



# PS Diver Monthly

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Dedicated to the expanding knowledge of Underwater Crime Scene Investigation

### ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Department of Criminal Justice  
ALVIN, TEXAS

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PREPAID Advanced Registration -  
\$250.00 per person.

After September 30, 2010,  
registration \$300.00

**TO BE ENROLLED in the UWCS Series – Body and Weapon Recovery Class, ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN ALVIN BY October 1, 2010 via FAX, USPS MAIL OR EMAIL**

*The Underwater Crime Scene Series programs are stand alone courses and can be attended in any order and at any teaching facility.*

Payment is required at the time of registration. Please make check or money order payable to:

**Alvin Community College  
Department of Criminal Justice  
3110 Mustang Road  
Building N  
Alvin, Texas 77511**

For more information or to RESERVE spots call:

Ronny Phillips: 281-756-3774

FAX: 281-756-3950

Email: [RPhillips@alvincollege.edu](mailto:RPhillips@alvincollege.edu)

### **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations received prior to 3 weeks before the start date of the class will receive a full refund. Cancellations received 8-14 days prior to class start date will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations received 0-7 days prior to class start date will not receive a refund.

### **Medical and Liability Release Forms**

These forms MUST BE COMPLETED and submitted before students will be allowed to participate. The forms can be downloaded at :

<http://psdiver.com/uwcrimesceneseries.html>

**The forms may be submitted in advance or at the start of the course. The medical release is a standard RSTC Medical Release. Participants are asked to fill out the questionnaire. If any question is answered 'Yes' - a physician release is necessary. Medical conditions that require a physician release will disallow divers participating in the scuba exercises if a medical release is not presented PRIOR to the start of the programs\*.**

Prerequisites: Scuba participants MUST be a minimum of OW certified with a dive log showing no less than 15 dives.

Students MUST participate in all evolutions to qualify for certificate of completion and payment will NOT insure certificate. **Watermanship skills will be tested.**

## **Co-Hosted by:**

**Scuba Brothers Dive Shop**

<http://scubabrothers.com/>

**Groves, Texas**

**Mon - Thu 12-6 Fri - Sat 12-7**  
**(409) 721-5600 \* (409) 721-5022**

Participants must provide their own basic scuba gear. If necessary, some extra gear will be available but **prearrangement will be required** to insure you will have what you need. Please bring tanks and weights if you are driving. Air refills will be provided at no cost.

## **Underwater Crime Scene Series**

**\*Specialties\***

**Our scenarios are real.**

**Students will be tasked with a crime scene and will use the skills and lessons learned to evaluate a dive site and underwater scene. Students will preserve, protect and process an underwater crime scene in zero visibility. Safety, techniques, documentation and attention to detail will be challenged and tested.**

The **Underwater Crime Scene Specialties** are designed to present a new aspect of Public Safety Diving to Fire, Police and SAR Dive Recovery Teams. These courses offer classroom lecture, theory, controlled pool work and real dive scene scenario

training. Participants will be introduced to a variety of new skills and will be shown and allowed to practice safety measures and techniques that will hopefully enhance their skills and abilities.

## **Body and Weapons Recovery**

Participants will gain classroom knowledge on basic evidence handling, terminology, safety issues, standards information and concepts of the job of a Public Safety Diver. Participants will practice those classroom skills to an acceptable level of proficiency in a clear water pool using blacked out masks and will gain real experience in methods of underwater search and recovery in the simulated zero visibility environments. During our scenario training, participants in the Weapons and Body Recovery Course will successfully perform a search and evidence recovery of at least one weapon and will successfully perform a body recovery. Participants will also be challenged with an underwater obstacle / confidence building course that will test their ability to handle a variety of stressors including entrapment problems and self rescue issues.

Each scenario will be a separate crime scene and the participants will be responsible for assessing the site, gathering intelligence, setting up the dive and recovering either a weapon or a body. Each team must complete the recovery and submit all documentation related to their task to successfully complete the course

**These specialties are recognized by the**  
**[Public Safety Diving Association \(PSDA\)](#)**  
**and**  
**[Emergency Response Diving International \(ERDI\)](#).**

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## **ADDITIONAL In-Service Training Schedule**

Unless otherwise noted, register for these classes by contacting:

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