



*Reno ★ Sparks ★ Lake Tahoe  
Nevada*

**Presented By the Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team**

**An Introductory Training Academy for Public Safety Divers  
& Shore Support Personnel**

**April 28 – 30, 2006**

**Locations:**

**Friday, April 28 - Regional Public Safety Training Center  
5190 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 29 - Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe, NV  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 30 – Sparks Marina, Sparks, NV  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**[www.rescuedive.com](http://www.rescuedive.com)**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team invites you to attend this unique hands-on dive academy providing an introduction and basic skill set for Public Safety Divers and Shore support personnel. In addition to the formal training, you will meet and share ideas with Public Safety Divers from many different agencies. Participants will receive both classroom and practical dive or shore support training throughout the two and a half day academy.

**Class room topics include:**

- Introduction to Public Safety Diving and Team Structure
- Equipment/Tools
- Diver/Tender Signals
- Search Pattern Usage
- Search Options
- Dive Medical

**Field instructive training and drills will include:**

- Dressing Divers for Rescue
- Full Face Mask – Types and Usage
- Quick Entry Public Safety Dive Equipment – Types and Usage
- Shore Supported Search Patterns
- Dive Tender / Shore Support Training
- Circle Patterns with single diver and multiple divers
- Lift Bag usage and operation
- Backup / Rescue Diver drills

Divers will experience both clear and black water dives in a controlled environment and will learn the skills needed to be effective and safe public safety divers. All dives will be at altitude. Dives will be supported by boat operations and will be overseen by on-site medical personnel.

**You will receive:**

- 18 + hours of training with instructor to student ratios of at least one instructor for every two students
- Complete training materials including sample dive unit classifications, protocols, dive logs and diver / shore support check lists.
- Long Sleeve Dive Academy Tee Shirt
- Upon completion of all dives – a graduation certificate.

### **Who Can Attend?**

Shore Support and Dive Personnel involved in public safety diving with a governmental agency. Each participant needs to meet the following requirements:

- Hold an Open Water or higher dive card from an accredited training agency like PADI or NAUI. (for divers only)
- Be physically able to participate in 2 days of strenuous dive / shore support activity.
- Complete all paperwork for registration including registration form and medical questionnaire (signed by a physician if necessary).
- Have an authorized representative from a public agency involved in dive rescue / recovery recommend you by signing the sponsorship portion of the application.

### **What equipment is needed?**

Each participant is required to have the following equipment:

- Divers
  - All needed SCUBA equipment including:
    - Regulator, pressure gauge, depth gauge, etc.
    - Minimum of one cutting tool on equipment (recommended two or three)
    - Mask, fins, Whistle or other signaling device.
    - BCD
    - Exposure protection for 39 degree water (recommend dry suit, however use a wet suit if you are not trained in dry suit operation). Hood and gloves are a must.
    - Weight Belt (our sponsor Sierra Diving Center will provide weights at no charge for those participants flying in – but call now to reserve gear as the shop will be busy that weekend and may run out)
    - Minimum of two tanks per person (our sponsor Sierra Diving Center will provide tanks at no charge for those participants flying in – but call now to reserve gear as the shop will be busy that weekend and may run out).
    - Any other standard gear your department uses (harness, redundant secondary air source, etc.)
- Shore Support Personnel
  - PFD with knife and whistle
  - Sun and weather protection
  - Any other standard gear your department uses (window punches, slate boards, throw bags, etc.)

## About our Sponsor:



### SIERRA DIVING CENTER

Our sponsor will provide air fills free of charge. The professionals at Sierra Dive can also assist you should you need to rent any dive equipment or make any last minute dive equipment purchases. The weekend of the academy will be a very busy one for the shop so **CALL EARLY** if you need gear. They can be reached at <http://www.sierradive.com/> or by calling (775) 825-2147. You must have your gear ready to go before the first class as there will be no time to “stop by a dive shop” on Saturday Morning. Sierra Diving Center’s address is 104 E Grove Street, Reno NV 89502.

### Other recommended equipment:

- Sun block
- Sun hat and sun glasses
- Clothes for every condition (the weather changes fast here)
- Sturdy shoes (you will be climbing rocks)

### Cost / Maximum Attendance

If registration and money is received prior to March 31 - \$95 per participant

If registration and money is received after March 31 - \$125 per participant

*We are limiting the academy to 35 participants (24 divers and 11 shore support) on a first come-first served basis.*

### Lodging, Food and Entertainment

Participants should plan on staying in Reno for a minimum of two nights. Because the academy is scheduled before the major tourist season, you should be able to find rooms at a reasonable rate. Here are a few ideas:

Seasons Inn (Reno) – Owned by one of our members family.  
<http://www.seasonsinn.com>

John Ascuaga’s Nugget Hotel Casino  
<http://www.janugget.com/>

Silver Legacy Resort Casino  
<http://www.silverlegacy.com>

Lunch will be provided on Saturday. All other meals will be the participant’s responsibility. Sunday, we will all go out for pizza after the last dive, so please plan your budget accordingly.

