



SWIFTWATER RESCUE COMBO



KENT, OHIO

HOSTED BY

PORTAGE COUNTY WATER RESCUE TEAM

APRIL 28 - MAY 2, 2025

LOCATION OF CLASS

Kent Fire Station 1
320 S Depeyster St.
Kent, OH 44240

CLASS BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

OBJECTIVE

Dive Rescue International's comprehensive Swiftwater I and II Rescue course equips public safety responders with the essential skills and knowledge needed to effectively organize and manage high-risk, complex swiftwater rescue operations. This program emphasizes safety and successful outcomes, preparing participants for the demanding challenges of swiftwater response.

MAIN TOPICS

- Hydrology/Dynamics of Moving Water
- Planning Swiftwater Operations
- Site Survey
- Hazard Identification
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Survival Float and Swim Techniques
- Mechanical Rigging Systems
- Locating Hidden Obstructions
- Use of Inflatable Boats
- Low-head Dams
- Swiftwater Search Techniques
- Operational Planning
- Advanced Ropes, Knots, and Rigging
- Swimming Exercises
- Swiftwater Rescue Board Exercises
- Advanced River Rescue Scenarios
- Triage Exercises
- Water-Bound Victim Extrication

DURATION: 5 Days / 40 Training Hours

TUITION: \$900.00 (US Funds) per student
includes text book

RECOMMENDED FOR: All first responders who organize and manage inherently dangerous or complicated swiftwater rescue events.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

DAY 1 of 5

8:00-12:00 Classroom
12:00-1:00 Meal Break
1:00-5:00 Dry-land Practice

DAY 2 of 5

8:00-5:00 On-river Practice
(pack a lunch and snacks)

DAY 3 of 5

8:00-3:00 On-river Practice
3:00-5:00 Program Review

DAY 4 of 5

8:00-12:00 Classroom
12:00-1:00 Meal Break
1:00-5:00 On-river Practice

DAY 5 of 5

8:00-3:00 On-river Practice
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3:00-5:00 Review, Final Exam, and
closing





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MAKING IT HAPPEN

PREREQUISITES

- At least 18 years of age
- Member of a Public Safety Agency
- Physically fit (13 MET or greater recommended)

BRING TO CLASS

- US Coast Guard approved PFD with knife and whistle
- Wet suit or Dry suit
- Fins
- Helmet
- Rope handling gloves
- Pen and paper for note taking
- Dry change of clothes

TRAVEL

Check with Dive Rescue International to confirm class before making airline reservations.

CANCELLATION

Prior to 3 weeks: Full Refund

8-21 days prior: 50% Refund

0-7 days prior: No refund

AIRPORT

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE)
46 Minutes

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

Kent State Hotel
215 S. Depeyster St.
Kent, OH 44240
330.346.0100

REGISTER NOW



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