

**ALWAYS wear
your personal
flotation device!**



**W.E.T. includes 30
firefighters with the
following credentials:**

SWIFT WATER RESCUE
TECHNICIAN 1 (22)

SWIFT WATER RESCUE
TECHNICIAN ADVANCED (8)

**Additional certifications
and training include:**

INLAND RESCUER SWIMMER
ADVANCED

PARAMEDIC

LOW ANGLE ROPE RESCUE
OPERATIONS/
RESCUE SYSTEMS

SWIFT WATER HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS SPILL RESPONSE

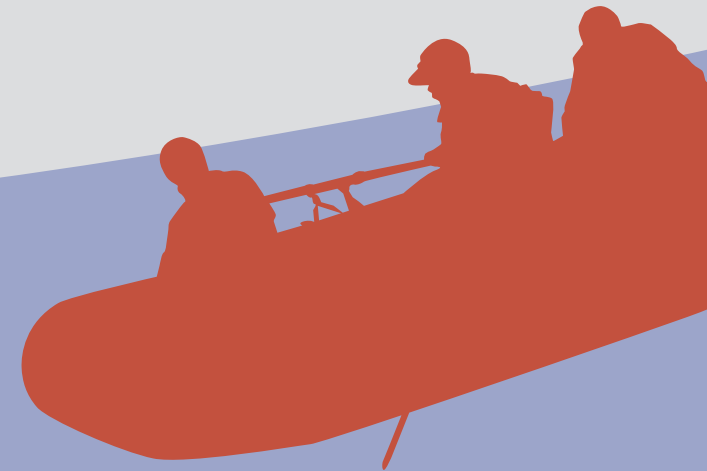
LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE



**TRUCKEE MEADOWS
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WASHOE COUNTY, NV**

WATER ENTRY TEAM (W.E.T.)

“Committed to excellence, service, and
the protection of life and property in our
community”



**STAY SAFE
IN THE
WATER**

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RIVER SAFETY TIPS

Tell someone!

Tell someone where you are going, when you expect to return, and where to call if you don't.

Never boat alone.

Be sure your whitewater/boating skills and experience are equal to the river and the conditions.

Wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (pfd).

Wear a properly fitted PFD at all times when you are in or near the river.

Know your limits.

Know your limits of swimmers rescue and self-rescue on whitewater rivers.

Wear protective footwear and proper clothing.

Reduce threat of injury by wearing protective footwear and proper clothing.

Never run a rapid unless you see a clear path through it.

Watch out for new snags after winter and spring floods.

Stop and scout.

When in doubt, stop and scout. If you are still in any doubt portage!

WATER ENTRY TEAM

“Our mission is to provide advanced emergency rescue services in water and ice rescue environments for the citizens and visitors of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.”



SWIFT WATER RESCUE

The Truckee Meadows Fire Water Entry Team responds to a variety of water related incidents. The team is highly skilled to identify river hazards and make entry in cold swift water to aid victims in distress. They are also trained to contain hazardous fluid spills and mitigate river hazards at collection points, which create entrapments for recreationalists. Their team can perform rescues because of their training and specialized equipment. No one should ever attempt a rescue alone.

POOL TRAINING

The Water Entry Team is required to perform an annual swim test. Each rescue swimmer must be able to pass several disciplines including a 500 meter swim under a predetermined time, tread water without the use of arms, and retrieve a life size mannequin from the deep end of the pool.

ICE RESCUE

The Truckee Meadows has many lakes and ponds that freeze, thaw, and refreeze in the cold winter months. This weakens ice and makes its strength unpredictable. A good rule of thumb is to never trust the ice to hold your weight. **NO ICE IS SAFE ICE.**