



SWIFTWATER RESCUE BOAT HANDLING OPERATIONS

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
WITH THE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE
APRIL 26 - 28, 2024

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

OBJECTIVE • To improve responder readiness in swiftwater situations by learning search techniques using motorized and non-motorized boats in swiftwater environments, focusing on safe navigation while accessing high probability search areas.

JUSTIFICATION • This training readies agency personnel for swiftwater response through in-classroom learning, dry land planning, moving onto slow or still water, and then into current. Any public safety agency responding to events in moving water benefits from this training.

CERTIFICATION • Swiftwater Rescue Boat Handling Operations

RECOMMENDED FOR • Water response teams and personnel expecting to use watercraft as rescue platforms or tools for search and recovery in moving water.

DURATION • 3 Days / 24 + training hours

TUITION • \$450.00 (US Funds) per student

BE SURE TO BRING • US Coast Guard approved and swiftwater appropriate PFD with cutting tool and whistle; adequate clothing and protection from the environment; and pen and paper for note-taking and sketching. All students must also bring rope-handling gloves and a helmet. Students participating in-water must provide their own equipment including swiftwater appropriate exposure suit, gloves, and footwear.

TOPICS

Boat Introduction--Requirements, Handling, and Maintenance
Navigation of Vessels
High Siding
High Riding in Swiftwater
Eddy Turns
Peel Outs
Closing
Bearing Away
Navigation Hazards
Anchoring
Anticipating Events in Dynamic, Swiftwater Environments

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

DAY 1 of 3

Registration
Classroom/Begin Knots & Rigging

DAY 2 of 3

8:00-11:00 Knots & Rigging
11:00-1:00 Lake exercises
1:00-2:00 Meal Break
2:00-4:00 Lake Exercises
4:00-6:00 River Exercises

DAY 3 of 3

8:00-12:00 River Exercises
12:00-1:00 Meal Break
1:00-3:00 River Exercises
3:00-6:30 Rescue Exercises and Rescue Scenario
6:30-7:00 Q&A/Closing

LOCATION OF CLASS

Kent County Sheriff Office
701 Ball Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

CLASS BEGINS AT 5:00 PM



MAKING IT HAPPEN

STUDENT PREREQUISITES

- At least 18 years of age
- Member of a public safety agency
- Swiftwater Rescue I Training from a recognized organization
- This course is designed for individuals who are physically fit (testing to 13 MET or better).

TRAVEL

- Check with DRI and confirm class before making airline reservations.

CANCELLATION

- Prior to 3 weeks: Full Refund
- 8-21 days prior: 50% Refund
- 0-7 days prior: No refund



SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

Country Inn and Suites
3251 Deposit Dr
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 320 - 5946

AIRPORT

Gerald R Ford
15 minutes

TO REGISTER

ONLINE

www.DiveRescueIntl.com

IN PERSON OR BY POSTAL SERVICE

201 N Link Ln., Suite A
Fort Collins, CO 80524

BY PHONE

(800) 248 - 3483

FAX THIS FORM

(970) 482 - 0893

PLEASE REGISTER ME

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Best Phone _____ E-mail _____
Department _____ Department Phone _____

Payment Information (Credit Cards will be charged or Invoices will be sent 2 weeks before class)

☐ Personal Card ☐ Department Card

Credit Card Number _____ Exp _____ CVC _____
Billing Address _____
Name on Card _____ Phone Number _____

☐ Invoice my Department by Postal Service ☐ Invoice by E-mail to address below

PO Number _____ **Please provide Dive Rescue International a copy of the PO**
Finance Department Phone Number _____
Finance Department Billing Address _____
Finance Department E-mail Address _____

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