

Shelby County Board  
Resolution No. 2024-13

WHEREAS, in order to provide more effective emergency services to citizens and visitors of Shelby County waterways; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that Shelby County have available trained SCUBA diving services for surface and underwater rescue, search, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Board desires to form a volunteer team that is thoroughly trained, equipped, and ready to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, 50 ILCS 755, known as the Water Rescue Act, authorizes County units of government to authorize, fund, and support such water rescue/recovery departments within their jurisdiction for the purposes of surface and underwater rescue and recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Shelby County Board that the Shelby County Dive Team is hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all ordinances, resolutions or other acts heretofore enacted concerning this subject matter be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Dive Team is placed under the oversight of the duly appointed members of the Shelby County Board's Public Safety Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Public Safety Committee, acting as an oversight regulatory committee, will ensure compliance with all policies and procedures governing the Shelby County Dive Team as passed by the Shelby County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Dive Team Commander and the Assistant Commander(s) be duly appointed by the Shelby County Board Chairman, using consideration of the members of the Shelby County Dive Team in addition to recommendations from the Public Safety Committee, with advice and consent of the Shelby County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Dive Team Commander, in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee will create a comprehensive collection of Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines by which the Shelby County Dive Team will operate and function. The Public Safety Committee will approve a final draft and once the documents are approved by the Shelby County Board, the official documents will be filed with the Shelby County Clerk's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Dive Team Commander shall create and coordinate training exercises and standards congruent to Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI) standards or equivalent, SDI, TDI, Dive Rescue International, and AUI, PADI, SSI, TMCA, IDEA, PDIC, LACO, and others as approved by Recreational SCUBA Training Council. The Shelby County Dive Team Commander shall ensure team members are current on such training standards and is responsible for maintaining such records that are to be reported, at minimum, semi-annually to the Public Safety Committee for review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all training activities of the Shelby County Dive Team shall be documented in such fashion as to establish the following:

1. The training objective.
2. The public purpose associated with the training.
3. The procedure used to objectively assess the effectiveness of the training.

Shelby County Dive Team Commander shall submit to the Public Safety Committee the proposed annual training schedule at least 1(one) week prior to conducting any/all training. This annual training schedule only needs to be presented at the beginning of each year. Shelby County Dive Team Commander shall maintain written report of any/all training activity, articulating, at a minimum; those members of the Shelby County Dive Team present at training, summary of the training activity along with beginning and end times of the training. If conditions arise that require a change in the training schedule, or conditions arise that indicate a change in the training schedule would be more beneficial to the Shelby County Dive Team, the commander will communicate those needs and request the change with the Public Safety Committee chairman, if the Public Safety Chairman is unavailable, the needs and request for a training change can be made directly to the County Board Chairman. No training shall take place without prior approval.

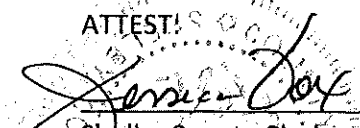
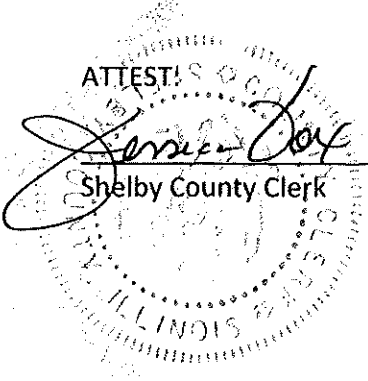
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Shelby County Dive Team Commander fails to comply with requirements as established, the Public Safety Committee shall work with the Commander to correct the issue. If the matter is not resolved and the failure persists, the County Board Chairman shall have the power to suspend the Commander. The Commander shall have the right to request a review of the alleged failure to the Shelby County Board. Upon application for such review from the Commander, the Shelby County Board will determine the direction and outcome of the suspension. The Commander shall have 5(five) business days to apply in writing to the Shelby County Board, for a review of such suspension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each member of the Shelby County Dive Team will receive a payment to assist the member in covering some of their expenses incurred while acting in their role as a member of the Shelby County Dive Team. The amount of this payment is set at \$20.00(Twenty Dollars) per member, per call out where aide or services by the team, are rendered. Training exercises, whether member attendance is mandatory, optional or volunteer, will have a payment of \$10.00(Ten Dollars) paid to the individual members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in cases of emergency regarding the Shelby County Dive Team, said emergencies shall be communicated with the Shelby County Dive Commander, the Public Safety Chairman, as well as the County Board Chairman. Advice from the County's legal advisor will dictate the appropriate actions to properly handle the emergency. The authority to suspend operations of the Shelby County Dive Team to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Shelby County as well as the health, safety and welfare of the members of the Shelby County Dive Team, shall lie in the hands of the Shelby County Board and require a majority vote from the same to suspend operations.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Shelby County Board, Shelby County, State of Illinois on this 8th day of February, 2024.

  
Shelby County Board Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Shelby County Clerk  


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