



Search & Recovery Lecture 1



Background



We Will Cover

- Rescue or recovery?
- Statutory and voluntary agencies
- How can CFT help?
- Course aims
- Entry requirements
- Rules and recommendations
- Course content: 1 (Lectures) 2 (Practical)



Rescue or Recovery?

- A Rescue Mode is used when there is a chance to save a human life
- A Recovery Mode is used with the goal of recovering a body and/or property
- A large number of ‘search and rescue’ callouts conclude as ‘search and recovery’ operations



Statutory/Voluntary Bodies

- Statutory bodies:
 - Coastguard; Gardai, Aer Corps, Naval Service
- Voluntary bodies:
 - RNLI, Cliff & Coastal Rescue Services, Civil Defence



How can CFT help?

- CFT's experienced sports divers are well placed to lend appropriate assistance to a search and recovery operation
- CFT divers will participate in SAR operations within specific units established in a club or region and not on an individual basis



This Course Aims To...

- Introduce SAR skills and equipment to experienced sports divers
- To assist / complement existing services
- To establish CFT SAR register

This Course Does Not Aim To...

- Compete with existing services
- Provide a Search & Recovery qualification



Entry Requirements

- Divers undertaking SAR training should have the following as a minimum:
 - Club Diver Certificate
 - Current valid medical certificate of fitness
 - CFT registration
 - Active diver status
 - Not uncomfortable with zero / low visibility



Rules and Recommendations

- CFT rules and recommendations apply with some exceptions
- SAR DO should be of at minimum, Leading Diver standard
- Only those authorised by the club SAR DO may mobilise the group



Course Content

Stage 1 – Lectures

- Background
- Introduction to Search & Recovery
- Callout procedures
- Safety
- Equipment
- Search methods
- Recovery





Course Content

Stage 2 – Practical

- Bad visibility training
- Current or tidal conditions
- Sample search methods
- Underwater communications systems