
HAGGLUND OPERATIONS

OBJECTIVE: To help define Hagglund response operations.

GUIDELINE:

55.1 This Guideline defines appropriate use and operation of the Hagglund tracked vehicle.

55.1.1 Only training and authorized personnel may operate the Hagglund.

55.2 Safety

55.2.1 All personnel must be in appropriate PPE for the emergency response situation.

55.2.2 Open water and slough crossing requires a PFD for each occupant of the vehicle.

55.2.3 Cold water immersion PPE should be worn when crossing open water.

55.2.4 Remember that the tide may be changing and bring PPE for the duration of the emergency.

55.2.5 Turnouts and/or rescue gear should be worn once you arrive at the emergency scene.

55.3 Route considerations

55.3.1 Consult the Airport Tide Level Chart and a tide book for the best response route prior to responding on the wetlands.

55.3.2 Hagglund travel is faster and safer on dry land. Island hopping should be considered verses crossing large bodies of water.

55.3.3 Do not operate the Hagglund in current greater than 1.6 MPH or if large waves are present on the water.

55.3.4 Whenever possible, choose response routes free from steep banks and drop-offs as they can damage or trap the vehicle.

55.3.5 Avoid running over logs and large sticks as they may throw a track.

55.3.6 Night navigation and operations may require scene lighting. Be sure all generators and light work prior to responding at night.

55.3.7 Consider thermal imager and GPS technology for locating and documenting off airport emergencies.

55.4 Operations

- 55.4.1** Seatbelts shall be worn at all times except when crossing open water.
- 55.4.2** Headsets should be worn at all times to protect hearing and allow for communication enroute to the emergency.
- 55.4.3** The use of the Hagglund on an emergency operation will be determined by location, current conditions, time of day and other factors.
- 55.4.4** Primarily the Hagglund should be considered a response vehicle for equipment and responder transportation.
- 55.4.5** The Hagglund may be used for patient transport if other safer, faster options are not available.
- 55.4.6** The Hagglund is not configured for patient transportation and should be considered last resort for these operations.
- 55.4.7** All patients must have a PFD for any open water or slough crossing.
- 55.4.8** All backboarded patients must be secured in a floating stokes basket.
- 55.4.9** If operating in an Avalanche emergency, ensure the area has been declared safe prior to entering. Monitoring for secondary avalanche slides should be done prior to entering the area. Operators shall wear an avalanche beacon.