



**CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF OPERATIONS**



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January 28, 2026**

**SUBJECT: 2026 SPECIAL OPERATIONS AUXILIARY UNIT INSPECTION  
SCHEDULE**

To ensure all the Special Operations Auxiliary Units are properly maintained, apparatus inspections will be witnessed by the following:

- Hazardous Materials Coordinator (5-1-0)
- Marine and Dive Operations Coordinator (6-8-6)
- Air Rescue Coordinator (6-8-0)
- Special Operations Battalion Chief (5-1-5)
- Commander - Special Operations (5-1-7)

Each shift is scheduled to participate in an inspection ensuring uniformity and information sharing between all platoons. If an inspection cannot be completed during the assigned period, every effort will be made to reschedule it on that shift during the next period.

The inspection schedule is as follows:

|                   |                                  |
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| <b>Schedule 1</b> | January, April, July, October    |
| <b>Schedule 2</b> | February, May, August, November  |
| <b>Schedule 3</b> | March, June, September, December |

The attached table outlines who is responsible for each inspection.

After the inspection is completed a [Special Operations: Auxiliary Apparatus Evaluation](#) will be completed on [SharePoint](#).

House Captains and Company Officers responsible for Special Operations Auxiliary Units shall ensure the following, where necessary:

- A roster of certified vehicle operators, boat pilots or helicopter pilots is maintained and available.
- A daily inspection of the apparatus and equipment is completed ensuring the cleanliness and operational readiness of the apparatus.
- Company journal entrees are completed daily by the Special Operations Auxiliary Unit vehicle operator.
- Work orders are obtained as needed.

House Captains and Company Officers shall notify the respective Special Operations Chief Officer of any concerns, work orders or deficiencies of a Special Operations Auxiliary Unit housed in their quarters. Additional training on Special Operations Auxiliary Units may be scheduled throughout the year by notifying the Special Operations Battalion Chief (5-1-5) ML 9506- cell 312-287-0568.

**By order of:**

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**Donald Walker  
Deputy Fire Commissioner  
Bureau of Operations**

**TO BE READ AT FOUR (4) ROLL CALLS AND POSTED.**

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# 2026 CFD SPECIAL OPERATIONS

