



An Introduction to Underwater Crime Scene Investigation

Description: The course will cover the general principles of the following:

- Investigative Duties on Scene
- Scientific Diving Techniques (Aquatic Environments, Locating and Marking Sites, Search Patterns)
- Determining Scene Boundaries
- Documenting the Scene
- Underwater Search Techniques (ROV, AUV, Diver Held Sonar, Side Scan, Search Patterns)
- Evidence Recovery (Types of evidence, Collection and Preservation, Skeletal Remains Recovery, Body Recovery Reporting Procedures, SCUBA Fatality Accident Investigation, Fire Arms Recovery, Aircraft Recovery, Vehicle Recovery, Court Testimony)

Dates:

October 14, 21, 28, November 4 at 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor Bio: Rhonda Moniz is an ROV Pilot/Supervisor, Diving Safety Officer, and Underwater Cinematographer. She has also worked over the past twenty years, as a lead Science Diver and Diving Instructor. Ms. Moniz is founder and Director of Operations for Underwater Investigative Group, a company specializing in underwater forensics, and marine technology including ROV, AUV, Side scan, and sub-bottom profiling technology. She has been involved in a number of expeditions around the globe including several as ROV Pilot and Engineer for Dr. Robert Ballard who discovered the Titanic. She has also worked with the US Navy and United States Coast Guard. Ms. Moniz is chairman of the board for the New England chapter of the Marine Technology Society and on the board of directors for the Marine Oceanographic Technology Network. She has lectured around the country. Ms. Moniz is a published author and is editor for Ocean News & Technology. She has acted as Science Advisor for the underwater-segment for “Evolution” an eight hour PBS series for NOVA. She has also worked on several Discovery Channel and PBS productions. She has served as the lead science diver and underwater cinematographer for the University of Massachusetts – Marine Science and Technology Campus, and the University of Rhode Island. She has worked as the underwater Director of Photography for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Museum of Natural History in New Mexico. She has worked as an Open Water SCUBA Instructor and has attained Master Instructor Rating with the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. As an Instructor Ms. Moniz has taught at a number of Universities including, Suffolk University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts University, Boston University, Dean College, and the University of Massachusetts-Marine Science and Technology Campus.

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