

Customized Programs

Topics outlined in this catalog are not a complete description of Dive Rescue International's training capabilities or our expertise. Customized programs are available to meet your department's unique training requirements. We will work with you to develop a customized program specifically designed for your department's water/ice rescue and recovery needs. Program costs will vary depending on topics, duration, equipment and tuition fees. Call us today so we can assist you in identifying your team's specific educational needs and design a program just for you.

Conference Speakers

Dive Rescue International has a network of experienced, professional and knowledgeable staff from every aspect of public safety including: law enforcement, EMS, fire and rescue. This staff is available to speak to your group on a wide variety of water/ice rescue topics. Call us to discuss cost, topics and location.



Program Registration

All of Dive Rescue International's programs require pre-registration. Space is limited and the hosting agency reserves their team members first. Registrations are made with payment on a first come first served basis. Our programs are typically hosted by a local agency, but we process all registration requests. We reserve the right to screen all students to ensure proper qualifications. All students must be a member of a public safety agency. We accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express, checks or purchase orders.

Hosting a Program

Dive Rescue International has been the leading training agency for water rescue, recovery and investigative professionals for 25 years. Our goal is to supply you with professional training specific to your departmental requirements. Our hosting program makes it easy and economical for you to bring one of our customizable programs to your area. As a host, your department is responsible for arranging facilities and locally publicizing your program to help us reach the minimum required paid registrations. Dive Rescue International will provide regional publicity through e-mail and mailing lists, registration maintenance, student materials, program equipment and a corporate trainer to conduct the program. Benefits of hosting a program include:

Quality Training: Our corporate training staff is composed of full-time law enforcement, fire service and emergency personnel who have extensive experience in all aspects of the public safety diving field.

Reduced Costs: By bringing our programs to you, we eliminate the need for travel related costs such as airfare, hotel, rental cars and per diem expenses for your team members.

Local Training Environment: Programs are tailored to meet the unique challenges of your region's aquatic environment. Training will be more realistic and practical when conducted where incidents may occur.

Free Training: Hosting agencies receive multiple complimentary tuitions for their team members.

Equipment Discount: Each host department also receives a one-time 10% discount on equipment purchased from Dive Rescue International within 90 days of their program.

Hosting agencies have included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard, Nashville Fire Department, Cleveland Fire Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Chicago Police Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Office and Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Corporate Trainers

Our Corporate Training staff is an elite, hand-picked ensemble of public safety personnel dedicated to the education and ultimately the safety of fellow water rescue professionals. Each trainer is an expert in their field with numerous years of service in law enforcement, fire service or special aquatic operations teams. Many of our trainers are officers in their respective fields. Corporate trainers are selected by current Dive Rescue International staff members from the top ranking trainer level graduates and are recruited by invitation only.





 water-based programs

 land-based programs

Boat-Based Operations >

This customized program introduces your personnel to the skills necessary to safely operate watercraft. This program is always customized to ensure students receive training on the specific watercraft and equipment your department uses during operations.

During the over 16 hours of on-water time you will learn about: common boats used for public safety diving, watercraft maintenance and operation, accessory equipment, launching and anchoring techniques, diver deployment and recovery, victim recovery and how to run boat-based search operations.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety personnel tasked with operating and maintaining watercraft.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Concepts in Leadership >

Even though your individual team members are highly trained and skilled, without leadership the team as a whole may be doomed to failure. Training, equipment and manpower are not enough. Success depends on a coordinated and cohesive team effort. This program is completely customizable to accommodate each department's distinct leadership development requirements. Program segments can be taught in one to three day increments; you determine topics and course duration. You may also opt for multiple segments to better accommodate your training schedule.

Program topics include: Identifying problems, facilitating problem solving, turning conflict into cooperation, managing change, cultivating a positive attitude and incident management.

