SIGNALS: PUBLIC SAFETY AND AQUATIC RESCUE

Beach to water signals

(Images show hand signals, use signal flags when available)









2. Return to shore



3. Remain stationary



4. Message not clear, repeat



5. Pick up swimmers



boat and the shore

6. Investigate submerged object



7. Proceed further out to sea



8. Go to the left or the right



9. Message understood, all clear



10. Pick up or adjust buoys

Water to Beach Signals

(May be conducted from any craft or boat)



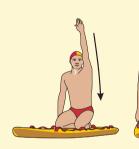
11. Assistance required



12. Boat wishes to return to shore



13. Emergency evacuation alarm



14. Shore signal received and understood



15. Search completed

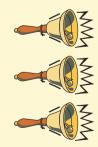
Tower and other Signals



16. Emergency evacuation flag



17. Emergency evacuation alarm



18. Mass rescue



19. Helicopter signal—request to enter



20. Signal flag

A full description of signals is available on page 119 of the 33rd Edition of the Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue Training Manual



NEW SIGNALS

 There are two new signals which should be included in the Bronze Medallion proficiency so that all patrol members understand their meaning.

Signal	Action	Meaning
Submerged Patient Missing (Code X)	Both arms raised to form a cross above the head	This is the most serious signal of all. A swimmer is missing and presumed submerged. Other lifesavers on shore or the pool deck should immediately fix the position of the lifesaver and initiate an appropriate response.
All Clear/OK	Touch the middle of the head with the fingertips of one hand	The lifesaver is indicating that no help is required in performing the rescue and that the patient is stable. However, other lifesavers should continue to observe and monitor the situation as the situation can deteriorate