The weekend of the Academy is also the weekend for University Nevada Reno's Jazz Festival. Check out more about this at <http://www.unr.edu/rjf/>

### **Travel**

If you plan on flying or driving over a pass, please be aware our last dive will be completed on Sunday by 12:00 noon. We will be at 4500 ft elevation and that day your max depth will be 60' (equivalent of 70 ft sea level for no more than 20 minutes). Plan for the appropriate waiting period prior to departure.

### **Ground Transportation**

You need to have ground transportation as we will be moving from location to location each day. If you are renting a vehicle, we would recommend a 4X4 as we still get snow up at Tahoe sometimes in April.

### **About the Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team and Your Instructors**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team has one of the longest standing dive units in the West. Started in 1971 the team now has over 40 rescue members including 18 public safety Divers. The experience of the primary instructors for this training average over 10 years each of public safety diving and many are ex-military divers, PADI instructors Dive Masters / Master Divers, and are team leaders the Hasty Team' Dive Unit.

### **Registration and more information**

If you are panning on attending, please contact our team president so we can keep an eye out for your registration:

Kevin LeVezu

[levezu@yahoo.com](mailto:levezu@yahoo.com)

Mail completed application / release form, medical questionnaire and checks to:

Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team, Inc.

911 Parr

Reno, NV 89512

Please make Check's payable to: Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team, Inc.

To reach us call:

(775) 348 – RESQ

Email:

Kevin LeVezu

[levezu@yahoo.com](mailto:levezu@yahoo.com)

For more forms please visit our web site:

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Public Safety Diving Academy  
**REGISTRATION, LIABILITY RELEASE AND  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

Participants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Department or Agency Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # you will have with You: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous diving, shore support, or other related training and certifications (please include recreational dive certifications):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Departmental Endorsement:**

The participant listed above has the endorsement of the \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in this training. Agency Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Please read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that hold the minimum  
Participant Name  
qualifications and my agencies permission and support to participate in these program. I am a certified  
scuba diver (if you are planning on diving) or am qualified to assist as shore support.

I affirm that I am aware that scuba, public safety diving and shore work have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death. I understand that diving with compressed air involves certain inherent risks; including but not limited to decompression sickness, embolism or other hyperbaric/air expansion injury that require treatment in a recompression chamber. I further understand that the public safety diving training drills which are necessary for this experience may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a recompression chamber. I still choose to proceed with such training dive(s) and drills in spite of the possible absence of a recompression chamber in proximity to the training site.

I understand and agree that neither the dive academy instructors, the facility through which I receive my instruction, Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty team, Inc., the Washoe County Sheriff's Office nor its affiliate and subsidiary corporations, nor any of their respective employees, officers, agents, contractors or assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this training or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the dive academy, I hereby personally assume all risks of this experience, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this academy. I further release, exempt and hold harmless said experience and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this experience, including both claims arising during the experience or after I complete the academy.

I also understand that scuba, shore support and public safety diving are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this experience, and that if I am injured as a result of heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, drowning or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same. I understand that past or present medical conditions may be contraindicative to my participation in this experience. I declare that I am in good mental and physical fitness for diving or shore work, and that I am not under the influence of alcohol, nor am I under the influence of any drugs that are contraindicatory to diving or shore support work. If I am taking medication, I declare that I have seen a physician and have approval to participate while under the influence of the medication/drugs.

I will inspect all of my equipment prior to this experience and will notify the Released Parties if any of my equipment is not working properly. I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for my failure to inspect my equipment prior to participating.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, and that I have acquired the written consent of my department to participate in this training. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this Agreement of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree that if any provision of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the un-enforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I understand and agree that I am not only giving up my right to sue the Released Parties but also any rights my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries may have to sue the Released Parties resulting from my death. I further represent I have the authority to do so and that my heirs, assigns, or beneficiaries will be estopped from claiming otherwise because of my representations to the Released Parties.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, BY THIS INSTRUMENT AGREE TO  
Participant Name

EXEMPT AND RELEASE THE WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S HASTY TEAM, INC., THE WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY,

PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH, HOWEVER CAUSED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE. I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

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Participant Signature

Date (Day/Month/Year)