Duration: 1-3 days (8-24 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Electronic Search Equipment >

Increase the safety of your dive team by learning how to operate and interpret electronic search equipment. Deep water and/or an inexact last seen point can create a potentially dangerous search operation by exposing divers to unnecessary risks. Locating targets with electronic equipment will make your dive operations more time efficient and safer. This program is taught in a classroom and on open-water.

Program topics include: Sonar capabilities, sonar limitations, scene evaluation, search techniques, target marking, remotely operated vehicles (ROV), metal detectors, magnetometer, side scan sonar, hand-held sonar and towed video systems.

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: Dive team members and support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Floods and Moving Water - *New* >

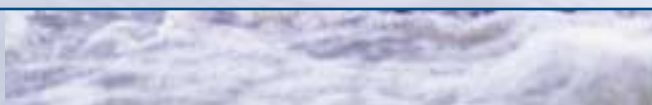
Floods are one of the leading causes of loss of life and property throughout the world. In recent years this type of natural disaster is becoming a more common scenario and communities are demanding their rescue providers be prepared. Due to the potentially enormous scope of a flooding incident, planning is critical to your team's success. Floods can vary in duration and intensity, but many of the concepts for conducting rescue and recovery operations are similar.

Program topics include: Rescue and survival tactics, rescuer safety, identifying potential dangers, equipment for yourself and your team, hydrology, dynamics of moving water, site survey, rope tactics, boat-based techniques, rigging systems, low-head dams and risk/benefit analysis.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Dive team members, water rescue team members, law enforcement and fire service personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.



Ice Rescue >

All public safety personnel should know how to respond and carry out a surface ice rescue. As a public safety officer, you may be the first responder to an ice emergency – are you prepared? Learn how you can avoid becoming a victim, how to recognize ice hazards and how to evaluate ice strength. This one-day program will allow you to practice multiple ice rescues with victims who have fallen through the ice.

Program topics include: Ice conditions, ice formation, hypothermia, cold-water near-drowning, equipment selection, equipment techniques, manpower utilization, operational planning, scene evaluation and other ice rescue techniques.

Duration: 1 day (8 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety first responders.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Med Dive >

Keep your dive team healthy and safe through prevention. Learn to recognize potentially life-threatening signs and symptoms associated with scuba diving. This program includes numerous hands-on practical sessions. The Med Dive manual is included in the cost of this program and makes an excellent diving resource for your team.

Program topics include: Pulmonary barotrauma, medical evaluation of divers, monitoring divers, conducting neurological exams, decompression sickness, oxygen administration and field stabilization of compressed gas injuries.

Duration: 2 1/2 days (20 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers, surface support personnel, EMS professionals and medical personnel involved with dive team operations.

Prerequisites: Member of public safety agency, current First Aid and CPR training and at least 18 years old.

Personal Watercraft Operations >

Due to their relatively small monetary investment and their extreme maneuverability, these vehicles are becoming more popular in all aspects of water rescue and patrol. Participants will learn the proper applications of these vehicles as well as their limitations. The one-on-one instruction and field exercises make this program very popular.

Program topics include: Launching, handling, swimmer pickup, victim retrieval, patrol management, slalom course techniques, moving water principles and repair and maintenance.

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: Public safety officers who use personal watercraft for rescue or patrol activities.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Shore Responder >

The Shore Responder can be any member of your department. A patrol officer or fire fighter often is first on the scene, gathering information from witnesses for divers and helping prepare the dive team for a safe mission is critical. Certified Shore Responders facilitate efforts among various responding public safety agencies while maintaining a safe scene for the duration of the incident. This valuable team member is a necessary component of every successful dive mission.

Program topics include: Assembling scuba equipment, dressing and preparing divers, introduction to decompression tables, search pattern fundamentals and basic scene evaluation and sketching.

