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5.05pm - VIDEO: Gloucestershire rescue hovercraft arrive in the county

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TWO new rescue hovercraft were officially launched in Gloucestershire today. The all-terrain lifesavers were officially handed over to Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service at a ceremony in Frampton today.

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The £110,000 machines, complete with 4x4 vehicles and trailers, were paid for by a fund from Severn Trent, following the disastrous flooding of last summer,

County chief fire officer Terry Standing said the two craft, a Hoverguard 525 and a Hoverrescue 425, were specially built to the service's requirements.

"They will complement our existing waterborne capability extremely well," he said.

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