Trackers) for all actions and movements.

Sector San Juan Mass Rescue Fire Department Water Exercise





SAR Chain of Command

Understanding the structural hierarchy is crucial for the First On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) to integrate seamlessly into district-level operations.



Air Branch



SRU



OSC



Supplemental Check-sheet

Mass Rescue Operation Supplemental Checksheet – DRAFT

ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKER – TEMPLATE

Incident Name: _____

Number of People Rescuing: _____

OSC: _____

SRU Checkin Comms Channel: _____

SRU Checkout Comms Channel: _____

Landing Site Comms Channel: _____

SAR Rescue Unit	Passenger Capacity	OnScene Arrival Time	OnScene Departure Time	# Persons Transporting	Landside Destination	ETA	Arrival Time

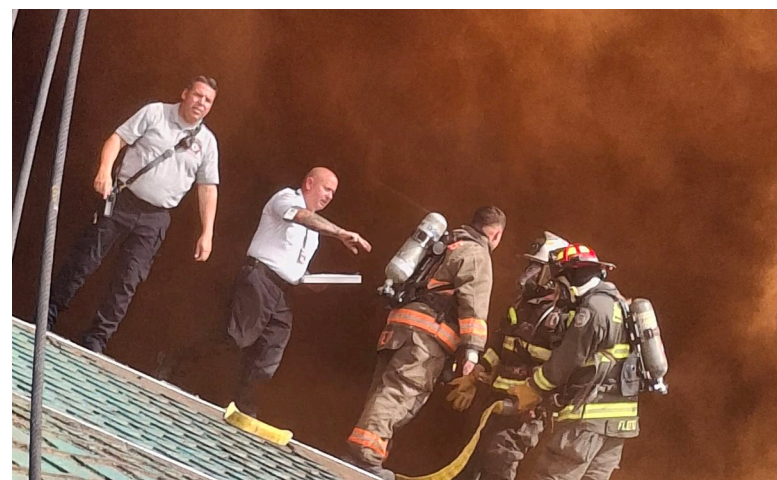
Prepared by (name/position): _____ Signature: _____

Date/Time: _____

Passenger Accountability

PASSENGERS AND CREW MANIFEST

NO.	NAME OF PASSENGERS AND CREW	AGE	SEX	PLACES/ADDRESS CAME FROM BEFORE SURIGAO CITY	DESTINATION	PHONE NUMBER
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Communications & Accountability

Key Channels

A designated Mass Rescue Operation Supplemental Checksheet requires clear communication pathways to prevent radio traffic chaos.

- ✓ SRU Check-in Comms Channel
- ✓ SRU Check-out Comms Channel
- ✓ Landing Site Comms Channel

Coordination

The OSC acts as the critical communications hub on the water, ensuring all entities share a common operating picture.

The OSC must actively coordinate with:

- The distressed Vessel Master
- The SMC (Search & Rescue Mission Coordinator)
- All arriving and departing SRUs