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: Public safety officers who respond to water incidents.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Underwater Investigator >

By using comprehensive tabletop scenarios, this program will prepare you to complete investigations requiring recovery of weapons, bodies, vehicles, aircraft and scuba fatalities. This program was originally designed by retired Corporal Robert G. Teather of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. His comprehensive book "The Encyclopedia of Underwater Investigations" is included in the price of this program. Actual case examples are used to recreate real-life investigative scenarios. There are graphic depictions of water-related deaths contained in the textbook as well as in the tabletop scenarios. This program is available in a 1 or 3 day format to accommodate your training requirements.

Duration: 1 day (8 hours) or 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Public safety and forensic investigators who are involved in evidence recovery.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.



All of our instructors are active public safety officers and are knowledgeable about current standards and trends.



Swiftwater Rescue >

Whether your community's river is wide and smooth flowing or narrow and rapid packed, the principles of rescue are virtually identical. Swiftwater rescue operations are inherently dangerous and with the complications of fast current, low-head dams and/or hidden debris they can become deadly. Prepare for these special hazards by learning how to organize and manage safe swiftwater rescue operations. Participants in this program should be prepared for multiple in-water scenarios.

Program topics include: Hydrology, dynamics of moving water, site survey, hazard identification, protective equipment, rope tactics, boat-based techniques, survival techniques, rigging systems, low-head dams and risk/benefit analysis.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Dive team members, water rescue team members, law enforcement and fire service personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Swiftwater Rescue II >

This physically demanding program is designed to improve your personal readiness to respond to swiftwater emergency situations. You will build on your basic swiftwater rescue skills to run safe and successful operations. All students are required to have basic swiftwater rescue skills including: excellent swimming skills, operational experience using high-lines and a working knowledge of knots, rigging and mechanical advantage systems. All students should be prepared for multiple challenging in-water scenarios. Specific and detailed information will be provided regarding searching by using coordinated land and water-based teams.

Program topics include: Swimming challenges, swiftwater rescue board drills, identifying high probability search areas, rescue and recovery procedures, body characteristics in moving water, triage exercises, water-bound victim extrication exercises, strainer drills and search strategies and techniques.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Water rescue teams, law enforcement and fire service personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and certificate of basic swiftwater training from a recognized training organization.

Visual Inspection Program >

Don't pay outside resources to inspect and maintain your SCUBA and SCBA cylinders. This program will teach you how to inspect various air cylinders. It is recommended that all scuba cylinders be visually inspected annually when filling at certified air stations. We encourage you to bring any of your department's cylinders regardless of condition for this hands-on program.

Duration: 1 day (8 hours)

Recommended for: Personnel responsible for compressed air cylinder maintenance.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.

Water Accident Management >

Whether your response area has ponds, rivers or lakes or you reside in a flood plain, almost every community is at risk for a water incident. Learn how to evaluate your community's water risks and assess your ability to respond to those risks.

Program topics include: Risk assessment, agency preparedness, standard operating procedures, liability issues and complete team development.

Duration: 1 day (8 hours)

Recommended for: Public safety agencies, community risk managers and community administrators.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency or public official and at least 18 years old.

Water Rescue and Survival >

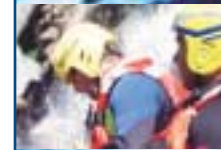
This is a unique rescue program focusing on your safety while rescuing a drowning victim. During this program you will learn to survive submersion in your turnout gear or uniform. Scene evaluation is critical to the success of any mission, but this becomes paramount when you are the first responder to a water incident.

Program topics include: Scene evaluation, risk/benefit analysis, victim condition, basic rescue techniques (reach, throw, row), equipment and water related injuries.

Duration: 1 day (8 hours)

Recommended for: Emergency services personnel responding to surface incidents.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years old.



Swiftwater is dangerous; proper training is critical.



All support personnel and non-diving team members are encouraged to attend and complete any **Dive Rescue International** diving program and receive a surface support certification of completion.

All of **Dive Rescue International's** diving courses are taught in a classroom, a pool and an open-water site allowing students to practice their new skills in a safe environment prior to the mandatory field scenario work.

