

# Emergency Response Diver I (ERDI)

This first level Emergency Response Diving Course is designed to give the certified open water diver, or open water certified public safety diver, the fundamental skills needed to safely function as part of an OSHA and NFPA compliant public safety dive team in both the diver and tender roles.

**Gulf States Dive and Rescue**



*Fluid Training for a Fluid Environment*

## Who this course is for:

A certified open water diver who is currently a public safety professional

A certified open water diver who would like to operate and support persons within a dive team organization

## Course Prerequisites:

Minimum age 18

SDI, PADI Open Water Diver certification or equivalent

CPR1st and CPROx or equivalents



## What you can expect to learn:

Equipment preparation and selection, problem solving, tender skills, responding to a call, search patterns, scene evaluation, environmental risks, evidence handling

Dive skills including line signals, diver communications, executing multiple search patterns, victim recovery, emergency procedures, and decontamination procedures

How to continue and transition your ERD I training into ERD Ops Components courses

## What's in it for you and your team?

Structured training that solidifies diver and tender abilities in the participation of planning and executing dive team operations

## Emergency Response Diver I level minimum requirements:

### Diver evaluations

Demonstrate mastery of scuba skills, line signals, diver touch communications, and search patterns

800 metre mask, snorkel and fins swim,

500 metre distance swim no aids,

100 metre buddy tow in scuba equipment

Tender swimming evaluations

200 metre swim without aids,

100 metre buddy tow in personal flotation device (PFD),

10 minute survival float

Demonstrate effective line communications with divers, proper tending techniques





## 2. Emergency Response Diver I

2.1 Introduction This course will train successful candidates in the basic skills necessary for participation in limited open water public safety diving activities. The ERD I Diver will be able to operate as a team member and support person within a dive team organization.



### 2.2 Student Prerequisites ERD I

1. SDI Open Water Scuba Diver certification or equivalent
2. CPR1st or equivalent
3. CPROx or equivalent
4. Minimum age 18

It is the ERDI Instructor's responsibility to evaluate a candidate's open water skills prior to starting any emergency response diving water skills.

2.3 Qualifications of Graduates ERD I Upon successful completion of this course, ERD I Divers may engage in basic public safety diving activities without direct supervision. Graduates may also participate in limited application recovery/rescue operations, providing that:

1. The ERD I Diver operates under the supervision of a team supervisor
2. Operations are limited to 18 metres / 60 feet in depth
3. Operations are conducted in conditions consistent with his training
4. Dive profiles are kept within no decompression limits



Upon successful completion of this course, graduates are qualified to enroll in:

1. ERDI Ops Components
2. ERD II Course ERDI Tender

Upon successful completion of the tender portion of this course, graduates are qualified to:

1. Tend public safety divers in open water
2. Participate in the planning and execution of public safety diving operations

2.4 Who May Teach: An active ERDI Emergency Response Diver Instructor may teach this course

### 2.5 Administrative Requirements

1. Have the students complete the:
  - a. ERDI Liability Release and Express Assumption of Risk Form
  - b. ERDI Medical Statement Form
2. Communicate the schedule of the course to the students
3. Ensure that the students have the required equipment Required Materials
  1. The ERD I Student is required for the ERD I course academics

### **Certification**

1. Upon successful completion of an ERDI course the instructor must issue the appropriate ERDI certification by submitting the ERDI Diver Registration form to ERDI Headquarters or registering the students online through members area of the ERDI website

**What each diver will need:**

Each diver must have: Mask, snorkel, fins, boots, weight system, BCD, regulator and tanks at a minimum. Divers with pony bottles, harnesses and FFM are encouraged to bring them. If you or your department has equipment you would like to train with you are welcome to bring it.

Day one – Half day of classroom at the \_\_\_\_\_, LA.  
Half day of pool assessment. Bring your full scuba set up\* plus one tank  
Lunch break provided.

Day two – We are in the pool all day. Bring three tanks plus gear. Must have three cutting tools mounted on your BCD. Bring your lunch, hydration and sun screen.

Day three – Open Water Dive scenarios at hosts training area. Directions provided in class. Bring two Tanks, your lunch, hydration and sun screen.

**When:** TBD- The host agency is currently looking at 3 consecutive days in July.

**Where:** Within one-hour drive of New Orleans International Airport.

**Who:** Gulf States Dive and Rescue is conducting this certification training at the request of the host agency. Once the pool, class room and team member’s schedule is secured, training dates will be forwarded to interested individuals.

Interested individuals should email: Name of each participant, agency, number of logged dives, current dive level, last dive and any rentals needed from us to: [Info@diveandrescue.org](mailto:Info@diveandrescue.org). Someone will then call you to coordinate financial and logistical details.

**Price:** \$395.00

This an Emergency Response Diving International ERD1 Certification course. All three days and all modules must be completed to earn certification. Participation does not guarantee certification.

Diver name _____	Date of Registration _____	Pages _____
Agency _____	Phone _____	
Current Diver Level _____	Number of Logged Dives _____	Last Dive _____
Rentals needed:		
Notes or Requests:		
PO Number _____		Check Number _____
<p>Please complete this page only and fax to 504-393-1232 OR scan and email to <a href="mailto:INFO@DIVEANDRESCUE.ORG">INFO@DIVEANDRESCUE.ORG</a>. A Gulf States Dive and Rescue Representative will call you to work out any financial or logistical details</p>		