

## **Calls for Help - To EMS (Emergency Medical Service), Pittsburgh River Rescue**

### **1. DIAL 911, or CHANNEL 16 (Marine Radio)**

### **2. You will be asked, "What is your emergency?"**

You should report the nature of the accident. For example, "There has been a boating accident and there are rowers in the water"

You may be asked:

- your location (name of river, land marks)?
- how many people are involved and is anybody missing?
- age and gender of people?
- are victims conscious or unconscious
- are victims breathing or not breathing
- is CPR being performed
- is CPR required
- time of incident
- how many boats are involved?
- the name of a contact person and the contact information?
- will there be someone to meet the paramedics?

If you are at the boathouse or on shore that a land based crew will be sent.

If you are in the middle of the river and need to have rescue sent by water, you need to request this. An EMS supervisor will make the decision.

### **IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND YOUR LOCATION:**

If you are at the boathouse, you may say,

" I am calling from the Three Rivers Rowing Center. The center is located at the upriver end of Washington's Landing (Herr's Island) on the Allegheny River, accessible from the north end of the 31st. Street Bridge. The boathouse docks are located in the channel between the island and the north shore of the river"

### **3. IDENTIFY THE MEANS BY WHICH EMS WILL CONTACT YOU:**

You may say,

" My portable telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_. There are two telephones at Three Rivers Rowing Center: the pay phone number located in the front of the boathouse is 231-9416; the office telephone number is 412 231- 8772. An extension is located inside the second door on the left of the Youth Boathouse and in the Repair Bay. Indicate your use of marine radio and channel, if applicable.

### **4. IDENTIFY WHICH TELEPHONE YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:**

\* Cell Phone \* Pay phone \* Office phone \* Marine Radio

### **5. REQUEST AMBULANCE AND/OR RIVER RESCUE AS REQUIRED**

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