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Greetings,

You may have noticed that the magazine isn't as forthcoming as it has been in the past. There is a reason for that. I previously wrote about our Covid experience, which was horrible. We both have experienced post covid issues which, while not as horrible, have been sometimes difficult to navigate. We are not dying or infirm but our energy levels and stamina have suffered greatly; lungs and heart issues.

Because we spent so much money on medical we maxed our insurance out and I decided to have a cervical surgery that I had put off for almost 30 years. Living with constant pain was something I thought I had gotten used to. Then I had surgery. I had to wear a miserable neck brace for three months 24/7. I could only sleep in a recliner and I have to tell you, there is no comfortable position to be had in these circumstances. Constant pain still BUT not where it usually was. It's taken five months but has finally gotten better. So between Covid and surgery, I have been slow to move.

You may already know but I will remind you anyway, this magazine and ALL my resources on PSDiver.com are free to you. This was by choice early on. I grew up on a poor dive team and IF I got any outside training, I had to pay for it myself and arrange time off, etc. As a consequence, I wanted my work to be available to everyone because if you can't afford it free, something is wrong with you.

I sell advertising space in the magazine to offset costs and help pay for occasional travel. What isn't covered by advertising I self-fund. I am telling you this so you will understand I have NO financial interest in what equipment you buy, or what agency trains you. My only interest for all these years has been to share knowledge, make our divers safer and be a voice for Public Safety Diving.

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published in December of 2003. We have been doing this for a while.

I want to share some observations with you that I have gleaned over the years.

Dive teams, for the most part, are lazy. We do the same training every time we go out and it quit being fun so we do just enough to get by. Some teams are still developing and have a massive presence on social media for their training and events but unless they can keep their momentum they too will eventually get lazy.

Before you get your knickers in a knot, I am not condescending or demeaning when I say lazy. It is a normal progression in the development of a dive team. But if you already see in your team what I am describing, now you have a reason to do something about it. Build tabletop exercises, and work out mutual aid training with neighboring departments. Conduct mutual response training with your local LEOs or Fire Fighters. Let someone else build a training day – *anything that will get you more involved again*. Think outside the box if you must but *rekindle the passion for all your divers*.

Dive teams get apathetic. "Good Enough" sometimes becomes the standard of the day. We dive so much in various waters and repeat the same patterns over and over, that we tend to lose sight of the actual danger we face when diving in zero visibility. Don't let "good enough" be part of your language and don't accept good enough as a measure of your own or your teammates' safety.

Dive teams do it wrong sometimes. Over the years I have seen and sometimes maneuvered dive team training to fix some problems. If the first program you ever took or the only training you ever had was initially wrong, you have been performing that way all the time. The problem is YOU know it is right because it has been what you have always done. But.... What if?

Question everything. Sure we do it like this but is there a better way? What do other teams do? Our Facebook Group Public Safety Divers – PSDiver Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1022042657876215>) has over 6000 members. If you have questions or comments, there is no better place to ask. With very few exceptions, you can usually find a multitude of solutions to problems just by asking.

Over the years I have seen almost every training agency move into training public safety diving. After 9/11 Homeland security money flowed like water and they saw money. Most of those early agencies failed because they did not know what public safety diving was all about. Some managed to squeak out an existence and others thrived in the environment.

But the problem with these agencies is not their knowledge, it is the lack of experience that their instructors have in the field. I intend to do no bashing of any agency or individual but finding a true public safety diving instructor – one with lots of hands-on experience – isn't as easy to do as you might think. I once had an instructor candidate present me



with 3 inches of dive logs. After going through the entire logbook I asked a simple question. "IF someone came to join your team and THIS was the experience they brought, would you let them on your team? He was confused.

Out of the hundreds of dives recorded, he had been the supervisor, never the diver, and the ONLY dive training was in a 9-foot swimming pool. I am not being harsh but how can you describe to a new diver what it is like to dive in zero visibility when you have not done it yourself? How can you help a new diver who just recovered his first body

if you have never done that yourself?

It's a long story but I got fired from that class for being truthful and I hurt a lot of feelings. Maybe I could have been more sensitive but I take what I do very seriously and want to see highly experienced and competent divers become Public Safety Dive Instructors.

