Dive Rescue International History

Founded in 1977 by a few dedicated law enforcement officials, we have remained exclusively committed to the original intent of providing training and equipment for all public safety professionals involved in aquatic incidents. In the last 35 years we have witnessed a tremendous growth in the water rescue industry largely due to greater community involvement demanding better preparedness for aquatic emergencies. We began with only a few general programs and are now able to provide over 30 diverse and specialized programs. Our greatest asset is our extensive network of public safety professionals, some have been with us since the company’s inception 35 years ago. We can call on their expertise to instruct, develop programs or provide consultation on a virtually unlimited number of topics. Since the beginning we have been based in Fort Collins, Colorado and now have over 3,000 trainers throughout North America and the world. Visit our website at www.DiveRescueIntl.com/Corporate_Trainers for information on each of our Corporate Trainers.

Mission Statement

Dive Rescue International will strive to provide the most current and professional water rescue education, technical support and high quality water rescue equipment to the public safety industry. Education is a dynamic process requiring continuous re-evaluation through field-testing and input from agencies or individuals facilitating a positive impact on water rescue technology. Dive Rescue International will make its educational systems, technical assistance and equipment available to all public safety professionals who respond to water-related operations. In keeping with these goals, Dive Rescue International will constantly endeavor to improve its capabilities to serve the public safety sector through its international network of professional resources.
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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. 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, Discover, checks, money orders or purchase orders.

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.
Hosting a Program

Dive Rescue International has been the leading training agency for water rescue, recovery and investigative professionals for 35 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 are eligible to 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.

**Host Requirements**

**Diving Programs:** Hosts will be required to arrange a classroom, pool, openwater facilities and select equipment.

**Non-Diving Water Based Programs:** Hosts will be required arrange a classroom, openwater facilities and select equipment.

**Non-Diving Land Based Programs:** Hosts will be required to arrange a classroom and select equipment.

Please contact us for a program specific schedule and list of required equipment.
Diving Programs

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.

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 (DR1) 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: Drowning, Dive Team Organization and Management, Search Patterns, Scene Evaluation, Victim Retrieval, Service to the Family, Media and Other Agencies, Vehicle Accidents, Underwater Investigation

Duration: 3 days (24 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel

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

Dive Rescue II (DR2)

This customized 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.


Duration: 4-6 days (32-48 hours)

Recommended for: Certified divers and surface support personnel

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or Underwater Crime Scene Technician I, 18 years of age

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

This customized program is designed to introduce public safety personnel to the skills required to safely operate department watercraft for diving, water rescue and search operations. We customize this program to insure that students receive training specific to their particular vessels and accessories.

**Program topics include:** Overview of Common Boats for Public Safety Diving, Accessory Equipment, Principles of Anchoring, Diver Deployment and Recovery, Victim Recovery, Sweep Search Patterns, Circular Search Patterns

**Duration:** 3 days (24 hours)

**Recommended for:** Dive team members and surface support personnel

**Prerequisites:** Member of a public safety agency, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

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. This course is 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, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

Drysuit 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 drysuit. 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. Full encapsulation including a drysuit is recommended by the NFPA. Maximize the safety and comfort of your divers’ with Drysuit Diving.

**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 drysuits

**Prerequisites:** Member of a public safety agency, proof of open water diving certification, 18 years of age
Evidence Recovery Operations

The Evidence Recovery Operations Specialist is specially trained in more advanced search and recovery techniques. Students will learn how to deal with crime scenes and the difficult task of evidence preservation. This program introduces students to advanced search patterns, evidence collection, crime scene equipment and management.

**Program topics include:** Advanced Search Patterns, Use of Underwater Metal Detectors, Crime Scene Photography and Videography

**Duration:** 2 days (16 hours)

**Recommended for:** Certified divers and surface support personnel

**Prerequisites:** Member of a public safety agency, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

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. This course is 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 open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age; drysuit and full face mask diving experience are highly recommended

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

For more information on hosting these classes, or other equipment specific training such as Full Face Mask Diving and Side Imaging Sonar, please contact us!
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 diving operations. 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, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age; drysuit 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 open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age
Public Safety Diver Survival Program

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.

**Program topics include:** Classify the causes and characteristics of diver stress, identify pre-dive and dive stress, conceptualize the behavioral and psychological signs of stress, define the stages of stress, recognize factors leading to panic, relate the coping styles for panic

**Duration:** 2 days (16 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, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

Special Marine Operations - Hull Search

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. Host agencies are responsible for securing access and permission to search a ship during this training.