## AUXILIARY UNIT INSPECTION SCHEDULE

| Unit                                                   | Special Operations Discipline | Location | Capabilities                                             | Inspection by | Schedule |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>5-1-5 - Technical Rescue Units</b>                  |                               |          |                                                          |               |          |
| 526 - Deep Tunnel                                      | Technical Rescue              | E91      | Deep Tunnel - Rebreather Units                           | 5-1-5         | 1        |
| 521 - Collapse Rescue                                  | Technical Rescue              | E5       | Technical Rescue - Structure/Trench Collapse             | 5-1-5         | 1        |
| 522 - Collapse Rescue                                  | Technical Rescue              | E14      | Technical Rescue Support - Shoring/Lumber Rig/Forklift   | 5-1-5         | 1        |
| 561 - Jump Bag /Trash pump                             | Technical Rescue              | E4       | Technical Rescue Support                                 | 5-1-5         | 2        |
| 563 - Jump Bag /Trash Pump                             | Technical Rescue              | E47      | Technical Rescue Support                                 | 5-1-5         | 2        |
| 6-4-16 - High Rise Unit                                | Technical Rescue              | E18      | Technical Rescue - High-Rise Fires                       | 5-1-5         | 3        |
| 923 - MVU                                              | Technical Rescue              | E106     | Mobile Ventilation Units                                 | 5-1-5         | 3        |
| 924 - MVU                                              | Technical Rescue              | E12      | Mobile Ventilation Units                                 | 5-1-5         | 3        |
| <b>5-1-7 - Technical Rescue Units - 3950 S. Honore</b> |                               |          |                                                          |               |          |
| 523 - Compressor                                       | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical Rescue Support, Pavement Breakers, Jackhammers | 5-1-7         | 1        |
| 524 - Vac Truck                                        | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Collapse/Trench Support                                  | 5-1-7         | 1        |
| 525 - Technical Rescue Truck                           | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical rescue - Tools, SABA, Torches, Cameras         | 5-1-7         | 1        |
| 527 - Cut Team                                         | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Special Events, Riot Control                             | 5-1-7         | 1        |
| 528 - Collapse Rescue                                  | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical Rescue - Shoring/Lumber Rig/Forklift           | 5-1-7         | 2        |
| 564 - Special Operations                               | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical Rescue Support                                 | 5-1-7         | 2        |
| 567 - POD truck                                        | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical Rescue Support                                 | 5-1-7         | 2        |
| 568 - Mini-Pumper                                      | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Special Events, Technical Rescue Support                 | 5-1-7         | 3        |
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| 5-2-12 - Technical Rescue                              | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Technical Rescue Support                                 | 5-1-7         | 3        |
| Gators                                                 | Technical Rescue              | 39th St  | Special Events, Technical Rescue Support                 | 5-1-7         | 3        |
| <b>6-8-0 - Air Operations - 3954 E. Foreman Drive</b>  |                               |          |                                                          |               |          |
| 681 - Helicopter                                       | Air/Sea/Rescue                | ASR      | Air Support (Extra Alarms, HM, Dive Operations)          | 6-8-0         | 1        |
| 682 - Helicopter                                       | Air/Sea/Rescue                | ASR      | Air Support (Extra Alarms, HM, Dive Operations)          | 6-8-0         | 2        |
| <b>6-8-6 - Marine/Dive Units</b>                       |                               |          |                                                          |               |          |
| 688 - Fast Boat                                        | Marine Unit                   | CMSS     | Seasonal Dive Operations and Marine Fire Suppression     | 6-8-6         | 1        |
| 689 - Fast Boat                                        | Marine Unit                   | CMSS     | Seasonal Dive Operations and Marine Fire Suppression     | 6-8-6         | 1        |
| 6-8-10 - Trailered Boat                                | Marine Unit                   | E104     | Non Motorized Flat Bottom Pond Boat                      | 6-8-6         | 2        |
| JS1, JS2 - Jet Skis                                    | Marine Unit                   | 39th St  | Special Events - Surface Rescue and Dive Support         | 6-8-6         | 2        |
| 6-8-11 - Trailer                                       | Swift boat trailer            | 39th St  | Swiftwater Surface Rescue, Dive Support, MABAS Support   | 6-8-6         | 3        |
| 6-8-12 - Trailer                                       | Swift boat trailer            | 39th St  | Swiftwater Surface Rescue, Dive Support, MABAS Support   | 6-8-6         | 3        |
| 6-8-13 - Trailer                                       | Swift boat trailer            | 39th St  | Swiftwater Surface Rescue, Dive Support, MABAS Support   | 6-8-6         | 3        |
| <b>5-1-0 - Hazardous Materials</b>                     |                               |          |                                                          |               |          |
| 624 - Foam/Dry Chem                                    | Hazardous Materials           | E4       | 100lbs Dry Powder and 100 Gallon Premix AFFF Foam        | 5-1-0         | 1        |
| 625 - Foam/Dry Chem                                    | Hazardous Materials           | E46      | 100lbs Dry Powder and 100 Gallon Premix AFFF Foam        | 5-1-0         | 1        |
| 530 - Mass Decon Unit                                  | Hazardous Materials           | E22      | All Hazards Mass Decontamination Unit                    | 5-1-0         | 2        |
| 531 - Decon Trailer                                    | Hazardous Materials           | R1       | O'Hare Decontamination Unit                              | 5-1-0         | 2        |
| 514 - JHAT Support                                     | Hazardous Materials           | E16      | JHAT Command/Support                                     | 5-1-0         | 3        |
| 632 - Bulk Foam Carrier                                | Hazardous Materials           | E28      | Class A (160gal) and Class B (575gal) Foam Concentrate   | 5-1-0         | 3        |

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