Recently I've heard news that I find both comforting and disturbing at the same time. Some, if not all of the related insurance companies who insure PSDs and PSD training may be looking for the qualifications of individual programs offered by the ABCs. It is possible that some of the programs you are spending money on are not going to be covered.

This may not affect you at all and may never become an issue for you or your team but – I know I am sounding like a broken record here – without standards, ANYONE can claim to be able to teach a PSD program and most anyone can design one to teach.

IS the ABC program as good as the DEF program? Are they compatible, exchangeable, recognized by the other ABC's? We may NEVER know. The training agencies rarely talk with each other about standards or equivalency training.

If the insurance companies are indeed looking at us and are grading programs or even refusing to cover certain programs available now, it might just mean we are finally gaining the relevancy ground we have sought for so many years.

What will this mean for us? Someone other than the ABC's may have a say in what is taught and how programs are taught. There will be an actual liability and an expectation of professionalism that we have never had before. This might mean that some of your "easy" certifications may not stand up to an industry standard.

Standards will - **ARE** - going to become much more important and I suspect standards will be a part of any insurance investigation. We KNOW they are in a PSD fatality.

So if you have not revisited your standards or operational guidelines in a while, do it now. Get ahead of the game. I do suggest you go to www.PSDiver.com and download the Consensus Standards for Public Safety Diving.

Will the insurance companies get involved? From what I hear, they already are. To what extent I am unsure but what

I hear is happening has the potential to upset a lot of folks. It would suck to spend money out of pocket to travel and take an ABC program only to find out that the credentials are not recognized by your insurance company.

But you don't have an insurance company. How does this affect me??

If what I hear is true and is indeed coming, it will be a very slow steamroller. A PSD fatality will be one of the most investigated incidents you will ever experience and IF there was insurance, I can see where it could be denied to the surviving families if the training programs and certs presented are not up to an industry standard.

Until such time, what can you do to improve? Educate yourself. Public Safety Diving is NOT recreational diving. Zero visibility is a killer. Notice our standards are written FOR zero visibility. After all, why would you need a full team and truckloads of equipment if you can see the target underwater from shore?

As a team diver, be more. Be better. Be interactive. If you are not getting the water time you desire on duty, make time to train off duty. Water time and water comfort are important. Can you make the annual swim? If you question your ability, go off duty and practice. Can you tread water for an hour? Why not? When you are practicing your swimming and getting back into condition, add treading water to your skills review. Shoot for an hour!

Add ALL basic scuba skills to your routine and MASTER them.

The choice is always yours. What challenges do you choose to accept and conquer? Can you, WILL you be better?

Dive Safe!
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**CONSENSUS STANDARDS
FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY DIVING IN
ZERO OR LOW VISIBILITY**

June 12, 2021

Anatomy of A Search Line

By Mark Philips

In its most basic form, the humble search line does not have to be complicated. We use it to secure our diver's safety more than anything but helping to guide a diver does come in handy.

I place diver safety above all else – especially when diving in zero visibility. The search line IS the diver's security and the path back to the surface. Far too many PSDivers have died and the reports read – “it took hours to find the lost diver”. Why? Why could they not find him? If he was tethered, he is at the end of the rope!

In my opinion, whether it be training or a mission call, zero visibility **requires** the diver to be tethered.



There are different schools of thought about HOW the diver is tethered. Some insist that the diver be fitted with a quick-release device so he can free himself. Depending on visibility I can live with that. BUT in zero visibility environments, I want the diver fixed to the end of the search line. If he decides he needs to get off the line and go rogue, he can cut it with one of the many cutting devices he carries. Otherwise, in zero visibility **I ALWAYS want to find my diver ON THE LINE!**

The method may change depending on what equipment you have available. In the photos I am using as examples, we used what was sourced locally from our hardware store. While it is not the best option, it will work but locking carabineers are a better choice.



The line must be attached at a point on a harness or BCD that will take the abuse and should NOT be attached to plastic loops.

To be efficient, we give the diver a hand loop to hold onto.



The tension felt on the tether line gives the diver a direct path to safety and allows for proper orientation relative to the tender onshore.

The hand loop needs to be tied at a point far away enough from the diver's FARTHEST side (relative to the tender) to allow the diver to change directions and use the same hand loop without compromising the search line. There will be some slight slack underneath the diver when the diver turns but it is easily managed.

