



2021 Swiftwater Rescue I and II Training Standards

_____ 1. The Swiftwater I and II Training Standards, SWR I and II Training Manual, SWR I and II Student Kits and other SWR I and II printed materials, plus various audio-visual materials are to be used for SWR I and II Training Programs. Whenever there is a disparity between any of these materials, the SWR I and II Training Standards take precedence. If in doubt, contact Dive Rescue International for guidance or interpretation.

_____ 2. SWR I and II certifications are issued only to members of Public Safety Agencies or recognized Dive Rescue Teams.

_____ 3. A Certified SWR I and II Trainer is to be present and in control of all SWR I and II training activities.

_____ 4. SWR I and II Trainers are not to make changes in the SWR I and II training program material or skills that would prevent students from successfully completing the program.

_____ 5. Waivers to the SWR I and II Training Standards are to be requested in writing well in advance of the needed deviation. The request is to explain why the waiver is needed and what will be done to assure student safety. Requests for waivers are sent to Dive Rescue International.

_____ 6. Records used for monitoring and evaluating each student's progress, skills, and knowledge shall be maintained and retained for seven years. Completed Swiftwater Rescue certification materials (Class Roster, Submission Form and Emergency Action Plan) will be forwarded to Dive Rescue International within 10 days of class.

_____ 7. If the SWR I and II Trainer becomes aware of any act, error, or omission, which might lead to a claim or suit, or if a claim or suit is brought, Dive Rescue International is to be notified immediately.

_____ 8. SWR I and II Trainers are to ensure that each student has the required skills and knowledge before

a diploma is issued. There are no required minimum program hours for the SWR I and II program. Actual time required will vary depending on the number of students, skill level, environmental conditions, and program logistics. The recommended hours for the SWR I and II Program(s) are 24.

_____ 9. The minimum age for participation in the SWR I and II Program(s) is 18 years old.

_____ 10. The ratio of students to SWR I and II Trainers for the classroom session is set by the individual trainer, based on the ability of the trainer to deal effectively with student needs.

_____ 11. During all in water training activities, the student to SWR I and II Trainer ratio is 6:1. The maximum in-water training stations will be limited to two.

_____ 12. When a class has been divided into smaller training teams, each team will supply the following support personnel for the Rescuer:

- ◆ A Back-up Rescuer who is appropriately prepared, which may include having the following: water rescue helmet, boogie board, PFD, fins and thermal protection and who is ready to work in and/or near the water.
- ◆ A Team Leader who oversees the safety of all team members and who is a liaison between the team and the SWR I and II Trainer.

At no time is there to be more than 6 students in the water during training exercises. Whenever possible, other SWR I and II Trainers should be used during training. The SWR I and II Trainer is to decrease the in water student to trainer ratio whenever environmental conditions, individual student needs or equipment considerations dictate.

_____ 13. When setting the proper student to SWR I and II Trainer ratio or selecting the training site, the following considerations are to be taken into account:

- Water conditions
- Experience of the Trainer
- Experience of the students
- Number of qualified assistants
- Emergency support available
- The type of equipment in use
- Weather conditions
- Degree of control by the trainer
- Water site suitability and accessibility
- Suitability of terrain
- Services available in the area

_____ 14. In water training sites are to be safe and realistic of local conditions.

_____ 15. SWR I and II Trainers have an obligation to cancel or modify training when environmental conditions, students' physical or mental conditions or equipment difficulties make it advisable. This is a value judgment that can only be made by the SWR I and II Trainer at the time and place of the training.

_____ 16. The SWR I and II Trainer conducting rescue training is to have an emergency plan (EAP) for accidents. The plan is to include rescue procedures, provisions for communications, provisions for transportation, and emergency contact information. Emergency equipment that is to be available in the vicinity of the training site includes a first aid kit, oxygen unit, and communications equipment. This equipment may be supplied by the trainer, hosting agency, or by other means. The EAP must be turned in to Dive Rescue International with each class roster.

_____ 17. SWR I and II Trainers are not to force students to do skills during SWR I and II training. If a student says, or the students' behavior indicates a desire not to do a skill, then the trainer is not to force the student. The trainer may come back to the skill at a later time in the day or during a later training opportunity.

