



# Georgetown County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### **The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Dive Team Earns Certification**

(Georgetown, SC) --- Sheriff A. Lane Cribb is pleased to announce that the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Dive Team completed the requirements for certification as Public Safety Divers and Master SCUBA Divers on May 27, 2011 in Columbia, SC.

Six (6) members of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Dive Team; Lt Jim Edwards, Sgt Chuck Weaver, Sgt Jim Ketcham, Investigator Mike Nelson, Deputy Russell Goodale and Deputy Craig Smith began this 100 hour, three (3) phase intensive certification program during the summer of 2010.

This comprehensive program includes both classroom and practical training in all phases of diving required of public safety divers. The divers were required to participate in a variety of training evolutions and ultimately demonstrate their competency in various topics ranging from advanced SCUBA skills to technical, law enforcement topics including law enforcement dive operations/scene management, underwater crime scene operations/management, dark and limited visibility operations, full face mask operations, search and recovery operations and evidence recovery/preservation.

The Public Safety Diver certification program is accredited by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and was provided by Law Enforcement Rescue Specialist (LERS) in affiliation with the Wateree Dive Center in Columbia SC.

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb understands the many challenges and dangers faced by law enforcement divers and is pleased that the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Team has acquired the best training possible to insure that they are ready to safely carry out all aspects of underwater public safety operations for the citizens and visitors of Georgetown County.

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