**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, proof of open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

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 and decompression 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.
Surface-Supplied Air - continued

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 open water diving certification, Dive Rescue I or equivalent certification, 18 years of age

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 law enforcement agency, at least 18 years of age 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 of age, proof of diving certification and current Underwater Crime Scene Technician I or Dive Rescue I Specialist

Key evidence can be successfully located, gathered and removed from water.
Animal Rescue

When any disaster strikes, evacuation of people along with their animals is now addressed under Federal Law. This course is designed to guide Public Safety professionals and others on how to safely conduct the rescue of animals in the flood disaster waterborne environment. This course fulfills mandatory NIMS / FEMA training requirements.


Duration: 1 Day (8 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety first responders

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

Drysuit Repair

Students in this class will discuss how to maintain and repair minor tears, punctures, and holes in vulcanized rubber and trilaminate drysuits. There will be a demonstration of wrist ring, cuff seal, neck seal, and hood installation. Leak testing procedures will also be addressed. Glue and patch materials will be provided for training use during the class. Students are encouraged to bring their own drysuits to class for repair and testing.

Program topics include: Maintenance, Repair of leaks from tears, punctures, torn or worn seals, and zippers, Testing for leaks, Replacing neck seals, Replacing hoods, Replacing wrist seals

Duration: 1 Day (8 Hours)

Recommended for: Anyone involved in the repair or maintenance of department equipment

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years of age
Floods and Moving Water

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 of age

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 two-day program will allow you to practice multiple ice rescues with victims who have fallen through the ice.

Program topics include: Elements of an ice rescue, ice conditions, ice formation, victim assessment, hypothermia, cold-water near-drowning, personnel, equipment selection, equipment techniques, developing an operational plan, scene evaluation

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: All public safety first responders

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

Interspiro Technician

The technicians who complete this training program will be certified by Interspiro to perform annual service and field maintenance on their Divator MK II full face masks. This course is designed to give you the tools to repair, maintain, and complete annual service on your department's Interspiro Divator MK II (AGA) full face masks. With this training, your department could not only save on the cost of repairs but also reduce the amount of downtime for your mask.

Program topics include: Communication modules, parts inspection, repair, and replacement, troubleshooting, adjustment, safety pressure vs. demand valve and converting from demand to safety pressure, testing with the Interspiro Mini Test Kit, annual service, Ambient Breathing Valve (ABV) / Hatch maintenance

Duration: 1 day (8 hours)

Recommended for: Anyone involved in repair or maintenance of department gear. Also recommended for those individuals interested in increasing their knowledge of the workings of their equipment

Prerequisites: At least 18 years of age
**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 of age

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**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, basic scene evaluation and sketching, establishing a last-seen point, and witness interviews

**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 of age

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Swiftwater is dangerous; proper training is critical.
Swiftwater Rescue I

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: Water rescue team members, law enforcement and fire service personnel

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

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 team members, law enforcement and fire service personnel

Prerequisites: Member of a public safety agency, at least 18 years of age, and certificate of basic swiftwater training from a recognized training organization within the last 3 years.
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 2 days (16 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 of age

Visual Inspection Program

Don’t pay outside agencies 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 of age

Water Operations Officer Development

This course takes incident command principles and applies them to large and small-scale water rescue scenes. Students participate in incident command scenarios and make risk management decisions. Through practice during scenario execution and discussion, students prepare for incidents of various magnitudes where the local NIMS-based ICS may transition to Unified Command.

Program topics include: Utilizing the Incident Management System for water rescue, performing incident assessment at a simulated emergency situation, creating written incident objectives for a water emergency event, listing strategic and tactical considerations for various emergency water situations, determining management position requirements for water rescue events, demonstrating the expansion and contraction of the Incident Management System to meet the needs of the incident, discussing tactics for large and small-scale events, demonstrating resource deployment, personnel accountability, logistics management, and implementation of tactics at a simulated rescue event, performing risk management activities

Duration: 2 days (16 hours)

Recommended for: Water rescue team leaders, law enforcement and fire service personnel

Prerequisites: Member of public safety agency, and at least 18 years of age.
Trainer Programs

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 program 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 program, student kits must be purchased. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: Trainer methods, field training, drowning, dive team organization and management, search patterns, scene evaluation, victim retrieval, service to the family, media and other agencies, vehicle accidents, underwater investigation

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

Recommended for: Current 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 of age and current in First Aid and CPR. All trainer candidates must complete an RSTC Medical Statement and have any contraindications (yes answers) initialed by a physician before participating in any in-water training.

