

# CDDFRS Water Rescue Capability

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Fire and Rescue Service

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# Introduction



The aim of today is to update you of the Water Rescue capabilities and resources within CDDFRS and how we respond at a local & national level

Give you advice regarding flood situations.



# Water Rescue Capability- All Appliances

There are 15 Fire Stations across the service area, all personnel are trained to basic level of water rescue response,

- Bankside Rescue
- Wading Rescue

All Appliances

- Life Jackets /Flood Suits
- Throw Lines
- Reach Pole
- Floating Hose



# Water Rescue Units– Specialist Teams

There are two Water Rescue Units within the Service area, located Bishop Auckland & Durham Fire Stations.

Specialist Training and Equipment.

- In & On Water Response (Wade, Swim or Paddle Rescue)
- Powered Boat for Rescue Response
- Search Equipment
- Animal Rescue Training



# High Volume Pumps

**HVP** Consists of a sled carrying a Hydrosub, which is a hydraulically driven pump capable of delivering 7000 L/min, and a second sled containing 1km of hose



# Winter & Flood Advice



- **Before a flood warning**
- **Be Aware of the Flood Warnings**
- **Familiarise yourself with the government's alert systems**
- **Make an evacuation plan**
- **Prepare an emergency kit.**
- **Let your neighbours know**
- **Move sentimental and important items/documents upstairs.**
- **Move vehicles to higher ground .**



# Winter & Flood Advice



- **What to do during a flood**
- If the flood is posing a threat to your safety, **call the emergency services immediately.**
- **Don't walk, swim or drive through floodwater.**
- **Don't walk on sea defences or riverbanks.**
- **Avoid contact with floodwater.**
- **Don't allow children / pets to play in or near floodwater.**
- **If you need to evacuate, turn off the mains power before you leave.**
- **Take all pets with you when you leave so they aren't trapped by rising water.**



**Thank you,  
Any Questions?**

