

HISTORY

Founded in 1947, the unit was initially organized to provide volunteer assistance in the recovery of drowned victims. Since then, the unit has expanded its operations to include search and recovery. Over the years, the unit has responded to more than 600 drownings and over 1000 search and recovery operations for various departments, agencies and private individuals.

In fulfilling these missions, the unit has traveled to Maryland, Ohio, New Jersey, and Canada, as well as serving Pennsylvania.

The unit is the only volunteer dive operation in the world to utilize four different **Surface Supplied Diving Systems** in conjunction with **SCUBA**.

Through training and practice, the unit has become proficient in the use of its equipment and is able to operate in many different water conditions.

The unit has rescued people from rain swollen streams, helped free trapped motor vehicle occupants, and recovered victims from very deep quarries.

The unit provides rescue personnel for major water events and conducts community water safety programs.

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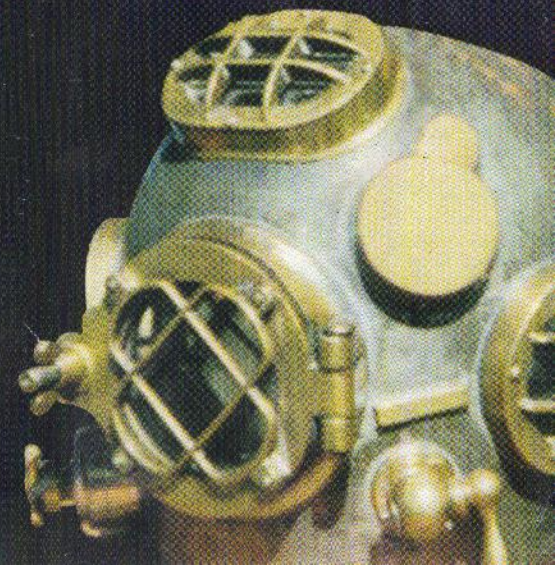
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Telford Volunteer Diving and Rescue Unit



RESCUE & RECOVERY

The original function of the dive unit was to recover drowning victims. Since 1947, the unit has trained and prepared itself for many different types of rescues and recoveries.

The unit has trained their divers in the use of four **Surface Supplied Diving Systems**:

- U.S. Navy Mark V
- U.S. Navy Mark 12
- Kirby Morgan (KMB-10)
- Super Lite SL-27B

All these systems use hoses and lines to send air and both voice and line pull communications to the diver from the topside, shore line, or dive platform. The unit also utilizes **SCUBA**, which affords the diver more mobility in areas that are not accessible to the other diving systems.

Other rescue equipment used by the dive unit includes powered inflatable boats, a lightweight aluminum boat with a jet drive motor, line systems, rescue lines, ice rescue suits and other specialized gear.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

The unit provides various specialized services to the community by assisting agencies and departments. The unit works with law enforcement agencies to locate evidence and clues that help solve crimes or resolve other incidents. Unit personnel are trained in observing, handling, and documenting evidence.

The unit also supports fire departments by refilling air packs. The unit has an air compressor and three separate cascade air storage systems, two of which are mobile. When dispatched, the unit will take a mobile cascade system to the scene and refill air packs on location, saving time and possibly lives.

The unit also responds to emergency calls from public facilities, to inspect or temporarily repair a dangerous situation.

EDUCATIONAL

The **Telford Diving Unit** has conducted Water Awareness programs for many local communities. One way that the unit informs the public of the dangers of water is through demonstrations of the **Telford Diving Unit's** equipment and explanations of why its services are needed. Many people do not understand the dangers of water, especially moving waters as found in rivers and streams. The unit has been conducting a **Drown Proofing The Community Program** at schools, churches, civic organizations, social groups, parks, malls and other public areas with great public interest.

The **Telford Volunteer Diving and Rescue Unit** is a non-profit organization, IRS status 501-c3 and operates on donations of all sizes. Our service to the community has been recognized by outstanding community support for a long time. Due to the hazardous nature of our work and our concern for safety, equipment must be replaced often. Continued tax deductible donations help us to maintain and upgrade our equipment as needed.

