

**COMMITTEE REPORT FOR TRAINING****17 October 2002**

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Since the fall of 1999 Southern California Lifeguard Agencies have started to strengthen their working relationships in regards to training. As of January the committee has grown to include a large majority of Southern California's Lifeguard Agencies (Imperial Beach to Los Angeles County). The intent has been to work together and start producing training curriculum that will be universal for all open water lifesaving agencies. Basically, we as a community of professionals will be putting into place a training curriculum for the professional lifeguard. This curriculum will follow the guidelines established by the United States Lifesaving Association. The committee is also looking at all levels of lifeguarding.

Newport Beach has taken a very strong lead in developing the Open Water Lifeguard Occupation Analysis, which they have been working hard to expand its content. The unique thing about the occupation analysis is it allows for common training that is shared throughout the lifeguard community and also allows for each agency to add specific topics that are unique to their organization.

Orange County Fire Authority Captain Rob Patterson and Gary Wuchneer have been assisting the training officers in developing an Aquatic Command I and II class that is similar to what the fire service calls Command IA and 1B, which relates to Company Officer operational tactics.

The next training officers meeting will be in Laguna Beach, November 19, 1000 hours. If you are interested, please attend the meeting and bring any other key people that might want to attend.

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President Rob McGowan  
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Dear CSLSA President,

I would like to thank you, the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and all members of the CSLSA for their support over the past three years. I would also like to thank all the training officers that have participated at the regional level. I must at this time respectfully step down from the position of Training Committee Chairperson. I still look forward to participating as a member of the CSLSA and as a training officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M. Diederich". The signature is stylized with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott M. Diederich