_____ 18. SWR I and II training is to be conducted so the students have unrestricted access to the shore at all times.

_____ 19. All students are required to satisfactorily participate in a minimum of two water rescue scenarios in the controlled training environment and pass the final examination with a minimum score of 85%, in order to qualify for a SWR I and/or SWR II Certification. If the student does not successfully complete the exam with a passing score, the student may re-take the exam. The

student must re-take the entire exam. There is not a set amount of time that is required between the original exam and the re-take exam. Reasonable accommodations may be made for students with learning or reading challenges, including additional time to complete the exam, or administering the exam verbally.

_____ 20. SWR I and SWR II Trainers are not to harass students at any time. When students have reached a level of training where they are ready to deal with more advanced problems, then realistic problems may be presented. The students are then to solve these problems as they would in real life situations.

_____ 21. SWR I and SWR II Trainers are to insist that their students inform them if they are excessively cold or tired, injured or not feeling well. Trainers are not to encourage students to participate if they have been ill. Canceling a planned training operation in this situation may be the best decision.

_____ 22. During all water rescue training, each student and trainer are to be equipped with an appropriate PFD, knife, whistle, and water rescue helmet. During all open water training, appropriate thermal protection such as wet suit or swiftwater dry suit should be available for use.

_____ 23. Each student is to complete a medical history form prior to any in-water rescue training. If the medical history form or the appearance/behavior of the student indicated any condition contrary to safe participation in training activities, the student is to be required to secure medical approval by a licensed physician prior to any in water training.

_____ 24. Each student is to complete the Liability Release and Statement of Understanding prior to any in water rescue training. Modifications to these documents should be submitted, in writing, for approval by Dive Rescue International.

_____ 25. Surface support participants are welcome in the SWR I and II class(es). They must be active participants and successfully complete the written exam. SWR I and II Trainers should mark these SWR I and II certificates as "Surface Support."

Instructor Acknowledgment

Print Name

Date



2021 Swiftwater Rescue I and II Trainer Agreement

This agreement, is made and entered into, this _____ by and between
(Month, Day, Year)
Dive Rescue International, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Dive Rescue International _____
(Instructor Name)
and hereinafter referred to as the “Trainer”.

WITNESSEITH THAT:

FOR and in consideration of Dive Rescue International issuing a Certificate of Training, the Trainer agrees to abide by the following provisions and requirements

1. _____ The Trainer agrees to abide by rules and regulations established and put forth by Dive Rescue International at this time, and such rules and regulations that are established and put forth by Dive Rescue International at any time in the future.
2. _____ The Trainer agrees to follow the Swiftwater I and II Trainer System(s), including but not limited to, the Swiftwater I and II Trainer Manual(s), Audio Visuals and Student Kits. The Trainer also agrees to use the Swiftwater I and II Training System(s) for teaching of the Swiftwater I and II program(s) and shall not copy, reproduce or disseminate the system or its contents. Only certified Swiftwater I and II Trainers are allowed use of the Swiftwater I and II Training System.
3. _____ The Trainer understand that the Swiftwater I and II certification(s) are granted only to members of public safety agencies and agrees to maintain his/her membership within a sponsoring public safety department.
4. _____ The Trainer agrees that while acting as a Swiftwater I and II Trainer to act only in such a manner as will bring credit to the Trainer, to their department and to Dive Rescue International.
5. _____ The Trainer agrees to maintain any and all such records as are required by Dive Rescue International.
6. _____ The Trainer agrees to provide access to such records as needed by Dive Rescue International or the insurance company representing Dive Rescue International.
7. _____ The Trainer agrees to meet all training standards established by Dive Rescue International.
8. _____ The Trainer agrees to comply with the recertification procedures as stipulated by Dive Rescue International.
9. _____ The Trainer understands that he/she is not an agent, employee or legal representative of Dive Rescue International, and has no authority to bind Dive Rescue International in any manner.

