

North Dakota Peace Officers Association
Special Operations Committee
Dive Team Standards

1. Each Dive Team must be affiliated with a law enforcement agency and responding to a request for assistance from a law enforcement agency.
2. Each Dive Team must have established Dive Team policy and an established Chain of Command. Policy must be on file with the NDPOA SOC.
3. Each dive operation must have a minimum of two additional certified divers for each diver entering the water on the deployment.
4. All divers must be certified through a nationally recognized SCUBA diving course. Any course not listed below will be reviewed and approved by the SOC Committee:
 - a. National Association of Underwater Instructors-NAUI
 - b. Professional Association Diving Instructors-PADI
 - c. Scuba Schools International-SSI
 - d. Public Safety Diver-PSD
5. Professional development training in acceptable dive rescue skills is vital for each team to be effective and safe. Teams should strive to attend quality advanced training on a bi-annual basis.
6. Each Dive Team must have the capability to deploy outside of their jurisdiction.
7. All divers must train in a variety of conditions and must participate in a minimum of four training dives per year with a minimum of one per quarter. Each Dive Team must have documented training in the procedure they are responding to and/or the equipment they are using. (Examples ice diving/body recovery/surface supplied air).
8. Dive Teams requesting overtime compensation must be on a paid status with the affiliated law enforcement agency. All reimbursement will be paid directly to the affiliated agency.
9. Each Dive Team must submit an annual Dive Team Checklist Form to the Special Operations Committee verifying they meet the above standards prior to applying for reimbursement.
10. Each Dive Team must be represented at one SOC Meeting and Training session per calendar year.