

MEDICAL STATEMENT

Participant Record (Confidential Information)

This is a statement in which you are informed of some potential risks involved in Public Safety Diving and Shore Support work and of the conduct required of you during the Public Safety Diving program. Your signature on this statement is required for you to participate in the Public Safety Diving and Shore Support program offered by the Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team, Inc.

Read this statement prior to signing it. You must complete this Medical Statement, which includes the medical questionnaire section, to enroll in the public safety dive and shore support training program. Public Safety Diving and Shore Support work are demanding activities. When performed correctly, applying correct techniques, it is relatively safe. When established safety procedures are not followed, however, there are increased risks. To perform Public Safety Diving and Shore Support work, you should not be extremely overweight or out of condition. Both activities can be strenuous under certain conditions. Your respiratory and circulatory systems must be in good health. For divers all body air spaces must be normal and healthy. A person with coronary disease, a current cold or congestion, epilepsy, a severe medical problem or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not dive. If you have asthma, heart disease, other chronic medical conditions or you are taking medications on a regular basis, you should consult your doctor and the instructor before participating in this program, and on a regular basis thereafter upon completion. You will also learn from the instructor the important safety rules regarding breathing and equalization while Public Safety Diving diving. Improper use of scuba equipment can result in serious injury. You must be thoroughly instructed in its use under direct supervision of a qualified instructor to use it safely. If you have any additional questions regarding this Medical Statement or the Medical Questionnaire section, please contact the Hasty Team before signing.

Please read carefully before signing. The purpose of this Medical Questionnaire is to find out if you should be examined by your doctor before participating in Public Safety Diving Academy. A positive response to a question does not necessarily disqualify you from participating. A positive response means that there is a preexisting condition that may affect your safety while diving and you must seek the advice of your physician prior to engaging in dive activities. Please answer the following questions on your past or present medical history with a **YES** or **NO**. If you are not sure, answer **YES**.

If any of these items apply to you, we must request that you consult with a physician prior to participating in The Public Safety Diving Academy.

_____ Could you be pregnant, or are you attempting to become pregnant?

_____ Are you presently taking prescription medications? (with the exception of birth control or anti-malarial)

_____ Are you over 45 years of age and can answer YES to one or more of the following?

- currently smoke a pipe, cigars or cigarettes
- have a high cholesterol level
- have a family history of heart attack or stroke
- are currently receiving medical care
- high blood pressure
- diabetes mellitus, even if controlled by diet alone

Have you ever had or do you currently have

_____ Asthma, or wheezing with breathing, or wheezing with exercise?

_____ Frequent or severe attacks of hayfever or allergy?

_____ Frequent colds, sinusitis or bronchitis?

_____ Any form of lung disease?

_____ Pneumothorax (collapsed lung)?

_____ Other chest disease or chest surgery?

_____ Behavioral health, mental or psychological problems (Panic attack, fear of closed or open spaces)?

_____ Epilepsy, seizures, convulsions or take medications to prevent them?

_____ Recurring complicated migraine headaches or take medications to prevent them?

_____ Blackouts or fainting (full/partial loss of consciousness)?

_____ Frequent or severe suffering from motion sickness (seasick, carsick, etc.)?

_____ Dysentery or dehydration requiring medical intervention?

_____ Any dive accidents or decompression sickness?

_____ Inability to perform moderate exercise (example: walk 1.6 km/one mile within 12 mins.)?

_____ Head injury with loss of consciousness in the past five years?

_____ Recurrent back problems?

_____ Back or spinal surgery?

_____ Diabetes?

_____ Back, arm or leg problems following surgery, injury or fracture?

_____ High blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure?

_____ Heart disease?

_____ Heart attack?

_____ Angina, heart surgery or blood vessel surgery?

_____ Sinus surgery?

_____ Ear disease or surgery, hearing loss or problems with balance?

_____ Recurrent ear problems?

_____ Bleeding or other blood disorders?

_____ Hernia?

_____ Ulcers or ulcer surgery ?

_____ A colostomy or ileostomy?

_____ Recreational drug use or treatment for, or alcoholism in the past five years?

Divers Medical Questionnaire

To the Participant:

The information I have provided about my medical history is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to accept responsibility for omissions regarding my failure to disclose any existing or past health condition.

Signature

Date

STUDENT Medical Information

Please print legibly.

Name _____

Age _____

Name and address of your family physician

Physician _____

Clinic/Hospital _____

Address _____

Date of last physical examination _____ Name of examiner _____

Were you ever required to have a physical for diving? Yes No If so, when? _____

PHYSICIAN (to be completed if a **Yes** is indicated on the Divers Medical Questionnaire)

This person applying for training is presently certified to engage in scuba (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) diving. Your opinion of the applicant's medical fitness for scuba diving is requested.

Physicians Impression

- I find no medical conditions that I consider incompatible with Public Safety Diving.
- I am unable to recommend this individual for diving but the participant may participate as Shore Support.
- I can not recommend this individual for either training.

Remarks

Date _____

Physician's Signature or Legal Representative of Medical Practitioner Day/Month/Year

Physician _____

Clinic/Hospital _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Email _____