

Currently, the Peoria Fire Department is the sole entity in or near this jurisdiction that has a dive team. The department's dive team consists of 17 core team members that are highly trained in underwater, swift water and ice rescue operations. There are 2 other agencies that have watercraft and they are Fondulac Park Police Department and Chillicothe Fire Department.

The department's rescue boats consist of a 1995 Thomas Dolphin (26' rescue boat) referred to as Marine 1, a 1998 Thunder Duck (15' inflatable) referred to as Marine 2, and a 14' inflatable referred to as Marine 3. Since the beginning of 2018 the department has responded to 40 incidents on the river.

At this time the only service on the river that the fire department bills for is boat tows to non-Peoria residents, and the fee is currently set at \$300.00.

In 2018 the department responded to a total of four incidents on the river. Three of these responses were for bridge jumpers and one was for a boat tow for an individual that was not a resident of Peoria.

In 2019 the department responded to 19 incidents on the river and 1 incident at Duck Creek. Four of the incidents in 2019 were for bridge jumpers, of which the dive team was deployed three times. One incident was for a boat that struck a buoy and the remainder were watercraft that were stranded outside of the channel or floating in the channel without a functioning motor. The deployment to Duck Creek was at the request of the Peoria Police Department and the Peoria County Sheriff's Department to assist in their investigation.

In 2020 the department responded to 10 incidents on the river and 1 at a lake in Canton. Five of these incidents were for bridge jumpers and the dive team was deployed for 2 of these incidents. On one occasion 2 men jumped off the McCluggage bridge and were rescued by a nearby IDOT boat. In August of 2020 an overturned boat was reported in the narrows. Marine 1 was dispatched and rescued 2 individuals in the water. There were a total of 4 boat tows and 2 of them were not residents of Peoria. The deployment to Canton Lake was at the request of the Peoria Police Department and Peoria County Sheriff's Department to assist them in their investigation.

So far in 2021 the Fire Department has responded to 5 incidents on the river. Two responses were for bridge jumpers, 1 for a missing person, 1 for a fatal watercraft accident and 1 boat tow (Peoria resident).