POLICY/PURPOSE:
This directive will provide guidance on water rescues and/or recoveries and is to be followed when underwater divers are needed by the Cedar Rapids Police Department (CRPD).

PROCEDURE:
When an incident occurs necessitating a water search and/or recovery, personnel at the scene in coordination with the Cedar Rapids Fire Department (CRFD) should make a determination as to how the search and/or recovery can most safely be implemented.

- Command cars are equipped with life-preserver devices.

If water depth and/or accessibility is beyond CRFD capabilities and underwater divers are needed, the request will be made to the on-scene commander.

- The on-scene commander and/or CRFD commander can give authorization for the use of divers.

The Joint Communications Agency (JCA) will contact Johnson County Communications Center at (319) 356-6800 to have the Johnson County Metro Dive Team dispatched to the scene.

- A commander will be at the scene to coordinate with dive personnel. The dive master will be responsible for the diving operation.
- If the hazards of a particular dive appear to be greater than is reasonable under the existing circumstances, the recovery operation may be terminated by either the dive master or the ranking CRPD officer at the scene.

The City of Cedar Rapids is under a 28E Agreement with Johnson County Metro Dive Team.