

Safety Report 2012

This report is submitted in accordance with the bylaws of Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS.)

First let me introduce myself: Kurt Thiel; I have been a member of PVS and USA Swimming for a number of decades, a certified official in Pool and Open Water Swimming at the Local, National and Championship level. I have training as a Safety Professional in the U.S. Navy and functioned as a Safety Officer; both Ground and Aviation. I am a currently certified Lifeguard, Waterfront Lifeguard and hold all other certifications to include Oxygen Delivery and Remote and Wilderness First Aid. I accepted the position in September of 2011 and have been working to get our Safety system in PVS to be among the best among the LSC's.

This revamp will be a difficult task since the position suffered during a number of short duration tenancies and finally in a "caretakers" acting appointment of an individual; John Ertter, who had numerous tasks to deal with in his primary function but still managed to stop the downward slide from hitting rock bottom.

Thus far I have worked on the implementation of the on-line Report of Occurrence (ROO) and begun the revamping of the PVS Safety portion of our web page. I hope to have the Coaches Safety Training information updated and streamlined before the end of September 2012. I have also initiated a review of all the Emergency Action Plans (EAP) at facilities we use for swim meets and also will make certain that all the clubs "rental" facility EAP's meet the standards required by each facilities governing body; it will be an ongoing task.

Thank You,

Kurt Thiel; PVS Committee Chair