



## **TACTICAL / RECONNAISSANCE UNDERWATER ENVIRONMENT DIVER (TRUE-DIVER)**

**TACTICAL / RECONNAISSANCE UNDERWATER ENVIRONMENT DIVER (TRUE-DIVER)**, is a 5-day / 50-hour off-the-shelf course that was developed to provide certified government, defense, and public safety SCUBA divers with the requisite skills-set for tactical underwater diving operations, including closed-circuit operations, underwater infiltration, maritime security, force protection, anti-terrorism, and reconnaissance.

This formal training program is modeled from the combatant diver programs of the U.S. special operations community and is one of the most comprehensive and progressive courses of its kind found outside of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

Students will be required to participate in a progressive daily physical conditioning program and combined turtleback and underwater tactical dives of up to 4000 meters in length. Students are tested and required to satisfactorily pass an inventory swim / drown proofing / water survival test on training day two. All diving exercises are conducted full mission profile while equipped with weapon and rucksack / swimmer bundle under real-world conditions. Students will be placed in team leader and subordinate leadership roles throughout the course in order to polish leadership, planning, and operational skills-set.

Graduates of TRUE-DIVER will be thoroughly qualified to lead, plan, coordinate, train personnel, and conduct tactical diving operations under various weather and environmental conditions in a hostile / non-permissive tactical environment while operating as a member of a tactical dive team. Course content includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Role of the tactical / reconnaissance diver
- Diving capability development and standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Underwater diving vs. surface infiltration profile
- Mishap and training safety plan
- Water safety, survival, drown proofing
- Inventory swim and SCUBA test (swimming pool)
- Physical conditioning for divers
- Turtleback techniques
- Infiltration / Exfiltration
- Amphibious reconnaissance
- Dive team tactics and use of a buddy line
- Tactical communications
- Marine hazards
- SCUBA and LAR-V rebreather applications
- Maritime navigation / use of a TAC-board compass
- Diver support operations
- Small boat operations
- Land-based tactical patrolling / movement
- Mission planning, coordination, preparation, rehearsals, inspections
- Situational Training Exercises (STXs)



### **Prerequisites:**

Course is restricted to U.S. government agencies and armed forces, U.S. Department of State-allied agencies and armed forces, law enforcement, public safety, security, tactical emergency medical support, and maritime ship, port, and facility operators. Students must provide credentials verifying affiliation with above-listed organization(s). Minimum age for enrollment is 18.

Students should be in excellent physical condition and be a competent swimmer who is comfortable in an open-water environment, and have no debilitating medical conditions or any medications that could affect physical ability and judgment. Student must be able to prove graduation of a nationally accredited or armed forces SCUBA diver course to attend to this program.



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### **Method of Evaluation:**

Students must score 75% on a final written examination and successfully complete all performance objectives.

### **Mandatory Student Equipment:**

*Note: Equipment may be leased or purchased upon request and advance notice. Diving specific equipment will be provided by Recce Group.*

- Woodland pattern camouflage BDUs and/or olive drab (OD green) flight suit (minimum 2 sets)
- Tactical footwear, pair
- Tactical gloves, pair
- UDT vest / scout swimmer buoyancy vest w/ CO2 cartridge
- Swim booties / reef shoes (capable of being worn with fins)
- Swim fins, pair
- Rucksack / backpack (capable of carrying 50 pounds)
- Fixed blade knife / dive tool w/ sheath
- Load bearing belt / vest and tactical equipment (as per unit SOP)
- Canteens / hydration system
- Tactical belt
- 20 foot length of 11mm climbing rope
- (3) Carabiners w/ locking gate (rated for climbing / rappelling)
- (5) Heavy duty garbage bags; (1) box of zip lock freezer bags; (1) roll of duct / rigger tape)
- Poncho, military style
- Wet / cold weather parka and cap
- Carbine / submachine gun w/ tactical sling (may be a live fire or non-firing training weapon)
- Semi-automatic handgun (may be a live fire or non-firing training weapon)
- Tactical holster and lanyard (telephone cord type)
- Woodland pattern camouflage stick / paste
- Woodland pattern camouflage boonie cap with lanyard
- Olive drab (OD green) T-shirt for physical training (PT)
- Black running shorts for physical training (PT)

### **Optional Student Equipment:**

- Wet suit w/ hood
- Waterproof rucksack liner(s)
- Laptop computer w/ portable printer
- Sunglasses / sunscreen
- Miscellaneous tactical call-out equipment

### **Students Receive:**

- Student manual
- Students will receive a graduation diploma upon successful completion of all performance objectives