10. _____ Because Dive Rescue International is unable to directly monitor the training process, teaching practices or the activities of their trainer it is clearly understood that Certificates of Training and all other materials are issued by Dive Rescue International to Trainer(s) as a service. It is the sole responsibility of the Trainer to assure that every person who receives Swiftwater I and II certification meets all criteria as established in the published Swiftwater I and II Trainer Standards. The Trainer further agrees not to issue Swiftwater I and II certifications to any individual who fails to meet the intent as well as the standards.
11. _____ The Trainer agrees to maintain certification/proficiency in CPR and First Aid.
12. _____ The Trainer must be a current Swiftwater Rescue Trainer in good standing with Dive Rescue International.
13. _____ The Trainer agrees to provide at certification and at every recertification, a letter from his/her respective department stating on departmental letterhead, that liability insurance coverage is provided through the department while working within his/her scope of employment for said department.
14. _____ The Trainer agrees to teach the Swiftwater I and II program(s) only to members of the sponsoring public safety agency. Teaching outside the public safety agency requires a specific written waiver from Dive Rescue International.
15. _____ The Trainer agrees to promptly and immediately report to Dive Rescue International accidents or incidents of any nature for the purpose of statistical data and future accident prevention measures.
16. _____ The Trainer agrees to only train members of public safety departments or organized water rescue teams.

The Trainer agrees and understand that if he/she fails to meet any of the above provisions, regulations or agreements, his/her status as a Trainer is subject to immediate revocation, at the discretion of Dive Rescue International personnel.

The undersigned state that they have read the foregoing and understand all terms, conditions, and provisions therein as indicated by their signatures below.

Dive Rescue International, Inc.

By: _____
Dive Rescue International Representative

By: _____
Trainer

Dive Rescue International Audio-Visual System Agreement



This agreement is entered into on _____, 20____ by and between Dive Rescue International, Inc. 201 North Link Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80524-2712 (Dive Rescue International) and _____ (Instructor-Trainer).

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

_____ 1. ***Audio-Visual System Use***

Dive Rescue International has compiled an audio-visual system of print and digital media for use by its Instructor-Trainers in Dive Rescue International's training programs. This print and digital media, currently constituting Dive Rescue International's audio-visual system, together with any other components of Dive Rescue International's audio-visual system as it may be constituted in the future, are referred to in this Agreement as the "System." Dive Rescue International grants Instructor-Trainer the right to use the System under the terms of this Agreement in conducting such Dive Rescue International training programs as may be authorized by Dive Rescue International. Without the express written consent of Dive Rescue International, Instructor-Trainer shall not make any use of this System other than in conducting the referenced Dive Rescue International training programs and shall not copy, reproduce or disseminate the System or its contents.

_____ 2. ***Proprietary Rights***

The System is proprietary to Dive Rescue International and any unauthorized use of the System will cause irreparable harm and loss to Dive Rescue International. By this Agreement, Dive Rescue International grants no rights to Instructor-Trainer under any copyrights or trade names associated with the System. Any use of the System by Instructor-Trainer insures to the benefit of Dive Rescue International.

_____ 3. ***Assignment***

Instructor-Trainer's right to use the System is personal to Instructor-Trainer and Instructor-Trainer shall not transfer or assign this Agreement or any rights under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of Dive Rescue International.

_____ 4. ***Breach of Agreement***

If Instructor-Trainer breaches any provision of this Agreement, Dive Rescue International may, in its sole and absolute discretion, immediately revoke all Dive Rescue International certifications held by Instructor-Trainer and in adoption, may assert against Instructor-Trainer all available legal and equitable remedies and shall be entitled to all costs and attorney fees incurred in doing so. Instructor-Trainer also agrees to indemnify and hold Dive Rescue International harmless against all liability, loss or damage, including attorney fees, which Dive Rescue International may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising directly or indirectly from Instructor-Trainer's performance or nonperformance of this Agreement.

_____ 5. ***Termination***

Dive Rescue International reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, for any reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Instructor-Trainer. On termination, should the Instructor-Trainer then have the System in the Instructor-Trainer's possession, Instructor-Trainer shall immediately return the System to Dive Rescue International as provided in Section 1 above.

_____ 6. ***General Provisions***

- Waiver of Breach: No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver or any other or subsequent breach.
- Entire Agreement: This instrument reflects the entire Agreement between the parties and it cannot be modified except in writing.
- Binding Effect: This Agreement shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns and legal representation.

Dive Rescue Representative

Instructor