



# SWIFT WATER TECHNICIAN

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## PRE-COURSE INFORMATION

**Course Locations:** Florida State Fire College – Orientation

11655 NW Gainesville Road, Ocala, FL 34482

**City of Gainesville Pool** – Swim Test Site

**Sante Fe River** – Swift Water Site

High Springs, FL32643

**Course Dates:** September 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Course Hours:** 40 hours

**Course Times:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Course Description:** Learn specific rescue techniques including surface water-based 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. Many hands-on activities, case studies and group work. Meets requirements specified in NFPA 1670.

**Pre-requisite:** Rope Rescue Operations. You are encouraged to bring your own swift water PPE if you have access to any. We will provide you with PPE if you do not have your own, but sizes are not guaranteed to fit you.

Swift Water Gear includes the following: helmet, life jacket, swim boots, gloves, fins.

**Lodging:** Dorms at the FL State Fire College are \$25/night. For information on reserving a dorm room, please contact Carol.Smith@myfloridacfo.com or 352-369-2889. Students are required to pay for their own accommodations while at the Sante Fe River.

**Questions:** Please address any logistical questions you may have prior or during the class to Capt. Robert Osteen at [rwosteen@windstream.net](mailto:rwosteen@windstream.net) or at 352-369-2875.