

The Threat

September 11, 2001 (9/11), changed the focus of public safety forever. Our capabilities and services must now meet the growing challenges and threats to our security as well as our pre-existing calls for services.



The towers of the World Trade Center burn



Osama bin Laden, bore responsibility for the attacks

The Threat

Threats inside as well as outside our borders come in many forms ranging from bombings, chemical exposure, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), robbery, extortion, drug dealing, kidnapping, and murder.



5 assault rifles stolen from a gun shop recovered by UCI divers

Attack on the USS Cole

The Response

To meet these threats, our public safety dive teams must be professionally equipped and trained in order to survive and overcome the growing challenges they face.



The Response

Every underwater recovery, be it victim or evidentiary in nature, will involve a criminal investigation. In fact, underwater criminal investigation is the most active part of public safety diving.





That's where we come in!



UCI was founded in 1987 by Mike Berry, a highly trained and experienced Virginia State Police Diver.



Mike on a recovery in 1981

He holds a Master Instructor's certification and is the only recognized Master Underwater Criminal Investigator Instructor Trainer in the world



Mike not only owns UCI, he is a First Sergeant with the Virginia State Police and is their Dive Team's Operations Coordinator



Mike earning his Yellow Brick while attending the FBI National Academy

Mike not only teaches underwater criminal investigation techniques, he is a consultant in this topic and specializes in leading complex recovery operations.



Mike was the Dive Commander for the FBI's Anthrax diving operation in Frederick Maryland

Using his 35 plus years of underwater criminal investigations experience, Mike has created one of the most respected public safety dive training companies in the world!

UCI Training

UCI's training is performance based which targets specific knowledge, skills and abilities of an underwater criminal investigator.





Underwater Criminal Investigator Course

 The Underwater Criminal Investigator's course is UCI's foundational course and is taught in a 4-day format.







Liability Issues for the Public Safety Diver, Diver Readines ment Readiness, Information Readiness, Establishing a Crime Scene, Interview Techniques, Crime Photography and Sketching, Advanced Underwater Communications, Medical Aspects, Search Patter cation and Marking Evidence, Evidence Recovery and Preservation, The Oxidation Process, Metal Pre vation, Non-Metal Evidence Preservation, Fingerprints, Body movement in Water, Body Recovery in Wate nemical and Polluted Water Diving, Light and Heavy Salvage, Vehicle Recovery, Case Preparation, Courtroom ny, Liability Issues for the Public Safety Diver, Diver Topics range from preparedness, Interview Technique, Opics range from preparedness, Medical Aspects, Search Patterns, Location and Marking Evidence. nd Preservation, The Oxidation Process, Metal Preservation, No Metal Book and State to Concluct of Movement in Water, Body Recovery in Water, Chemical London Mer to Concluct age, Vehicle Recovery, Case **Preparation, Courtroom Testimony, Liability Issues** Diver Readiness, Equipment Location and Marking Evidence, Evide Preservation, Non-Metal Fiercovery Operations in Water, Body Recovery in Value Chemical and Poll Fectovery Operations covery, Case Preparation, alely Diver, Diver Readiness, Equipment Readiness, d Underwater Communications, Medical Aspects, Search Patterns, Location and Marking Evidence Preservation, Fingerprints, Body movement in Water, Body Recovery in Water, Chemical and Polluted Liability Issues for the Public Safety Diver, Diver Readiness, Equipment Readiness, Information Readiness, Establishing a Crime Scene, Interview Techniques, Crime Scene Photography and Sketching, Advanced Underwater Communications, Medical Aspects, Search Patterns, Location and Marking Evidence, Evidence Recovery and Preservation, The Oxidation Process, Metal Preservation, Non-Metal Evidence Preservation, Fingerprints, Body movement in Water, Body Recovery in Water, Chemical and Polluted Water Diving, Light

Underwater Criminal Investigator Course

UCI not only teaches you the skills needed to succeed and survive as an Underwater Criminal Investigator, but we will increase your confidence, motivation and attitude towards this rewarding profession.



Body Recovery

Evidence Recovery

Crime Scene Investigation

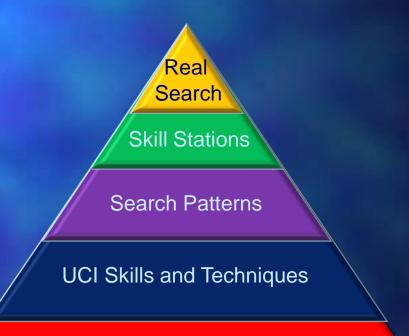




Vehicle Recovery

The Process

Progressive and comprehensive steps throughout our training program are a proven method for developing highly competent Underwater Criminal Investigators.



UCI Knowledge - Foundation

The results

Certified Underwater Criminal Investigators.



Advanced Training

Available only through UCI

Master Underwater Criminal Investigator

To continue your **Underwater** Criminal Investigators training, UCI offers advanced public safety dive training that builds on the skills the UCI diver has acquired in the foundational course.



MASTER UNDERWATER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR

Body Recovery Specialist

In this course divers are taught advanced body recovery techniques like recovering badly decomposed bodies, weighted body recovery and "free floaters".



Vehicle Recovery Specialist

This course covers advance vehicle lifting recovery techniques using specially designed lift bags. Training includes several types of straight lifting as well as flipping techniques.



Evidence Recovery Specialist

This course takes the diver's knowledge and skills in recovery to another level. Focus is placed on mastering underwater search patterns and the diver's competency in this area.



Metal Detector Specialist

This course covers advanced crime scene search techniques using land and underwater metal detectors.







Master Underwater Criminal Investigator

This course takes all of the skills that the UCI graduate has learned and incorporates them into a final training program where they have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities.



After completing the Master's Program

You are certified as a:

- Body Recovery Specialist
- Vehicle Recovery Specialist
- Evidence Recovery Specialist
- Metal Detector Specialist
- Master Underwater Criminal Investigator

Special Note: These programs can also be taught as individual one-day programs!

Continuing your education

UCI offers training in a wide variety of public safety diving disciplines!

UCI Courses

- Underwater Criminal Investigator
- Master Underwater Criminal Investigator
- Body Recovery Specialist
- Vehicle Recovery Specialist
- Evidence Recovery Specialist
- Metal Detector Specialist
- Public Safety Diver
- Advanced Public Safety Diver
- Master Public Safety Diver

- Public Safety Rescue Diver
- Deep Diving Recovery Specialist
- Ice Diving Recovery Specialist
- Full-face Mask Diver
- Public Safety Dry Suit Diver
- Surface Supplied Air Diver
- Surface Support Specialist
- Public Safety Boat Operator
- Public Safety Dive Medic
- Public Safety Dive Commander

Instructor Opportunities

UCI is always on the lookout for QUALIFIED Instructors to join our ranks.



UCI Instructors

To qualify, you must be:

- An PADI Open Water SCUBA Instructor
- Experienced Law Enforcement Dive Team Leader
- Years of experience in underwater investigations
- Certified Underwater Criminal Investigator
- Certified Master Underwater Criminal Investigator
- AND we have to like you!

Come Join UCI's Family

UCI wants to invite you to join our family of highly trained, certified Underwater Criminal Investigators.







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