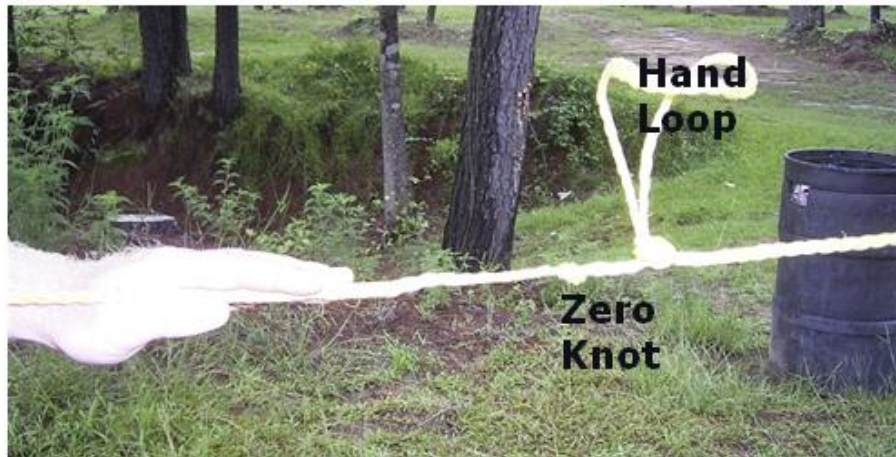
The knot where the hand loop is tied will stay fixed throughout the dive and will not change. Once fitted to the first diver, the divers following usually can and will use the same loop. Because the knot stays in place, we can use it as an additional tool. We call it **ZERO KNOT**.



Hand Loop with the attachment point on the far side of the diver relative to the tender.

Instead of carrying long and cumbersome tape measuring devices to the diver to measure and document the recovery, we use ZERO KNOT.

I prefer to make the Zero Knot the knot of the hand loop. It is convenient and does not require the diver to do anything other than touching his hand loop in zero visibility.



Once our target is located, we communicate with the shore and say "Zero Knot on ____". We hold the knot on our object while topside personnel moves the search line to whatever stationary objects they are measuring to. The topside personnel does not use a tape measure either. They use colored zip ties. Once they have their distance they insert a zip tie through the search line. Each "measurement" will utilize a different colored zip tie and the person documenting the incident will identify each of the ties. Something like "green zip tie to large pine tree". "Red zip tie to the large concrete block on the east edge of the dock".

Actual measuring can be done later when the divers are secure and out of the water. All that is necessary is to

measure from Zero Knot to the zip ties and record the measured distance.

In extreme cases, if necessary, the search line WITH the colored zip ties can be submitted with your documentation as additional evidence.

Your methodology of documentation and measurements are on the search line.

TAG LINES / CONTINGENCY LINES

One of the great advantages of securing the tether line to the diver is the **ability to use a TAG LINE, or contingency line/strap**.

TAGLINES * Each diver carries a tagline securely stored in a BCD or drysuit pocket. They must be easily and readily available to the diver.





These are varying lengths of the line secured to a snap or clip at each end. Again, we used what was able to be locally sourced at the hardware store. Locking carabineers or similar devices would be a better option. Clips with larger openings were used to tag in and the clips with smaller openings were used to attach to the BCD. Larger openings will go over potential knots in the line.

Each diver carries one in a pocket and one end is secured to another spot on their BCD.



These lines become very valuable tools for us.

For instance, if I have a diver in trouble or that diver simply needs something from shore I can deploy a backup diver immediately to the primary diver and do it with the backup secured on the ORIGINAL search line.

This keeps us from having multiple lines on the water and does not require an additional line tender.



TAGGING IN - If you use this system, make sure the clip or attachment device that you use to connect to the search has an opening large enough to go over any potential knots in the line and can easily go past the Stopper Knot.

The backup diver will simply “**Tag In**” with his tag line and will use the search line as a guide that leads directly to the primary diver.

It is possible that the line is tangled and becomes a more challenging problem to deal with but BOTH the primary diver and the backup divers are secured to the search line. WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE and have a direct path to them if necessary.



Ensure your connector devices can freely move over any potential knots in the search line.