Dive Rescue I provides the foundation for future programs and successful water operations.

Dive Rescue I – Our Premier Program

Our premier program is a must for all dive team members. From scene evaluation to incident debriefing this program covers it all. Diving and surface support personnel will learn to apply the latest techniques in underwater rescue and recovery to prepare them to respond effectively and safely to water incidents. Get started on your way to our more advanced and trainer level programs with Dive Rescue I. This program is a prerequisite for many of our programs. This program is presented in the classroom, pool and open-water to allow students to become familiar with the techniques prior to field scenarios.

Program topics include: Public safety drowning accidents, selecting, training and equipping dive teams, underwater investigation, evidence recovery, dealing with family, media and other agencies, search patterns, victim retrieval, vehicle accidents and an introduction to specialized equipment.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.

Dive Rescue II

This customized five-day program provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable experience using very specialized techniques and equipment. To prepare your team for successful operations you must match your training with your local response needs. Dive Rescue II allows the local host to determine the most appropriate advanced topics for your region's particular water rescue needs. All of Dive Rescue International's diving courses are taught in a classroom, a pool and an open-water site allowing students to practice their new skills in a safe environment prior to the mandatory field scenario work.

Program topics can include: Surface-Supplied Air, Haz-Mat Diving, Boat-Based Operations, Dry Suit Diving, Ice Diving Operations, Helicopter Operations, Current Diving or other special regional training as determined by the hosting agency.

Duration: 5 days (40 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, current Dive Rescue I Specialist or Underwater Crime Scene Technician I, proof of diving certification and at least 18 years old.





Current Diving

By learning to use specialized equipment and proven search techniques, your team will be prepared to safely complete complex, challenging and potentially dangerous current diving operations. You will learn anchoring and high line techniques to better prepare your team for various incident scenarios. All of Dive Rescue International's diving courses are taught in a classroom, a pool and an open-water site allowing students to practice their new skills in a safe environment prior to the mandatory field scenario work.

Program topics include: Hydrology and dynamics of moving water, scene evaluation, self-rescue techniques, hazard assessment, high probability search areas, search patterns and post-operative rescuer recovery.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Dive team members and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.

Dry Suit Diving

Without the proper protection from your potentially hazardous diving environment, your rescue/recovery operation may be hindered or even worse, halted. One of the first steps to preparing for contaminated water or ice diving is learning how to dive in a dry suit. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios.

Program topics include: History, suit types, accessories, sizing, custom adjustments, emergency procedures, repairs and maintenance.

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers using or intending to use dry suits.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.

Haz-Mat Diving

Contaminated water causes additional hazards and could possibly even stop your rescue/recovery operations. Almost all water is contaminated. Your team needs to be able to recognize, identify and operate in polluted water. During this program your team members will learn to operate in a cost-effective and proactive manner. All of Dive Rescue International's diving courses are taught in a classroom, a pool and an open-water site allowing students to practice their new skills in a safe environment prior to the mandatory field scenario work.

Program topics include: Recognizing potential contaminants and hazards, medical considerations, operational planning, equipment selection and maintenance, considerations for diving systems, special diving techniques, protection for surface and decontamination personnel and decontamination procedures for diving personnel and equipment.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, proof of diving certification, dry suit and full face mask diving experience are highly recommended and at least 18 years old.



Public safety divers do not get to choose their diving environment. The majority of water we dive in is contaminated.



Our Current Diving program will reduce your risks on scene.

Helicopter Operations

Helicopters add unique logistical, financial and safety considerations to water incident operations. Helicopters can provide an excellent means for rapidly delivering team members and equipment to the incident scene. This program introduces students to the use of rotary wing aircraft. During this program students will be instructed in a classroom, a pool and in the field in order to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment prior to field scenarios.

Program topics include: Types of rotary wing aircraft, air crew responsibilities, aircraft loading, diver deployment, hoisting, fixed line flyaway, equipment preparation and emergency procedures.

