Search & Recovery Callout
We Will Cover (1)

- Initial contact
- Verifying a callout
- Internal alert callout system
- Meeting point
We Will Cover (2)

- Interaction with others on site
- Fact Finding
- Information Required
- Dive brief
- Team tasks
Initial Contact

- State Agency
- Gardaí
- Coastguard
- Civil Defence
- Member of the public
Verifying a Callout

- Beware of hoaxes
- Caller to give name and telephone
- Call number back to verify
- Mobilise when called by statutory body
- Refer members of the public to Club (SAR) DO
Internal Callout System

- Land line | mobile phone | bleep
- Mobile phones most widely used
- How many to call out - depends on nature of incident | location | possible duration
Meeting Point

- Usually clubhouse or car park
- Away from scene of incident | privacy
- D.O. to visit scene before briefing (if possible)
- Arrive as one group if possible
Interactions on Site

• Sensitivity to the circumstances
• Talk to witnesses
• D.O. liaises with Gardaí, Press etc.
• Don’t interact with on-lookers
• Avoid dive team interaction with relatives
Fact Finding

- As soon as possible start gathering information
- Gather information on the missing person
- Urgently try to determine the point last seen or last known point
Information Required

- Physical description
- Clothing – type / colours
- Destination / Location
- What they were doing
- Experience
- Time of occurrence
- Any other details which may be useful
Decision to Dive

- Decision made by D.O.
- Having considered conditions
- Best search method
- Who does what / equipment
- Surface search may be an option if conditions are not safe for diving
Dive Brief

- Per CFT / out of earshot of others
- What is our objective?
- How long has the missing person been in the water?
- Details of search (dry run)
- Recovery plan
- Rope signals
- Emergency plan
Team Tasks

- Divers / diving and standby
- Search co-ordinator
- Boat handling
- Rope-work
- Compressor duty
- Logger / recorder

Good luck everybody!
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