The tag line can be used in a variety of ways but its most satisfying use is the ability for the diver to release the hand loop and use both hands when necessary. All that is required is for the diver to clip the free end of his tag line (carried in a BCD pocket) to his hand loop or onto the search line.

If you are working a vehicle underwater you can use the snap/clip that is attached to the diver to attach the search line to the vehicle.

To do this the diver FIRST attaches his tag line **TO the hand loop**. This step ensures he cannot come off the line. Once the line is attached to the hand loop the tether line can be moved and secured to the vehicle - wrap it around a bumper for example. Once secured, the diver will hold the search line and move his tag line clip to the search line. At NO TIME should we ever have a diver off the line. (Once we attach a line to a vehicle in this manner, that line stays on

the vehicle until it is out of the water. The line gives us direct access to the vehicle if necessary.)

TAGGING IN PAIRS

It is possible to utilize two divers on a vehicle if necessary.

Once a search line has been attached to a vehicle, longer tag lines can easily be made that will allow two divers to each tag in on the search line and **move together down the line to investigate each side of the vehicle. 10 to 12 feet long and each diver can assess one side of the vehicle** and NEITHER is ever offline. More importantly, either diver can locate the other in zero visibility by finding their clip and following the tag line. With a little practice tug/pull communication with the surface can also be achieved with this system.

Make sure the opening on your device can go over any knot that may be on your search line.

STOPPER KNOT

Now imagine you are the backup diver and you have been sitting patiently half in the water waiting for your turn to dive. The tender says "something is not right" and starts pulling in slack. You go on instant alert and look for all the gear you gathered near you.

The tender pulls slack out and says "I've got him but he is signaling a problem". You have read this article and immediately you tag in and attach yourself to the search line. Not knowing what the issue is your reaction is to reach the primary diver as fast as possible.

You pull your mask down tag on and put your hand over your tag clip while holding the search line loosely in your hand and off you go. You have a direct path to the primary diver.

But what happens when you reach him? How fast are you traveling? Your adrenaline is amped up, you are imagining all sorts of issues you may have to deal with. Zero visibility makes everything difficult. Before you know it, you just swam full speed into your primary diver.

If he was caught up in a trotline and had hooks surrounding him you just made the problem much, much worse. For the record, barbed wire is a bitch too.

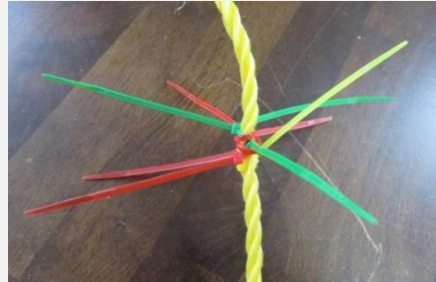


*** TROT LINES * I submit this photo for no other reason than to put into your mind's eye what could happen if...**

To prevent this from happening, use those SAME zip ties and thread 6 or more through the SAME SPOT on your search line about **6 feet BEFORE ZERO KNOT** on your search line.

*This is a **STOPPER** and gives a backup diver the ability to know when to slow down before crashing into the primary diver. This example is using zip ties threaded through the search line.*

Because they are hard but flexible, the diver can easily feel them and the majority of connectors will pass over them.



Line Signals

I've written in the past about line signals and do not intend to do it again here. But, **HOW** those line signals are given and received is important.

The most common method of line control by a tender is a relatively straight arm with a hard grip on the search line. I see this all the time. When the tender wants to signal the diver he pulls in on the rope – either a sharp, short pull or a pull that has the tender bend at the elbow. The problem with this is **movement is transferred to the diver.**



The tender has a straight arm position and to signal must either pull the line toward him or lift his arm. Either way, this causes movement in the diver.

If the tender has kept a taught line, there is a direct connection to the diver and by pulling the line we move the diver. In most instances, it is not a great deal but if you are searching for something small, that bit of movement can easily cause you to miss an object. Then consider the trotline scenario – if the diver is hung up and the tender pulls the search line aggressively That is going to hurt.



Common Hand Position for a Tender

I propose an alternate hand position that is comfortable, easy to adapt, and maintains signal contact with the diver.

Instead of letting the search line run through your hand, grasp the search line with your fist, with the heel of your hand pointing away from your body. Let the search line run through your fist with the search line close to parallel with your knuckles. This position allows the tender to monitor the diver, send signals and do all that is necessary without pulling the diver off the search.

