

Galveston Fire Department 1000.09 GMR Communications

Interim Fire Chief _____

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The Galveston Fire Department is part of the Galveston Marine Response (GMR). The other partners affiliated with GMR are; GPD, Beach Patrol, EMS and Jamaica Beach VFD. Based on this affiliation, effective immediately, whenever a “water related emergency” (See Definition below) occurs, Dispatch will direct all responding units to switch to Public Safety. This is **Channel A9** in our Truck and Portable radios.

All agencies responding to this particular incident shall be directed to this channel for direct communications between all responding units. Dispatch will (when possible) monitor this channel. In the event that Dispatch does not answer you when you call them, it will be necessary for you to switch back to our Primary Channel A1 to contact dispatch. This should improve communications between agencies during these incidents.

The definition of a water related emergency that prompts a GMR response and Channel assignment will be as follows;

Drowning

Missing Swimmer

Overtaken boats or water crafts

Vehicles in the water

Swimmer in distress

Boat/water craft accidents

Any request for open water rescue related to Galveston Island.