

# 1. Disclaimer

Emergency response diving generally is a hazardous activity requiring significant training, good physical fitness and a working knowledge of the inherent risk associated with these activities. This manual is not intended to and cannot replace a comprehensive training program conducted by a qualified instructor.

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## 1.1 Definitions

**Assistant or Assisted by** = A person who is assisting a primary and certified instructor, Course Director or instructor trainer for a course that they, the "assistant", is not certified to teach. Assistants can be used for the purposes of additional supervision and to increase ratios where standards and environmental conditions allow. Assistants listed on registrations will receive experience credits for courses they have assisted with only if listed on the initial registration form.

**Co-Teach or 2nd Instructor** = A person who is certified to teach the course taking place and is working together with an also certified instructor, Course Director or instructor trainer. The 2nd instructor will receive equal credit for the course if listed on the initial registration form.

**Required Materials** = Materials required for a course. Any candidate for a leadership level course must possess all the required materials for that course during and after training.

**Student Prerequisites** = conditions that must be met by students prior to beginning a course. These cannot be completed during the course unless specifically outlined in the standard. Conditions listed here cannot be waived by the instructor. Written standards waivers for prerequisites may be issued by the HQ training department depending on the course, dive site, and the specific prior experience of course participants.

**Note:** Cylinder capacities used in the ERDI Standards are based on manufacturer values or generalized conversions and are NOT exact conversions from metric to imperial due to variance in cylinder volume and working pressures. If you use metric cylinders, please use the metric size cylinder listed; likewise, if you use imperial cylinders, please use the imperial size cylinder listed, I.E., 3 litres/18 cubic Feet.

**Note:** Leadership level registrations, including upgrades and crossovers, are not complete until SDI/TDI/ERDI Headquarters has verified and processed the individual's documentation and credentials. An individual may not function at the level(s) being registered until they have received verification of their certification level(s) from the SDI/TDI/ERDI Headquarters. Verification can be achieved by checking online profile, email or verbal notification from SDI/TDI/ERDI Headquarters.

## **1.2 *Membership Agreement***

Any new member must submit a signed Membership Agreement with leadership level registration documents.