Using this method, to signal the diver, the tender has to but rock his hand, thumb up, towards his body. As always a taught line is necessary to send signals down or up a line. The amount of pull on the diver is not enough to move him but is more than enough to send signals.

I sincerely hope you find this article helpful. Let us know what you think. Email Mark@PSDiver.com.

Dive safe and remember – We always want to talk with you, not talk about you. ~ Mark



Try This: Make a fist and grasp the search line letting the line run close to parallel with your knuckles.



Sharply rotate your hand towards your body. To send a signal using this technique requires minimal movement of the search line.

**From our PSD Fatality Database:
02-17-1987 Rancho Cordova CA – Ronald
Harknett –FF PSD Recovery LOST**

Ronald Hopkins Harknett

American, aged 38. **Rancho Cordova** firefighter and member of the **Drowning Accident Rescue Team**, one of four divers searching the Sacramento River for a child and adult lost overboard when a boat sank. Failed to surface, drowned.

<http://www.thediversassociation.com/index.php/sheets>

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**FEBRUARY, 1987
CALIFORNIA**

A 38 yoa firefighter and volunteer regional dive team member drowned during a search for two drowning victims in the Sacramento River. Five adults and two children were in a fourteen-foot boat that had run out of gas. The occupants were paddling to shore when the wake of another boat swamped their boat. The boat sank and one adult and one child drowned. The dive team



responded to the nighttime operation and made two underwater searches without success. Due to poor witness accounts and the lapse of too much time, the rescue mode operation was canceled until the next day. The search continued the next day with new information that the child may have been tied to the boat in her PFD. The search area was described as approximately 30 feet deep with a 50-degree water temperature and a current of 0-6 knots. Bottom debris consisted of scattered trees and it was an area the team was familiar with. A police boat had identified a possible target on sonar near a piling located in the river. The first search consisted of sending three divers down to run a sweep search pattern utilizing the piling as the pivot point. Nothing was found. With new information from an eyewitness, the search area was moved slightly and a second 20-minute search was conducted utilizing a weighted line search. During this search utilizing two divers, a large tree was found and suspected to be the target seen on sonar. At this point, the divers took a break for refreshments and rest. The firefighter who made the first two dives was asked on three occasions if he was rested and ready to make another dive. He stated he was ready. After discussing the plan and reviewing line signals the firefighter entered

the water first, followed by three other divers to begin the weighted line search. After reaching their assigned locations on the rope, the group then waited for four or five minutes for the signal from the firefighter to begin the search. The firefighter did not respond to line signals and the three other divers surfaced. A diver was sent back down to check the entire length of the rope and could not locate the firefighter. A diver attempted



to go down the furthest-out buoy, which was connected to the weighted line and had a hard time getting down due to the swift current. Numerous dives were made attempting to locate the firefighter. The firefighter and the two original drowning victims were never recovered.

Sheriff's Donation Will Help DART Buy New Diving Equipment

<http://Fox40.Com/2013/05/25/Sheriffs-Donation-Will-Help-Dart-Buy-New-Diving-Equipment/>

May 25, 2013, By Cecilio Padilla - Sacramento—

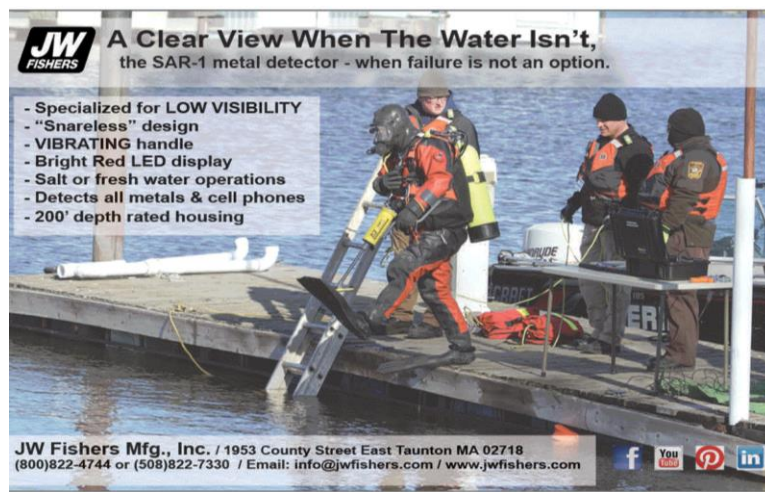
When the volunteer Drowning Accident Rescue Team lost one of their own in 1987, Ron Harknett – a Rancho Cordova firefighter – dove into the water to search for a 3-year-old girl and her father.