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

The Drysuit Diving Trainer course is designed to extend the knowledge of current Public Safety Scuba Instructors and Dive Rescue I Trainers. Successful candidates will return to their department with a complete training system to be used with the Drysuit Student Kits purchased from Dive Rescue International. This program will allow the Trainer to teach Drysuit Diving to in-house personnel at a minimal cost. This program requires an application prior to registration.

**Program topics include:** Teaching adults, evaluating students, cold water physiology, emergency procedures and techniques of drysuit diving, types, styles, features, selection, care, maintenance and minor repairs, why and how drysuits leak and dive equipment system integration.

**Duration:** 3 days (24 hours)

**Recommended for:** Current Public Safety Scuba Instructors and Dive Rescue I Trainers

**Prerequisites:** All students must be a member of a public safety agency, at least 21 years of age, documentation of 10 drysuit dives, sponsorship by a public safety agency, current PSSI or DRIT, current First Aid and CPR certification. All trainer candidates must complete an RSTC Medical Statement and have any contraindications (yes answers) initialed by a physician before participating in any in-water training.

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 on your schedule and for a minimal cost. After successfully completing this program, graduates can order Ice Rescue Student 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:** Instructor methods, field training, Elements of an ice rescue, ice conditions, ice formation, victim assessment, hypothermia, cold-water near-drowning, personnel, equipment selection, equipment techniques, developing an operational plan, scene evaluation.

**Duration:** 3 days (24 hours)

**Recommended for:** All public safety personnel.

**Prerequisites:** Sponsorship by a public safety agency, Ice Rescue certification, current First Aid and CPR training and at least 21 years of age.
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. This program requires an application prior to registration.

Program topics include: Instructor methods, field training, surface swimming/snorkeling, scuba diving, using the scuba equipment, adapting the body to water and pressure, depth, time and the diver, the aquatic environment, the dive operation, pool and open water sessions.

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 100 logged dives, current Dive Rescue I certification, completion of Med Dive, at least 21 years of age and current First Aid and CPR training.

Swiftwater Rescue Trainer

This 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 of age.
Three easy steps to hosting a program

Step 1:
Review the list of programs listed in this catalog. Choose a program that best suits the training needs of your team and teams of the surrounding region.

Step 2:
Make several choices of appropriate dates. Give yourself three to four month lead time and pick any dates that fit the schedule of your team.

Step 3:
Call (800) 248-3483 and get your program on the calendar. We will send you a hosting packet to secure your dates and will publicize your program in print and on our website.

Equipment

Dive Rescue International is committed to providing equipment for all public safety professionals involved in aquatic incidents. Many of our products were designed and developed by Dive Rescue International to meet the requirements of public safety aquatic professionals.

Our products include...

For all your water rescue equipment needs check out our website at DiveRescueIntl.com or call (800) 248-3483 for government pricing.
Dive Rescue is dedicated to providing quality repairs and service for your organization. We specialize in Public Safety Water Rescue Equipment and have repair certifications from several manufacturers including but not limited to: Trelleborg Viking, Interspiro, Kirby Morgan, and Ocean Technology Systems.

**Full Face Masks**
- Interspiro Divator MKII
- Kirby Morgan EXO 26, M-48 FFM
- OTS Guardian
- 48 hour turnaround on most Full Face Masks. Call to schedule an appointment.

**Drysuits**
- Diving Unlimited International (DUI)
- Hunter Gates
- Trelleborg Viking
- Whites
- We can service virtually any drysuit including surface drysuits.

**Ice Rescue Suits**
- Stearns
- Mustang Survival

**Underwater Communications**
- Ocean Technology Systems
- Dive Rescue International

We work with several manufacturers. If you don’t see your equipment listed please contact us.

Dive Rescue International is a proud sponsor of the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists.

The International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists is a non-profit organization for the water rescue and recovery professional. To become part of the IADRS is to forge an indispensable link between yourself and others solving the same problems you face everyday. Think of what you know, what you have learned. You aren’t alone. All over the world, we do everything we can to save lives. For the past twenty years we’ve joined together to pool our combined experience and knowledge. Our shared expertise, ideas and resources are tremendous. Join us and bridge the communication gap by becoming a part of our international information, communication and education network of water rescue professionals. For more information please visit [www.IADRS.org](http://www.IADRS.org)
### Planning Checklist

#### Initial Planning

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#### Planning Your Program

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