

# Roaming Patrol - NSOP

## Section 1 – Patrol Operations

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

To detail the roaming patrol method and its application.

### 2.0 SCOPE

These procedures apply to all volunteer and regional lifeguard services.

### 3.0 REQUIREMENTS

<b>Required PPE</b>		Refer to relevant IRB, RWC, Vehicle/ATV Policies and CSOPS.
<b>Awards/Licenses</b>		Qualified Surf Lifeguard (refreshed) Appropriate driver's license
<b>Training</b>		Club specific ATV training – refer to Vehicle Operations CSOP
<b>Other</b>		N/A
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>On Foot</b>	Radio + aqua-bag (radio water proof bag) Rescue tube and fins Basic First Aid kit (gloves, resus mask, pen/paper) Full-brimmed hats
	<b>On ATV</b>	Adherence to maximum capacity (as per ATV owner's manual) Radio + aqua-bag (radio water proof bag) Rescue tube and fins (gloves, resus mask, pen/paper) First Aid kit, AED, O2
	<b>Powercraft</b>	Qualified IRB Driver (refreshed) Qualified IRB Crewperson



		Enough correctly fitted helmets and lifejackets to allow ALL crew access to correct fitting sizes  Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) if the craft is required to operate out of direct sight of the patrol  Radio + aqua-bag (radio water proof bag)
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## 4.0 INTRODUCTION

A roaming patrol is a lifesaving unit which travels either on foot, ATV, IRB, or RWC, along the coastline, while monitoring the water/beach and providing preventative actions when necessary.

## 5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 While on a roaming patrol, undertake the following tasks:

- a) Actively monitor beach and water users
- b) Educate beach and water users of hazards, e.g., rip currents
- c) Encourage the safe interaction of water and beach users
- d) Respond to incidents as required
- e) Monitor the conditions and the number of water users, and request further support if necessary
- f) Record beach and water user observational data for the Patrol Captain's form
- g) Maintain radio and/or mobile phone contact with patrol at all times.