



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL		
CHAPTER 224	TACTICAL DIVING UNIT	
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224.100 INTRODUCTION

This chapter establishes protocol for deploying tactical dives.

224.300 DIVES REGULATED BY DIVING SAFETY MANUAL

The Department of Public Safety directs all diving by employees of this Department with Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) for official purposes to be carried out in accordance with the provisions found in the Department of Public Safety, Diving Safety Manual for the Tactical Diving Unit, unless an extreme emergency situation precludes such compliance.

224.310 ACTIVATION OF TACTICAL DIVING UNIT (TDU)

- A. **Commanders to authorize / initiate TDU response.** The Commander or designee must authorize the use of TDU divers within detachment/bureau boundaries, or the use of their own TDU divers in support of other detachments/bureaus.
- B. **Diving Officer will evaluate TDU response.** The Diving Officer or designee shall be consulted prior to the employment of any TDU divers. The Diving Officer is best qualified to evaluate the safety and appropriateness of diving operations.
- C. **Diving Officer will coordinate TDU response.** The Diving Officer or designee, in conjunction with affected detachments/bureaus and the Search and Rescue Coordinator, will coordinate the TDU response regardless of where the mission occurs.
- D. **TDU Divers to exercise discretion.** TDU divers must be alert to conditions that compromise their safety. If their personal readiness, health, or diving conditions are incompatible with safe diving, the diver must decline to dive until the situation(s) have been resolved.