



SWIFTWATER RESCUE TRAINING SERIES: SWIFTWATER RESCUE I, II, AND TRAINER



GOLDEN, COLORADO
HOSTED BY
GOLDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT
MAY 26 - JUNE 5, 2026

OBJECTIVE

Dive Rescue International's renowned program for public safety swiftwater responders equips you with the essential knowledge and skills to manage complex and hazardous rescue operations.

This 11-day course includes Swiftwater I + II Rescue training and Swiftwater Rescue Trainer certification. Courses can be taken individually, with Swiftwater Rescue II as a prerequisite for the Trainer class. Maximize positive outcomes in swiftwater rescues with our expert training.

MAIN TOPICS

Hydrology/Dynamics of Moving Water
Planning Swiftwater Operations
Site Survey
Hazard Identification
Personal Protective Equipment
Survival Float & Swim Techniques
Mechanical Rigging Systems
Locating Hidden Obstructions
Use of Inflatable Boats
Low-head Dams
Swiftwater Search Techniques
Operational Planning
Advanced Ropes, Knots, and Rigging
Swimming Exercises
Swiftwater Rescue Board Exercises
Advanced River Rescue Scenarios
Triage Exercises
Water-Bound Victim Extrication

TRAINER TOPICS

Teaching the Adult Learner
Preparation and Effective Presentation
of the Swiftwater Rescue Program
Swiftwater Rescue II Program Overview
Testing and Evaluation of Students
Site Preparation for Swiftwater Course
Operations

LOCATION OF CLASS

*Golden Fire Department Station 21
911 10th St.
Golden, CO 80401*

CLASS BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

DURATION + TUITION:

Swiftwater Rescue I (24 Hours):
May 26- 28, 2026 - \$550.00

Swiftwater Rescue II (24 Hours):
May 29-31, 2026 - \$550.00

Swiftwater Rescue Trainer (60 Hours):
June 1-5, 2026 - \$1,200.00

RECOMMENDED FOR:

All first responders who may at anytime be faced with rescue in quick moving water. Swiftwater Rescue Trainer is recommended for Agency Training Officers and others wishing to extend their skills and training.





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PREREQUISITES

Swiftwater Rescue I & II students must be at least 18 years of age.

Swiftwater Rescue II students must have basic Swiftwater Rescue training or from a recognized training agency issued within 3 years before the start of class.

Swiftwater Rescue Trainer students must be at least 21 years of age. A Surface Medical Statement is required to participate. Trainer candidates must complete an application prior to class, as well as submit proof of First Aid, proof of CPR, and a Letter of Sponsorship. Candidates must provide proof of Swiftwater Rescue training from a recognized training agency issued within 3 years before the start of class and proof of completed Swiftwater Rescue II training through Dive Rescue International.

All participants must be affiliated with a public safety agency.

These programs are designed for personnel who are physically fit. Participants are encouraged to participate after successfully completing the IADRS Watermanship Test or testing to a fitness level of 13 MET (Metabolic Equivalents) or greater. Participants with aerobic fitness questions or concerns should consult their physician prior to in-water training. Participants should expect multiple, challenging in-water exercises.

BRING TO CLASS

Swiftwater-appropriate and U.S. Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with knife and whistle, wet suit or dry suit, fins, helmet, rope-handling gloves, pen and paper for note-taking, sunscreen (IADRS Watermanship Test in outdoor pool on Day 1), and a dry change of clothes.

All who attend the Trainer portion of the series will be required to wear business attire, including coat and tie, during all classroom sessions.

TRAVEL

Check with Dive Rescue International to 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

AIRPORT

Denver International
45 Minutes

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
17140 W Colfax Ave.
Golden, CO 80401
Phone: 303.465.2388

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Golden River Sports
806 Washington Ave.
Golden, CO 80401
303.215.9386



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