Hillsborough County Fire Rescue STANDING ORDERS AND PROTOCOL

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Subject: BLS Drowning and Submersion Injuries

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1. Basic BLS treatments

- 2. Refer to HCFR SPINAL MOTION RESTRICTION protocol and apply as indicated.
- 3. High flow oxygen via NRBM and airway control
- 4. If in cardiac arrest, see HCFR BLS CARDIAC ARREST protocol
- 5. ALS evaluation and transport criteria:
 - a. All suspected drowning patients are ALS
 - b. This includes patients who are alert but suffered some type of submersion exposure