Duration: Always customized.

Recommended for: Certified divers and water rescue team members.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.



Ice Diving Operations

Physically, mentally and logistically, ice diving operations can be very challenging. Without proper education this overhead diving environment can be extremely dangerous. By learning how to plan and implement an ice diving operation your team can safely conduct ice rescues and recoveries. Proper equipment and maintenance are also emphasized in this intense three-day program. Students should be prepared for multiple operational planning sessions and dives under the ice. Surface support personnel are critical to the success of any operation, but they are especially vital in this type of scenario. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios.

Program topics include: Equipment selection, full face mask maintenance and application, protocols, rescue vs. recovery mode, boat vs. ice-based operations, emergency procedures and tethered diving techniques.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old, ice rescue training is highly recommended, proof of diving certification and dry suit and full face mask diving experience are highly recommended.

Light Salvage and Recovery

Take your dive team to a more advanced level of service. By teaching your dive members to complete safe salvage operations, you can offer an environmentally conscious service to your community. Students should be prepared to make several lifts using various techniques. The focus of the program will be conducting salvage operations as they apply to underwater crime scenes and investigations. The techniques taught in this program can be applied to the salvage or recovery of boats, automobiles and aircraft. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios.

Program topics include: Scene evaluation, operational organization, lifting equipment, underwater rigging and specialized lifting techniques.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, proof of diving certification and at least 18 years old.



Vehicle recoveries require specialized training.

Special Marine Operations

Learn to locate contraband, explosives and detect terrorist activities. This course will train divers to safely conduct pier and hull searches on vessels currently in commercial ports and inland waterways. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios. This is an extremely hazardous endeavor and should only be attempted by highly trained individuals.

Program topics include: Legal requirements to conduct searches, contaminated waters, pier searches, hull searches, narcotics concealment, explosives recognition and other operational tactics to deal with possible terrorist activities.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers tasked with water systems security.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.





Surface-Supplied Air

If your team is only trained on self-contained breathing apparatus, you are probably significantly hindered in your ability to carry out rescue and/or recovery missions in polluted or deep water. Increase your team's ability to respond to more advanced dive operations by learning to safely conduct surface-supplied air missions. Surface-supplied air diving will allow you to extend the time and depth of dives and provide sufficient air to thoroughly complete decontamination protocols. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios.

Program topics include: Surface-supplied systems, selecting masks or helmets, tethered diving, communications systems and emergency procedures.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, proof of diving certification and at least 18 years old.

Underwater Crime Scene Technician I

Equivalent to the Dive Rescue I program, Underwater Crime Scene Technician I is dedicated entirely to recovery operations. Rescue topics will not be covered. Fundamentals of public safety diving and crime scene preservation will be taught in detail. Like Dive Rescue I, this program is a prerequisite for many of our advanced and trainer level programs. This program is conducted in a classroom, pool and at an open-water site to allow students to practice their new skills in a controlled environment before the field scenarios.

Program topics include: Scene evaluation, search patterns, documentation, evidence processing, accident scene investigation, photography and specialized equipment.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and proof of diving certification.

Underwater Crime Scene Technician II

Due to the sensitive information presented in this program, it is only available to law enforcement personnel or persons sanctioned by a law enforcement agency to assist with evidence recovery. Detailed information will be presented regarding crime scene processing, fingerprint recovery, laboratory parameters, photography, videography and advanced search patterns. This program will be taught in a classroom, pool and in open-water. This course deals specifically with body recovery operations and the content is graphic in nature.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Law enforcement divers and dive rescue team members involved in evidence recovery.

Prerequisites: Member of a law enforcement agency or a letter of sponsorship verifying that the student provides evidence recovery for a law enforcement agency, at least 18 years old, proof of diving certification and current Underwater Crime Scene Technician I or Dive Rescue I Specialist.



