

# Dive Adventures

## Public Safety Diver Specialty

### Who should take this course?

If you have the opportunity to work with local authorities and be part of a scuba diving rescue team, or conduct search and recovery dives, and maybe even underwater criminal investigations, this is the course for you. Although public safety diving can be a fun and exciting adventure, it's serious and requires special training. The PADI Public Safety Diver Specialty course gives you a solid foundation to build upon and teaches you both surface and underwater skills that you may need on the job.

Public safety divers, conduct a variety of important and potentially stressful underwater tasks - including rescue, evidence and body recovery, underwater inspections and more - for local communities. Public safety divers are typically in the police department, fire department or emergency services and couple their job experience with specialized dive training to carry out these underwater activities in a safe, efficient manner. The Full Face Mask Diver course introduces divers to the skills, knowledge and techniques of diving with a full face mask and underwater communication systems. This course is intended to serve as a safe, supervised introduction within the limits of recreational scuba diving.

### Prerequisites

To enroll in a Public Safety Diver course, you must be certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water Diver and at least 18 years old and you need to earn your PADI Rescue Diver certification by the end of the course.

### What will you learn?

You'll be introduced to the special procedures, equipment, scene handling, communications and documentation requirements for a public safety diving operation. During four open water dives you'll practice compass navigation, knot tying, search techniques, victim recovery, rope-pull communications and rescue techniques for a distressed public safety diver, plus plenty more.

### How can you start learning now?

Contact Dive Adventures to enroll in the PADI Public Safety Diver course and get your PADI *Public Safety Diver Manual* to read before class.

## Equipment Requirements

Beyond your basic scuba equipment, you'll want to have gloves, a dive knife and additional cutting tool, plus at least two scuba tanks. You will also need two surface signaling devices, PFD (personal flotation device). Your PADI Instructor will advise you about other gear you may need, which may include technical diving equipment.

## Duration

One classroom session  
Four open water dives over two days.

## Fees

\$300.00  
Student pays for dive and equipment fees.

## Notes

You may also need to complete additional specialty courses PADI Dry Suit Diver or Full Face Mask Diver Distinctive Specialty programs to fully prepare divers to carry out public safety diving operations in your region's conditions