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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of personal flotation devices by Department personnel.

II. DEFINITIONS:

A. Personal Floatation Device: A personal flotation device is a piece of equipment designed to assist a wearer to keep afloat in water.

III. POLICY

- A. Emergencies near or on bodies of water provide an increase in danger to emergency response personnel. Because of the inherent dangers associated with work in or around bodies of water, the Department provides personal flotation devices to all personnel working in and around bodies of water. All departmental personnel are required to follow this policy with no exceptions.
- B. It is the policy of the Department that all personnel wear personal flotation devices in the following incidents;
 - 1. Personnel involved in operations in or around bodies of water.
 - 2. Personnel involved in operations in or around areas where water is present due to flooding.
- C. Along with personal flotation devices, when practical, personnel who are working near water should be secured with a life safety line.
- D. The Incident Commander along with the Training Officer will assure that all personnel operating in close proximity to bodies of water are equipped with personal flotation devices.
- E. The Kinston Police Department will follow the United States Coast Guard standards regarding flotation devices.