Key evidence can be successfully located, gathered and recovered from water.

Public Safety Diver Survival Program – New

Prepare to survive your next life threatening diving situation by inoculating yourself against panic and stress. This program is designed to improve and elicit automatic responses in survival situations. Participants will learn techniques to minimize the negative effects of emotional and physiological stress based on research of public safety scuba injuries and deaths over several decades.

Duration: 1-1/2 days (12 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety members are welcome and encouraged to take part in the classroom portion of the program. Only certified divers may participate in the practical in-water portion of the program.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years old and all diving participants must provide proof of open-water certification.



Trainers allow you to teach at your convenience.

Ice Rescue Trainer

Prepare your department for surface ice rescues by sending a member of your staff to become a certified Dive Rescue International Ice Rescue Trainer. By having an Ice Rescue Trainer on your staff, you can train your personnel within your schedule and for a minimal cost. After successfully completing this program, graduates can order Ice Rescue Students kits to conduct in-house programs for all department personnel. This is a surface rescue program only; there will be no diving. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: How to teach adults, how to create effective presentations, student evaluations, ice strength, ice formation, equipment needs, manpower considerations, scene evaluation and assessment of risk/benefits.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety personnel.

Prerequisites: Sponsorship by a public safety agency, current First Aid and CPR training and at least 21 years old.

Trainer Academy – New

Get on the fast track to becoming a member of an elite training team. Dive Rescue International announces our Trainer Academy designed to accelerate the process of becoming a Dive Rescue I Trainer. The complete Academy includes Dive Rescue I, Med Dive, Public Safety Scuba Instructor, Dive Rescue II and the Dive Rescue I Trainer programs. Each candidate enrolling in the academy receives a 20% discount on tuition only. This does not include airfare, lodging or per diem expenses. You may take up to 18 months to complete the academy. All candidates must meet all prerequisites in the course descriptions or applications. We encourage every department to select their best representative to participate in this special promotion.

Dive Rescue I Trainer

This program is designed for the department trainer, who through experience and education, is prepared to advance to the prestigious position of a Dive Rescue I Trainer. You already have an extensive knowledge of scuba diving and rescue/recovery operations, now learn how to teach more effectively and confidently. Completion of this program allows graduates to teach the Dive Rescue I or Shore Responder programs to members of their own department. The Dive Rescue I program teaches the fundamentals of dive team operations. This is an excellent opportunity to standardize training throughout your department in a cost-effective manner. In order to teach the Dive Rescue I or Shore Responder programs, student kits must be purchased. The prerequisites for this program are very specific, please review them prior to requesting an application package.

Duration: 5 days (60 hours) This program also requires a significant pre-course study commitment. The average preparation time is 60 hours.

Recommended for: Active Public Safety Scuba Instructors or currently certified scuba instructors from a Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC) approved agency.

Prerequisites: Sponsorship by a public safety agency, current Public Safety Scuba Instructor or RSTC recognized scuba instructor, current Dive Rescue I, Med Dive and Dive Rescue II certification or completion of two of the following programs: Current Diving, Haz-Mat Diving, Ice Diving Operations, Light Salvage and Recovery, Underwater Crime Scene Technician II, Swiftwater Rescue, or Swiftwater Rescue II, at least 21 years old and current in First Aid and CPR.

Med Dive Trainer – No Longer Available

Understanding diving physiology is just as important for surface support personnel as it is for divers. As a diver, your land-based personnel will ultimately be responsible for identifying and treating dive-related injuries. Upon graduation from this program, instructors will be prepared to teach an 8-hour program on diving-related emergencies and how to treat them. Like our other Trainer level programs, this is also designed to be cost-effective by eliminating costly out of town programs and tuition. A trainer in good standing will be permitted to order student kits to teach members of his own department. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: Pre-dive evaluations, decompression physiology, barotrauma, rapid field neurological exams and the field treatment of compressed gas injuries.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours) This program also requires a significant pre-course study commitment. The average preparation time is 30 hours.

