

VCFD Water Rescue



The water rescue unit responds on water rescues on both inland bodies of water, along the coastline or swiftwater emergencies. The trailer carries an Inflatable Rubber Boat with outboard motor, a Quad motorcycle, 2 Rescue Water Craft with "Life Sleds" and a paddleboard. Specialized water rescue tools and equipment are carried in the unit.

This unit will respond with the

USAR (urban search and rescue) unit because of its heavy winch capabilities.

The Ventura County Fire Department also has a water rescue unit from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), one of 13 in the state. We use the unit within the county and, by agreement with the state, it can be used anywhere in the state and beyond. In 2008, Ventura County personnel on the OES unit assisted with Hurricane Gustav in Louisiana and Hurricane Ike in Texas.

Staffing: Trained rescue swimmers staff the unit as needed.

Radio designation: Water Rescue-54.

