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SUBJECT: Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition (VRSR) Water Rescue Application

TO: Regional EMS Councils

FROM: PA Dept. of Health Bureau of EMS
PA State Fire Academy
PA Fish & Boat Commission

This memo is to advise you that the following process will be used for processing the VRSR Water Rescue Applications.

1. Regional EMS Council will receive application and distribute to PA State Fire Academy and PA Fish & Boat Commission within fourteen (14) business days.
 - a. Applying organization/agency is required to provide one (1) hard and one (1) electronic copy of packet submission.
 - b. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applying organization for completion.
2. Regional EMS Council will notify the applying organization/agency within fourteen (14) business days that their application has been received.
3. Regional EMS Council, PA State Fire Academy and PA Fish & Boat Commission will have 45 business days to review the packet and provide comments back to the Regional EMS Council. Review responsibility is as follows:

Regional EMS Council: Training Certificates, Policies, and Vehicle Information

PA Fire Academy: Training Certificates including Hazardous Materials, Act 168 forms, and Policies.

PA Fish and Boat: Water Rescue Procedures, Vehicle Information and validation of PA Fish & Boat Water Rescue training certificates.

4. The Regional EMS Council will then notify the applying organization/agency of the status of its application within sixty (60) business days.
 - a. Applying organization maintains responsibility for submission of required documents relating to any and all deficiencies identified in the review process.
 - b. Scheduling of an on-site inspection shall occur upon requirements being met.

5. Inspections will be coordinated by the Regional EMS Council.
 - a. Regional EMS Council notifies PA Fish & Boat Commission and PA State Fire Academy of pending inspections.
 - b. Regional EMS Council confirms date and time of inspection with each agency.

6. Upon inspection completion, Regional EMS Council will forward document to PA Department of Health, Bureau of EMS for final processing and to the PA State Fire Academy for Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency notification.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional EMS Council in the event of any questions.

Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition (VRSR) Water Application Flow Chart

