Drowning/Near Drowning/Submersion

Pre-Medical Control
MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol**

2. **If pulse is absent**:
   A. If documented submersion time is greater than 1 hour refer to the **Dead on Scene Procedure.**
   B. In normothermic patients initiate CPR and refer to **Cardiac Arrest – General Protocol**.
   C. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia Cardiac Arrest Protocol.**

3. **If pulse is present:**
   A. Assess patient's temperature:
   B. If patient is hypothermic, go to **Hypothermia/Frostbite Protocol**.
   C. Prevent further heat loss by transport in a warm environment. Patient should be dry.
   D. Consider CPAP if respiratory distress.
   E. Contact Medical Control if no transport is considered or requested.