



# Shore Responder Course Objectives

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The Shore Responder course is designed as a basic orientation and skill builder for non-diving team assistants. The course is 14 hours in length.

Successful completion of the Shore Responder program provides basic methodology and skills to function as a line tender or other support function on the Public Safety Dive Team.

The program is presented in a two-day format utilizing both classroom training as well as field exercises. A final written test is administered at the end of the second day.

Key training topics and associated objectives includes:

## THE SCUBA INDUSTRY

- Discuss the history of the scuba industry in the United States
- Explain the role of scuba certifications
- Explain the Recreational Scuba Training Council (RSTC)
- Explain diver specialty training courses and ranking system

## DROWNING AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES

- Name the effects of cold-water shock on the body
- Explain the role of Hypothermia and Mammalian Diving Reflex in cold water near-drowning
- Identify typical “standard of care” elements for the Shore Responder

## SCUBA EQUIPMENT AND DIVER MALADY ORIENTATION

- Identify basic snorkeling scuba equipment
- Complete scuba assembly
- Discuss the uses and procedures of full face masks and communications equipment
- Identify SCUBA maintenance duties of a Shore Responder and Divers
- Identify typical SCUBA diver maladies experienced underwater

## TEAM ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Define typical team duties and assignments
- Recognize Incident Command System functions at the dive site
- Identify typical governmental bodies with Dive Teams
- Explain the Dive Team’s role with the family and media

## SCENE EVALUATION

- Explain Risk/Benefit factor and Rescue vs. Recovery mode of operation
- Describe interview techniques for witnesses
- Explain no witnesses procedures
- Describe “last seen point” determination techniques
- Establish the importance of proper victim retrieval procedures



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## SEARCH PATTERNS AND ON SITE TEAM BUILDING

- Demonstrate the proper tending process with divers
- Demonstrate the required measurements and sketching at a scene
- Demonstrate understanding of team member roles and responsibilities
- Demonstrate why a particular search pattern is chosen for a particular search area and then demonstrate at least two patterns while tending a diver
- Demonstration set up and deployment of on-scene scuba gear, full face masks, lines and safety items for dive team operations

Upon completion of this program personnel will be properly trained to engage under supervision in operations with a Public Safety Dive Team as a non-diving team assistant. A role they may perform with in-service training from the team includes line tender, boat operator, family liaison, media liaison, scene security, photographer, recorder and more. A trained Shore Responder is a versatile member of the Dive Team and provides the team leadership the opportunity to use the individual in many crucial roles on the team.

## PREREQUISITES

All students must be a member of a public safety agency and at least 18 years of age.

## BE SURE TO BRING

Clothing appropriate for weather conditions, adequate footwear, U.S. Coast Guard approved P.F.D. (Type III or V) with whistle and cutting tool, pen and paper.



# Shore Responder Schedule

## DAY 1

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Introduction of Instructor and Students
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Lecture on Scuba Industry and Certification Agencies
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Introduction to Drowning Lecture and “Cold Water-Near Drowning” Video. Review typical drowning response by a Public Safety Dive Team.
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Introduction to Snorkeling Gear, Presentation of Snorkeling Equipment Video
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Scuba Equipment Lecture and Presentation of Scuba Equipment Video and “Hands on” Practice Time
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	Diver Maladies Video and Lecture Presentation

## DAY 2

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Review of Previous Day Material
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Team Organization and Management Presentation
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Presentation of Scene Evaluation Elements
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Presentation of Line Tending Skills and Knots
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Field Exercises with Divers
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Review of Materials
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Written Testing, Grading, Review and Certificates Issued

Schedule is subject to change