

History

The Loudon County Dive Rescue Team Inc. was formed in 1994 by a group of divers from six different agencies in Loudon County. Chartered the same year we began providing Water rescue and recovery services during emergencies in Loudon County. The first year was one of building with over 1500 man-hours of training and untold hours of organization and writing of protocols that became our by-laws and Standard Operation Guidelines. Soon after that we placed a Zodiac inflatable and Dive Support Truck into service stocked with 2 complete sets of identical SCUBA gear and our ever increasing assembly of the tools we need. We have been called into action by each of our surrounding counties to provide support and assist with special search missions ranging from weapons used in unsolved crimes to searching for missing persons.

Public support has been tremendous for the Dive team. We are fortunate to be included in the United Way of Loudon County, which continues to provide the majority of our funding and to numerous individuals who have taken a special interest in seeing the Dive team be successful. To all of those persons and organizations we are extremely grateful.

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About Our Services

We serve as the primary provider of emergency dive-rescue and recovery on the local waterways for Loudon County. We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and do not charge for these services. We work closely with each emergency agency in Loudon County assisting with our divers special skills at any opportunity. Heavy lift capability of the Dive team has been utilized on many occasions to salvage sunken vessels for expedient recovery and to minimize damage and environmental impact. We make ourselves available for standby during water related activities and offer our assistance for various lost article recoveries.

If you would like to support the Dive Rescue team with a donation or join us as a community volunteer, please note the information on how to contact us on the back center page

New Projects for 2005

We have moved into a new station in the Glendale area off of Hwy 321. This allows us to house all of our equipment under one roof, provide a permanent station with which to conduct training, meetings and equipment maintenance. This central location will help decrease response times to emergencies by placing all of our rescue equipment near the most active waterways and access points on three of the four lakes which are our primary area of responsibility

Membership Facts

- All volunteer membership
- 14 members
- Over 87 rescue and recovery missions to date
- Nationally trained and recognized

Finances and Funding

We operate our all-volunteer organization on a typical annual budget of \$8,500 per year. Typically 70-75% of this is operational cost including insurance, pager bills and equipment maintenance. We usually spend 25% on additional equipment purchases while holding a reserve fund of \$2,000 for emergency purposes. We pay no salary or benefits to our volunteer members and our administrative costs are typically less than 5% of our budget.

Our funding comes from the United Way of Loudon County, private donations and from donations made to us for diving services rendered.

Not all of our members are divers. We have many exciting opportunities for those interested in shore or topside support only. Our members must be at least 21 years of age