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# Public Safety Diving



**Friday, March 23, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Lunch included - \$85**

If you are a team leader, you know how difficult it is to eliminate risk for public safety dive teams. It is a dangerous job. However, new technology and new information can minimize your risk and keep you and your team safer. Find out how at this day-long program exploring some of the timeliest topics focused on public safety diving. Each topic designed to help you be a crackerjack team leader, a leader known for keeping your team safe when working in the water.

## **FROM THE GROUND UP, THE REBUILDING OF A PSD TEAM -- Timothy Andro**

From the Ground up goes over the preventable events that caused a Public Safety Dive Team to be shut down and the process undertaken to rebuild it. Discussed will be constructing S.O.G's, becoming NFPA and OSHA compliant, training strategies, funding initiatives and methods of acquiring new members. Final discussion will be the merger that took place between the County Sheriff and the four Volunteer PSD teams within the county.

## **SITE RESPONDER VS FIRST RESPONDER -- Sandy Shaw and Patrick O'Boyle**

Having dive medical training completes the Public Safety Dive Team and actually places the medical provider on the scene assessing, treating and stabilizing the patient prior to the arrival of EMS responders. Advanced training will provide the skills, tools and medical knowledge to evaluate the submersion injury that the general EMT/Paramedic does not get in initial training. The Medical Officer of the Public Safety Dive Team plays an important role in the safe operation of the Team and is critical in the success of the Dive Mission.

## **THE HIDDEN DEMONS WITHIN OUR OWN PSYCHE -- Butch Hendrick and Andrea Zaferes**

We are the creators of our own fears, stress, and panic. Once these emotions and physical reactions are understood we can train to control and function around them. Learn procedures and training that empower us to prevent, lessen, and manage these problems that left unchecked have caused fatalities.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DIVING WITH THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD -- Bill Simpson**

Splitting my time between the United States and The Philippine Islands has afforded me many diving opportunities. One of those was to be recruited into the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary to assist in water rescue training, recovery diving and establishment of a Hyperbaric Medical Team. This is a brief look at how it is done in The Philippines.

## **UPDATES AND INNOVATIONS FOR THE FDNY SCUBA UNIT**

Standards compliance training and equipment upgrades are just a few of the issues that require ongoing support for a major Public Safety Dive team. James Murray is the Captain at Rescue 5, Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and is a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Committee for Technical Rescue.

## **DIVER ENTANGLEMENT -- Lt. Scott Huff**

Diving in lakes and ponds can be safe and pretty exciting when you're prepared, but it can also be one of the most dangerous when you run into limited and zero visibility with man-made entanglement hazards like Fish Habitats. What Are Fish Habitats? What are the dangers divers face? How do you prepare? What happens during panic? These are some of the topics that are discussed in this session.

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