

SOP 1.01 – ‘Volunteer’ Patrol Roles and Responsibilities

Section 1 – Volunteer Patrol Operations

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Purpose

To outline to patrolling members responsibilities whilst carrying out duties during patrol operations.

Scope

All active patrolling members in Victoria.

Procedures

Full patrols shall consist of at least four (4) "Core" members comprising:

- Three (3) Members holding the SLSA Bronze Medallion / Certificate II in Public Safety
- Safety (Aquatic Rescue);and
- One (1) other patrolling award holder (awards allowed are Radio Operator, Senior First Aid (or current equivalent), Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, Spinal Management, Surf Rescue Certificate or Basic Beach Management

Awards that must be present for a full patrol in addition to the 3 bronze medallion holders, in which one patrolling member of the (4) needs to be proficient in are,

- IRB Driver
- IRB crew separate from the holder of the IRB Driver Award
- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate
- Basic Beach Management
- Spinal Management

For Observational Patrols these will consist of:

- Two (2) proficient Members holding the SLSA Bronze Medallion / Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue);
- One (1) of these being a proficient Member holding the Advanced Resuscitation Technique Certificate

If the club cannot meet the minimum patrol requirements, they must inform LSVComms of the situation. This includes any missing awards or non-operational equipment LSVComms should be notified if the patrol status changes throughout the day.

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Clubs are encouraged to ensure that an adult member (over 18 years old) is part of every patrol.

Radio Communications (including to LSVComms) must be maintained at all times while the patrol is on duty. If not possible, LSVComms should be notified as so as possible and provided with a primary contact number (Refer SOP 4.2 – LSVComms Contact Information).

- Patrol member/s should be in close proximity to a radio at all times during patrol. Where possible, the Patrol Captain should have access to a portable radio at all times.
- Members should be assigned patrol duties and positioned accordingly, e.g. First Aid, Board Rescue, Roving Patrol, IRB Driver, etc. Only patrol members should be in the patrol shelter.
- Remote, roving, and outpost patrols can be set up at the Patrol Captain's discretion.
- At the commencement of patrol duties the patrol must contact LSVComms and 'sign on'. At the completion of patrol duties the patrol must also 'sign off' with LSVComms (refer SOP 4.3 – LSVComms Sign on/off Voluntary Patrols)

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