### 3.03 (NEAR) DROWNING

**BLS Treatment**
- Position of comfort.
- NPO
- Oxygen as indicated.

**ALS Treatment**
- Advanced airway intervention, as necessary.
- Cardiac monitor.
- IV or IO of Normal Saline TKO.

**Comments**
- Rapid transport. Patient can deteriorate rapidly.
- Description (salt or fresh water) and temperature of submersion fluid.
- Duration of submersion.
- Height of fall/mechanism of injury.
- Suspicion of alcohol or other drugs/medications involved.
- Evidence of head/spinal trauma or other associated injuries.
- Neurologic status.
- Respiratory findings: rales or signs of pulmonary edema, respiratory distress.

**Base Hospital Contact Criteria**
- To withhold or cease resuscitation due to witnessed submersion of > 25 minutes or no response to treatment.