

Level II - Swiftwater Technician

Our Water Rescue Technician course is designed for professional and volunteer water rescuers, fire departments, search and rescue teams, private boaters, national and state park personnel, fish and game personnel, and any others who work or play around water. Our students benefit from this very intensive, hands-on course by learning how to use techniques and simple equipment to assess the rescue scene, safely access the water's edge and perform water rescues. The emphasis throughout the course is using quick, low-tech, and improvised rescue techniques that are effective, require minimal equipment, and minimal trained rescue personnel to achieve the goal of successful rescue.

This course is very demanding mentally and physically. Please do not attempt this course if you have any moderate or severe medical conditions. Students will be required to perform and hold their composure in cold water temperatures, high stress situations, and adverse weather conditions. Students are asked to perform in a team-based atmosphere using the IC system. All students will be required to complete a full PPE swim test, throw bag test and body ferry/self rescue before any in-water training begins.

Students are required to complete the course registration form. Pay the course fee in advance (refunds are available) or pay a place holding fee of \$75 (non-refundable) which will be credited to the full course fee upon total payment. Total refunds will be made if the course is cancelled due to river conditions.

Prerequisites: Students must hold a certificate of Swiftwater Responder level and Level I Rope Rescue or equivalent from a reputable instruction program. Additionally, the student must have a current EMS 1st Responder, Wilderness 1st Aid or Red Cross First Aid certificate or greater along with current CPR/AED. Last, the student must have a Boater Education card.

All students are required to bring full Water Rescue PPE to include:

_Drysuit or Wetsuit _Water Rescue footwear _Water Rescue Gloves _Type V PFD w/whistle & knife
_Water Rescue or Kayaking helmet _2 locking carabineers _Tubular webbing (min. 12ft)7 or 8 mil.
_Accessory or Prussik cord (5ft. min.) _ Water Rescue Throw bag

Water Rescue Technician integrates techniques learned in our Operations level course and then expands beyond the emphasis on self-rescue and shore-based rescue techniques to concentrate on patient access and rescue. Students are trained how to conduct complex water rescues using real world river rescue scenarios. This course will cover required skills such as: Motorized Boat Operations, Rope Systems, Incident Command, Water Access, Patient Access, Vehicle Access and Body Recovery.

The 4 day course includes 4 hours of classroom instruction, followed by 4 hours of hands on instruction on Thur. and Fri. and 2 full days of intense hands-on instruction on Sat. and Sun. Each day will begin at 0900hrs and end when the last student's question has been satisfactorily answered.