Recommended for: EMT, paramedics, all dive team members and hyperbaric chamber personnel who treat dive-related injuries.

Prerequisites: Sponsorship of a public safety agency or hyperbaric technician and at least 21 years old.



Public Safety Scuba Instructor

Our most physically demanding and study intensive program. This unique program is designed to help dive teams develop certified Public Safety Divers (PSD) cost effectively. By sending one of your team's most experienced divers through this program, your department's Public Safety Scuba Instructor (PSSI) will be able to standardize non-divers and open-water divers as PSDs. A PSD certification combines the fundamentals taught in an open-water class with an emphasis on the exacting skills required to successfully dive in a rescue/recovery operation. Both the Public Safety Scuba Instructor and Public Safety Diver programs meet or exceed all the requirements set forth by the Recreational Scuba Training Council. After completion of the PSSI program, graduates may purchase PSD student kits to train members of their own department as PSDs.

Program topics include: Teaching adults, use of multimedia, in-water teaching techniques, diving physics, physiology, equipment maintenance, dive planning, full face masks, dry suit diving, handling stress and dive medicine.

Duration: 5 days (60 hours) This program also requires a significant pre-course study commitment. The average preparation time is 60 hours.

Recommended for: Experienced open-water divers.

Prerequisites: Sponsorship by a public safety agency, proof of diving certification, a minimum of 75 logged dives, current Dive Rescue I certification, completion of Med Dive, at least 21 years old and current First Aid and CPR training.

Swiftwater Rescue Trainer – New

This newly developed program is designed to give trainers a practical and efficient system to build competent and safe swiftwater rescue teams. Successful trainers will return to their department with a complete training system to be used with the student kits purchased from Dive Rescue International. This program will allow the Swiftwater Rescue Trainer to teach the Swiftwater I and II programs to in-house personnel at a minimal cost. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: Teaching adults, preparing a presentation, evaluating students, site preparation, hazard identification, equipment, advanced search techniques and conducting simultaneous land and water searches.

Duration: 5 days (60 hours) This program also requires a significant pre-course study commitment. The average preparation time is 30 hours.

Recommended for: All public safety personnel responsible for rescue or response in swiftwater or flooding situations.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, graduate of a basic swiftwater rescue program, Swiftwater II graduate, current First Aid and CPR training and at least 21 years old.

Water Rescue and Survival Trainer **No Longer Available**

This course presents Water Rescue and Survival in a practical and efficient system, giving trainers the tools to build a competent and safe team. Successful graduates of this program will be prepared to teach the Water Rescue and Survival program to the members of their department using a complete training system. With purchase of student kits, trainers will be able to conduct in-house Water Rescue and Survival training for department personnel. You can train when it best fits into your department's schedule and without travel expenses. This is a surface rescue program and does not involve diving. Water Rescue and Survival Trainer applicants should be prepared for multiple challenging in-water scenarios. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: Teaching adult learners, preparing a presentation, testing students, hypothermia, equipment, personnel considerations and scene evaluation.

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Emergency personnel responding to surface incidents.

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, strong swimming skills and at least 21 years old.

Applications

All trainer level programs require a completed application as part of the registration process. Completion of an application does not guarantee a reservation to the program. You will be notified of your acceptance or denial into any of our trainer level programs. All applications must be received by Dive Rescue International several weeks prior to the start of the program. Please call us for complete details regarding the application process for trainer level programs.

Student Kits

All trainer level programs are designed to give the trainer a system to use to teach his department team members. Student Kits are available only to trainers in good standing and are non-refundable. The kits are purchased as needed by the trainer to be used within his own department. Student Kits are designed to reduce department training costs by eliminating travel expenses associated with off-site training. They are easy to use and readily available. They are also excellent tools to reinforce standardized training and allow flexibility of presentation to fit into your training schedule.



Even professionals have to rest sometime!