

Los Angeles Police Department
SWAT Tactical Waterborne Cadre
CUR CODE T290
Safety Policy

The intent of this Safety Policy is to promote student and staff safety awareness in areas involving psychomotor skills training and to reduce the potential risk for injury.

All instructors and instructional staff will be responsible for adhering to all applicable safety policies and approved course lesson plans. A copy of this policy will be given to each student, instructor and training coordinator to ensure that they are followed.

General safety rules apply to all Department training. All training sites must be approved prior to conducting the training.

All participants will be responsible to adhere to all rules in this policy.

Instructor/Student Ratios (General)

Lecture 1:20

Practical Applications/Drills 1:5

Safety that applies to all training

1. Anyone participating in the training, whether student, observer, or instructor, has the authority to "STOP" the exercise if they observe an unsafe act or condition that may cause imminent injury or death and/or damage to the facilities.
2. Students shall immediately notify an instructor(s) or the training staff of any injury sustained during training, and use the following steps in the event of a serious injury.
3. Render first aid and obtain appropriate medical assistance. Notify the Fire Department rescue ambulance (213-485-6185) via telephone, cellular phone, or police radio. Give specific directions to the location of the incident.
4. In case of a serious injury, all Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP) notifications and protocol shall be followed.
5. At each training location, there is a notebook containing the emergency plan that is in place.
6. The supervisor will ensure that the necessary worker compensation forms (PDAS-43), Employee injury (Form 1.66) and other reports (Employee Notification Form 15.7) are completed in a timely manner.
7. Transport to the local hospital for all minor injuries.
8. Request a Rescue Ambulance for all major injuries.
9. Remind students that during the Practical Application portion:
10. The training site shall be inspected for hazards prior to each use and safety personnel shall be positioned along the course.
11. Instructors shall maintain an appropriate level of discipline over students at all times.

12. Students not participating in fire line exercises or live fire should be a safe distance off the firing line and will be monitored by a Firearms Instructor.

Safety Specific to Diving

Student Responsibilities

- Check the airway, breathing, and circulation if unconscious
 - Control any bleeding
 - Treat to prevent shock
 - Stabilize and wait for paramedics
 - There will be a first aid kit, AED, and trauma kit at the training site, as well as qualified personnel to use them
 - Prior to the commencement of training Instructors will brief: locations of: staging area, first aid kit and AED.
1. TWB conducts training dives in various locations from the Los Angeles Harbor area to Catalina Island, as well as various pools throughout the City of Los Angeles.
 2. All divers are members of Metropolitan Division, Special Weapons and Tactics. All divers are certified on open and or closed-circuit dive systems. All divers are required to have a current dive physical.
 3. Prior to dive operations, notifications are made to the area Watch Commander, Port Police, Coast Guard, Maritime Coordination Center, and any other entity deemed necessary.
 4. Prior to dive operations, all area hyperbaric chambers are contacted to verify which are in operation.
 5. Prior to dive operations, the closest area Fire Station is identified in the event of a medical emergency.
 6. Dive Safety Plan:
 7. Instructor / Dive Supervisor briefs all involved personnel on the location of medical facilities.
 8. Instructor / Dive Supervisor identifies the current water conditions and hazards.
 9. Instructor / Dive Supervisor identifies the safety diver for the dive.
 10. Instructor / Dive Supervisor identifies the safety boat driver for the dive.
 11. Instructor / Dive Supervisor instructs divers on the dive profile.
 12. Instructor / Dive Supervisor briefs the dive team on protocols for in water air emergencies and or medical emergencies.
 13. The individual diver inspects all dive gear prior to diving.
 14. Instructor / Dive Supervisor inspects and counts all divers prior to entering the water.
 15. Instructor / Dive Supervisor inspects and counts all divers as they exit the water.
 16. In the event of an in-water emergency requiring the safety diver, the location is marked with a buoy, and the safety diver is launched.
 17. In the event of a serious injury, all divers are brought back onto the dive boat and the boat driver transports all divers to the pre-determined fire station. Request a Fire Department Rescue Ambulance using a telephone in the range office. Give directions to the specific range.
- The Fire Department direct dispatch number is (213) 485-6185