

# DHS G&T APPROVED COURSE SWIFTWATER TECHNICIAN

DATE: August 20-24, 2012

LOCATION: Tampa, Florida



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# Swiftwater Technician Training Site

## Busch Gardens

Safety Solutions has teamed with Busch Gardens Tampa Bay and conducts class 4 swiftwater operations using the Bush Gardens Congo River Rapid. This venue takes rescuers on a wild, white-water journey down a lively re-creation of the Congo River. While twirling along the river in inflatable rescue boats, rescuers are randomly splashed and plunged into the water as they bounce off surrounding banks, creating an unpredictable and challenging rescue scenario. Spouting jets, looming waterfalls and an ominous water cave enhance this rescue experience.

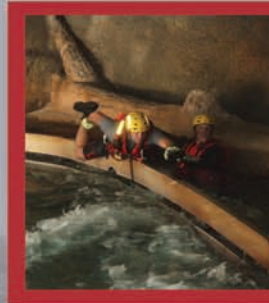


## Hillsborough River

The Hillsborough River flows 54 miles from its head waters in the Green Swamp to its mouth in Hillsborough Bay, a portion of Tampa Bay, Florida's largest open-water estuary. The Hillsborough River has an estimated drainage area of 675 square miles. The watershed extends over parts of three counties, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk.

From nearly pristine conditions, the river winds its way to Tampa Bay through rural, suburban, and urban settings. It begins as a slow-moving sheet flow that percolates through a heavily vegetated riverine forest that has no real channel. For most of the year, at least for paddling purposes, the Hillsborough River begins where Crystal Springs empties 40 million gallons a day into the river keeping it runnable even in times of severe drought.

There rescuers will conduct boat based operations as well as rescues utilizing personal watercraft. This training venue is a realistic site that will provide unique challenges even for the most experienced rescuer.



# TRAINING TO **MINIMIZE RISK**



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## URBAN FLOOD/SWIFT WATER RESCUE TECHNICIAN

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COST: \$695 PER PERSON

LOCATION: TAMPA, FLORIDA

Skills taught include use and selection of personal protective equipment (PPE), rescue gear and an understanding of personal safety, survival swimming, self-rescue and procedures to assess the situation and conditions as they relate to both victim and rescuer. Students will learn site management procedures, including activation of emergency response and management of shore-based rescue operations. Team-based skills include procedures to assist with rigging and mechanical advantage systems to technician-level personnel, procedures for operating boats, and other watercraft used by the organization.

Safety Solutions Inc. is the current approved FEMA training provider that provides state-of-the-art training for all 28 Federal US&R Task Forces as well as rescue teams from India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines and Nepal.

This course includes a combination of hands on activities, field work, lectures, case studies and group work. Course will be 5 days and student to instructor ratio of 6:1.

### Course Enabling Objectives -

**At the completion of this course the student will learn specific rescue techniques including:**

- Surface water-based search operations
- Victim entrapment
- Rapid extrication of accessible victims
- Managing heat and cold stress
- Utilizing PPE
- Safe and effective use of victim packaging devices that could be employed for water rescue, and transfer of victim information to emergency medical services

**Be capable of coordinating both boat-assisted and boat-based rescues, and "go rescues"**

**Many hands-on activities, case studies, and group work**

**Meets requirements specified in NFPA 1670**

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

All PPE will be provided by Safety Solutions. However, students may bring their own gear as well. Below is a recommended list:

- Swiftwater helmet
- Wet suit
- Gloves
- Booties
- PFD
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Change of clothing
- Swim suit

**Class exercises are conducted rain or shine.**

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Airports

Students have the option of flying in to any nearby airport that is most convenient. Students are responsible for making their own flight reservations. The nearest airport is:

- Tampa (TPA) - 11 miles to Busch Gardens

### Accommodations

Students have the option of staying in any nearby hotel that is most convenient. Here is our recommendation:

- Hampton Inn Tampa-North  
8210 Hidden River Parkway,  
Tampa, FL 33637 - (813) 903-6000

### Area Attractions

Listed below are several options for nearby activities for family members traveling with students:

- Disney World Resort - 73 miles
- Sea World - 74 miles
- Universal Studios - 77 miles

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Safety Solutions will accept cancellations 30 days prior to the course start date. After 30 days, a credit will be given towards future classes.

## REGISTER ON-LINE

To register for this course, please visit our website. [www.safetysolutions.us](http://www.safetysolutions.us). Credit cards, check, purchase orders and money orders will be accepted.



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