Water Based Incidents

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- Overview of Police Scotland
- Water based response capacity
- History of water based rescue/training
- Guidance & Current Practice
- Investigation of drowning
An over-view

**Our country**
- Rivers, Lochs, Mountains......sea.
- Tourist attraction
- Sporting centre-piece.
- Water based industry.

**Our Operating Model**
- Over 17,200 Officers, 13 Territorial Divisions
- Operational Support Division.
- Joint Mountain Rescue.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**History**
- No condition of entry to service around swimming.
- Officers not expected to enter water.
- Health & Safety / Manslaughter.
- Difficulty on achieving pan UK position.
- ACPO Lifesaving Championships

**Current**
- Guidance provided to officers in working near water.
- Vehicles issued with throw lines.
- Joint Mountain Rescue Teams.
- OSD specialist training.
Rescue Options – UK Guidance

Low Risk
- Talk/Shout
- Reach
- Throw
- Row

High Risk
- Go

Helicopter
• STEP BACK
• RISK ASSESS
• FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION (this could merely be containment)
• COMMUNICATE THIS PLAN (control Room)
• REQUEST RESOURCES
• HAVE A BACK UP PLAN
• CONTINUALLY RE-EVALUATE THIS PLAN
Recovery & Death Investigation

Recovery

- Mountain Rescue Teams
- Scottish Fire & Rescue
- OSD Divers
- PF
- Police File Submission
- Health and Safety Exec
- SIO

SIO

- Appointed SIO
- PF Liaison – Crown Office
- Industry Related H&S Exec

Learning

- Criminal – Crown
- Industry - HSE
- National Governing Bodies (i.e. sport)
- Force H&S Structure Equipment & Practice
- National Police Chiefs Council