

# NACD REGIONAL SAFETY OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

## **GOAL:** *To Promote Safe Cave and Cavern Diving*

The position of NACD Regional Safety Officer (RSO) is one that can have a direct impact on the cave diving community. Each Regional Safety Officer will be active in his/her region promoting safety while not promoting the commercialization of cave diving. The RSO is to educate the public about cave diving safety, correct misconceptions, assist those interested in cave training to find a class and good public relations about our sport. This is in keeping with NACD philosophy.

To help guide the RSO in performing his/her duties, the following guidelines have been developed. Not all of them apply to every region, since some regions do not have caves.

1. One of the best ways to reach cave divers and potential cave divers is to speak in such places as:
  - A. Dive Shops
  - B. Dive Clubs
  - C. Trade Shows
  - D. Other Suitable Organizations
  
2. Attend local dive shows
  - A. Speak to interested parties
  - B. Offer to give cave diving safety mini-workshop
  - C. Endeavor to have the organization sponsoring the dive shows donate booth space to the NACD. The NACD will ship its professional booth to you to set up at the show.
  - D. Selling NACD t-shirts, products and publications is a good means of raising funds for our organization.
  - E. Boost membership by handing out NACD membership forms.
  
3. Distribute safety material to such places as:
  - A. Dive Shops
  - B. Dive Clubs
  - C. Scuba Programs
  - D. Independent Instructors
  - E. Universities Offering Scuba
  - F. Other Suitable Locations

4. Safety material and brochures can be obtained through NACD publications.
5. Support and signs are available through the International Safety Officer as well as assistance for any other projects.
6. Each RSO is responsible for guideline and sign maintenance in the caves in their region.
  - A. Install where necessary
  - B. Replace where necessary
  - C. However, individuals in the NSS/CDS also perform these functions, so be careful to work together with them.
7. Submitting articles to the NACD Journal helps our organization and informs members of safety activities in their area.
8. Submit reports quarterly to the International Safety Officer (Safety Program Chairman) on your activities and/or problems in your region. These reports will then be incorporated into the quarterly report to the NACD Board of Directors for their review. Even a short report is better than no report at all. They are **due by 3/31, 6/30, 9/30 and 12/31**. Please email them to:  
**[Richard@superiordivetraining.com](mailto:Richard@superiordivetraining.com)**
9. Investigate cave diving accidents in your region and submit a report to the International Safety Officer for review and forwarding to the Board of Directors. Accident analysis can go a long way in preventing future accidents.
10. Attend the NACD annual seminar for a meeting of the RSO'S, which will be conducted by the International Safety Officer.

You, as a Regional Safety Officer, can make a difference in cave diving safety. The better our safety record, the more dive sites will remain open to dive.

When you talk to open water divers and already trained and certified cavern, intro-to-cave and even full cave divers your emphasis should be on “not diving beyond your level of training”.

You can always reach me via email if you have any questions.  
Thank you.

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