SWIFTWATER RESCUE
COURSES I AND II

Serving the Needs of Public Safety

About PSDS

PSDS Swiftwater training, equipment andintensive 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. 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 Swiftwater 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 swiftwater emergencies, no matter where or when they occur. PSDS courses meet and exceed NFPA, OSHA, P.O.S.T. and individual STATE standards. In addition, our water operation programs meet the tech rescue accreditation held by Pro Board and IFSAC. NFPA 1670,1006,1983,1952

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.

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

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. We are always pleased to extend quotes and provide information with specifications on our products.

- **Personal Flotation Devices – NRS, Extrasport, First Watch**
- **Drysuits/Wetsuits – NRS, USIA, Viking, Kokotat**
- **Helmets – NRS, Cascade**
- **Ropes – Bluewater, Simpson, New England**
- **Throw Bags – PSDS, NRS**
- **Rigging Hardware – PSDS, DMM, Black Diamond**
- **Reach Devices – PSDS Carbon Fiber Third Leg**
- **Z-Rig System – Water Rescue System PSDS**
- **Anchoring Systems – Barefoot Tactical**

We work with over 40 water rescue suppliers nationwide!

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Swiftwater Rescue Level I Course

Our moving water programs are specifically designed for public safety. The Swiftwater Level One program offers you basic training in swiftwater rescue, which meets and exceeds NFPA guidelines. We examine low to high-risk scene management with the best and most effective rescue methods. We focus on keeping the public safety rescuer safe limiting the exposure to unnecessary risk and the potential liability for them and the department. Many of the basics are covered such as reach, throw, row and contact rescues. These are a few course highlights:

- **Pre-plan response area**
- **Coordinating with mutual aid departments**
- **Write an effective SOP and SOG**
- **Understand when "No Go" is appropriate**
- **Calculating water speed – CFS, CFM and KNOTS**
- **Understanding anchors, proper knot tying and placement**
- **Setting up low angle rigging systems**
- **PSDS water rescue system and nets for victim extraction**
- **Rapid "Z-system" line set up and proper technician deployment**
- **Proper handling of patients to prevent further injury**
- **Prevention of costly equipment purchasing mistakes**

A must have course for any Swiftwater Rescue Technician!

Swiftwater Rescue Level II Course

Our moving water programs are specifically designed for public safety first responders. The Swiftwater Level Two program offers advanced training in swiftwater rescue. This course meets and exceeds all three levels of the NFPA guidelines (awareness, operation and technician). We examine low to high-risk scene management while incorporating the best and most effective rescue methods. We focus on keeping the public safety first responder safe, while limiting exposure to possible risk and liability for them and their department. More advanced rescue techniques are exercised such as; high angle rope work, the use of bridges and fire line deployment techniques. Our Swiftwater Level Two employees contact "go" rescues with boat based operations.

We understand the limited amount of time public safety first responders spend on moving water. We emphasize the importance of rescue technicians possessing strong swimming skills. We also stress the importance of safety in all aspects of rescue operations. We recognize the importance of having a "B" or "C" plan in place. You should too!

By the end of this course, the rescuer will have gained the knowledge and the skills to conduct a "contact victim go rescue" in a safe and effective manner. Swiftwater Level II course highlights:

- **Offensive survival swimming skills**
- **High angle rigging**
- **Dynamic anchoring systems**
- **In-water swift water survival skills**
- **Haul systems**
- **Rapid planning for rescue**
- **Boat-based rescue operations**
- **Safe patient handling techniques**
- **Bridge rescue operations**
- **Spinal board usage**
- **Medical considerations**
- **Agency coordination**
- **Search and recovery operations**

Save money by signing up for Swiftwater Rescue I & II courses as a package!

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