



# SWIFTWATER RESCUE COMBO



## YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO HOSTED BY YOUNGSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 27 - MAY 1, 2026

### OBJECTIVE

Dive Rescue International's comprehensive Swiftwater Rescue I and II course equips public safety responders with the essential skills and knowledge needed to effectively organize and manage high-risk, complex swiftwater rescue operations. This program emphasizes safety and successful outcomes, preparing participants for the demanding challenges of swiftwater response.

### MAIN TOPICS

- Hydrology/Dynamics of Moving Water
- Planning Swiftwater Operations
- Site Survey
- Hazard Identification
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Survival Float and 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



### LOCATION OF CLASS

Choffin Career and Tech  
200 E. Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44303

**CLASS BEGINS AT 8:00 AM**

**DURATION:** 5 Days / 40 Training Hours

**TUITION:** \$1,000.00 (US Funds) per student

**RECOMMENDED FOR:** All public safety personnel who respond to events in moving water

### ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1 of 5

8:00am - 12:00pm Classroom  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Meal Break  
1:00pm - 5:00pm Dry-land Practice

#### DAY 2 of 5

8:00am - 5:00pm On-river Practice (pack a lunch and snacks)

#### DAY 3 of 5

8:00am - 3:00pm On-river Practice (pack a lunch and snacks)  
3:00pm - 5:00pm Program Review

#### DAY 4 of 5

8:00am - 12:00pm Classroom  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Meal Break  
1:00pm - 5:00pm On-river Practice

#### DAY 5 of 5

8:00am - 3:00pm On-river Practice (pack a lunch and snacks)  
3:00pm - 5:00pm Review, Final Exam, and Closing



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### MAKING IT HAPPEN

#### PREREQUISITES

- At least 18 years of age
- Member of Public Safety agency
- This course is designed for individuals who are physically fit (testing to 13 MET or better)

#### BRING TO CLASS

All students will need:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved and swiftwater appropriate Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- A knife
- A whistle
- Adequate clothing and protection from environment
- Pen and paper for taking notes.

*Students participating in-water* must provide their own equipment including: swiftwater appropriate exposure suit, fins, boogie board, gloves, and footwear.

#### 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

Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)  
1 Hour

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE)  
1 Hour 15 mins

#### SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

DoubleTree Downtown Youngstown  
44 E Federal Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503  
330.333.8284

## REGISTER NOW



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