

# SURFACE ICE RESCUE COURSES I AND II



*Serving the Needs of Public Safety*

## About PSDS

PSDS Surface Ice Rescue training, equipment and rigorous teaching methods have been endorsed by fire departments and law enforcement agencies across the country.

Public Safety Dive Supply and Services (PSDS), located in Grand Junction, Colorado, is nestled between mountains and high desert canyons. Our area is home to some of the best outdoor recreation in the country and enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine a year. It is the perfect place to conduct water rescue training. PSDS is located only five miles from the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

Our Surface Ice Rescue training is realistic, individually focused, hands-on and committed to professional excellence. Our training is dynamic and we create scenarios that mimic realistic conditions. Our students are taught to handle various surface ice rescue emergencies. PSDS courses meet and exceed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), OSHA and STATE standards. Courses are also GSA Advantage certified for government workers. NFPA 1670,1006,1983,1952

## Program Highlights

PSDS has developed the Surface Ice Rescue training courses with the knowledge that ice related incidents and ice rescues put our fire, police and EMS personnel in high-risk situations more than any other type of rescue. Our instructors know that mistakes can be detrimental and time is of the essence with surface ice rescues. Our Surface Ice Rescue programs are specifically designed for public safety first responders. We examine low to high-risk scene management while incorporating the best and most effective rescue methods. We focus on keeping our first responders safe by limiting exposure to possible risk and liability for them and their department. At PSDS, our focus is providing the highest level of training in surface ice rescue under the safest possible conditions.



## Training

The PSDS Academy (PSDSA) is the newest segment of our public safety division. We have the facilities to accommodate any kind of water rescue challenge including a world-class pool facility. The Grand Junction area affords our students numerous bodies of water with very different characteristics to simulate any type of training situation. Our instructors are dedicated to the highest standards of training.

Our instructors meet and exceed all agency requirements for training and safety. Our courses are State P.O.S.T. approved.

## Equipment

PSDS is proud to represent the finest public safety water operation equipment suppliers in the industry. Due to the volume of business we conduct with these suppliers, we are able to offer our customers very affordable pricing for all equipment needs. In addition, PSDS is endorsed by Ice Rescue Systems as their national product development training agency. We are always pleased to extend quotes and to provide information and specifications on all our products and services.

*We believe in protecting public safety personnel whose life calling is saving lives.*



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# Surface Ice Rescue Level I Course

▶ The level I system we put in place is for rescue scenarios which involve shorter ranges, less than 250 feet from shore to victim, for rapid deployment. We examine incidents from the past that may be indicative of future outcomes. We teach the department simple drills to stay focused. We focus on communications, hand signals and effective whistle signals that minimizes rescuer task overload. We realize that more victims are seriously injured from the point of extrication to the ambulance. We teach proper handling and care of all victims. We emphasize the importance of pre-planning for the response area.

By the end of this course, the rescuer will have gained the knowledge and the skills necessary to be a safe and effective Surface Ice Rescue Technician. We offer the latest techniques that are in use, and examine why older methodology may put rescue technicians at risk. We guarantee you'll be a safer first responder! These are a few of our Surface Ice Level I highlights:

- Proper donning of protective gear
- Victim extrication
- Patient handling
- Self-rescue scenarios
- Team operations - Who should be doing what?
- Write an effective SOP and SOG
- Advanced equipment and rescue techniques
- Stages of hypothermia and its effects on rescuer and victim
- Safer animal rescue techniques
- "No go" incidents examination
- Victim assessment
- U.S.C.G. Cold Water Boot Camp study
- Study - Why ice rescues fall apart
- Awareness, operations, technician responsibilities

*A must have course for any  
Surface Ice Rescue Technician!*

# Surface Ice Rescue Level II Course

▶ The level II system we put in place is for rescue scenarios which involve rescuing victims from distances greater than 250 feet from shore and require rapid deployment. We focus on rescuing multiple victims using a more advanced "conveyor system" for fast and efficient extrication. The system uses an in-haul and out-haul method that will offer the rescuer rapid victim extrication from weak and unstable ice conditions.

During the Surface Ice Level II course we will emphasize proper handling and care for victims that are or may be hypothermic. We examine past rescue incidents and how they were handled to better prepare for safer more effective future rescues. This course is an extremely dynamic class that requires everyone on the shore to maximize a successful outcome. Our systems are completely color coded to minimize confusing communication.

By the end of this course the rescuer will have more knowledge and will be safer and more effective with multiple victims at longer ranges.

These are a few of our Surface Ice Level II highlights:

- Long-range rescues (greater than 250 feet)
- Multiple victim extrication
- Advanced system set-up
- Ropes and rigging
- Dynamic in-haul and out-haul operations
- Color-coded systems for the best communication practices
- Advanced equipment and rescue techniques
- Advanced care for hypothermic patients

*Save money by signing up for  
Surface Ice I & II courses as a package!*



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