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2010 Full Face Mask Diver

Why Did I Do Full Face Mask Diver?

At this time I had been teaching rescue teams and local fire departments for nearly 35 years. I had developed courses to fit the need of the local teams. I had the discover aquanauts program that introduced dive team to the use of full face mask diving, but a new need was emerging. I saw that the dive teams needed help with the preparation of the mask, maintenance and use of the mask. As well as they need training in the use, flooding and communication of the mask. Some departments like using hard wire com units and others did not so I needed to introduce both to each team. The divers needed training in clearing the older mask and of course what to do in an out of air situation. Back then we did not have or use bail out bottles, to day all divers on the team should be diving with a bailout. Getting the mask on and to seal with the spider straps takes practice. But these divers had to be way more than ok with the mask. They may be diving the Kankakee river, Illinois or others with a current and we had to be sure with strong currents, no visibility and cold water the diver was 100% comfortable and could handle just about anything with the mask on, or flooded or off. I saw the need to develop a program that could be adapted to all the teams we were working with. From this we started selling masks to our customers; I never saw that coming. But it makes sense, when diving cold water or ice diving; the full-face mask is the only way to go. It is nice not to have the freezing cold water touching your face. So today we sell the full-face mask to anyone and even have colors for divers. We do include this course in all sales; I could not allow myself to sell a mask to a diver for sport and not teach them all the tricks in the proper use.