



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

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## Training Officers Report Fall Meeting 2006

As reported in the Fall meeting of 2005, the Orange County area training officers have been working on a three tier certification program for full-time lifeguards. The certification will be based on years of experience as a full time lifeguard, certifications, and abilities to apply gained knowledge. The goal of this process will be to have both the OCTOA and the Orange County Chiefs Association sanction each certification. The process for certification will involve the following steps:

- Completion of a particular level's requirements and acquisition of that levels certifications
- Agency Training Officer reviews applicants file
- Agency Chief writes a letter of approval for certification
- Orange County Training Officers Chair reviews applicants file
- Orange County Chiefs Association Chair reviews applicants file
- Certification

Each lifeguard's agency will retain the original file and OCTOA will retain a copy of the file. The three levels of attainment will be titled "Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Professional Lifeguard". The attached page outlines the discussed parameters of each certifications requirement.

### **Future Training and Meetings**

Although mutual aid dives have been the bread and butter of training for the past few years, it has been expressed that a broader level of training be explored. As full time lifeguards, we are sometimes asked to perform tasks that may be agency specific and not something we may be necessarily familiar with or have recently performed. With that in mind, 2 out of 3 of the next training events have been planned to address this concern and all agencies are encouraged to participate. These trainings will be designed to give guards a basic level of awareness.

- **Training Dive:** Wednesday, November 15th 2006  
10:00 a.m.  
Hosted by: Laguna Beach Lifeguards

- **CSLSA Training Officers Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2007  
10:00 a.m.  
US Ocean Safety

- **Boat Training**      Wednesday, March 14th 2007  
10:00 a.m.  
Hosted by: Newport Beach Lifeguards
  
- **PWC Training**      Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2007  
10:00 a.m.  
Hosted by: Huntington Beach Lifeguards

**Training**

On May 31<sup>st</sup> a mutual aid training dive was held at Lake Mission Viejo. Each department that attended gave a presentation of their department's equipment, dive team training, and typical Summer Season mutual aid response expectations. Following the presentation a missing swimmer dive drill was conducted.

If your agency would like to host a training event or will be holding a certification course open to other agencies, please feel free to contact me at:

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