Harknett never resurfaced and his body has never been found.

"We do feel the grief that the families feel. And we do feel the sadness. And we are at least able to help out a little bit by bringing the victims back to their families, so they can get a little bit of closure," said Kelly McFarlane with DART.

Last week, DART searched for a



man who possibly purposely drove into the river at Sutterville and I-5. His body was found yesterday.

"There was fishing line everywhere down there. And several of our divers, including myself, got tangled on this fishing line," said Jason Alexander, a volunteer.

A situation Harkett likely encountered.

Thanks to a \$25,000 donation from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, brand-new equipment will be purchased that will enable divers to talk to each other underwater.

"One member is way too many to have something go wrong underwater," Alexander said.

DART a volunteer strictly non-profit organization relies heavily on donations, so if you would like to help, visit their website at <http://dartsac.org/>

From Teacher To Life Saver: Woodland Resident Part Of Drowning Rescue Team In Off-Time

<http://www.dailydemocrat.com/general-news/20131012/from-teacher-to-life-saver-woodland-resident-part-of-drowning-rescue-team-in-off-time>
10/12/13, By DON FRANCES

By day, Leslie Robinson is a kindergarten teacher at Gibson Elementary School, where she supervises a room full of small children.

Her after-work activities are even more dangerous.

Robinson is a member of DART - the Drowning Accident Rescue Team, based in Sacramento - whose volunteers routinely go into the frigid, fast-moving waters of the Sacramento River and other bodies of water in order to save (or retrieve) the people who fall in.

Although she isn't yet doing rescue dives - even expert SCUBA divers like her must first complete extensive training - Robinson is avidly learning the various tasks involved, such as completing an emergency vehicle operation course.

"There are so many opportunities in DART, that's what I love about it," the Woodland resident said recently.

Another thing she likes about the group is its spirit of volunteerism. In fact, Robinson said, when she first learned about a year ago that DART is staffed entirely by volunteers, she had to sign on.

It reminds her of her first vocation, she said: As a teacher, "I always say we are in community service. ... A lot of our hours are volunteer hours."

As for DART, its 50 or so members - about 30 are active - train, educate and, when duty calls, risk their lives without pay.

This dedication to service holds the group together despite different backgrounds.

"I call us the misfits, because we come from all walks of life," Robinson said of her fellow DART members. "We've got



a couple of teachers, we've got PG&E people, we've got a heating-and-air guy..."

The list also includes law enforcement personnel and other first-responders. But during DART calls they, like the rest, are doing it as a volunteer service rather than a job.

"It's just a great group of people," said Robinson. "And for me personally, part of it was I wanted to be part of a team."

To join that team requires a great deal of training. In the Sacramento River especially, conditions are uniquely dangerous - "completely different from recreational diving," explained DART spokeswoman Kelly McFarlane.

For one, there is zero visibility in the river. During training, DART divers go into the water with duct tape over their face masks to simulate the blindness of a rescue mission.

That means divers have to use other senses to communicate, including simple tugs on a guide rope.

DART team members used the guide rope method last March when they attempted to rescue Mussarat Chaudhary, a 58-year-old West Sacramento woman who lost control of her Toyota Camry on Old River Road and drove into the river. Chaudhary called 911 but was not able to escape her vehicle.

First responders found tire tracks but no vehicle. The DART divers scoured the waters downstream, eventually locating the car - with Chaudhary's body inside.

"The majority of our calls are recoveries," acknowledged DART spokeswoman Kelly McFarlane. Often, the conditions are simply too dangerous for the victims to survive.

Even so, "We do it because there's always a chance" to save them, McFarlane said. "It doesn't happen very often, but there's always a chance."

And besides, Robinson said, recovery is important to the victims' families. She noted that members of her own family have served under dangerous conditions - her son is a firefighter and her daughter served in the Army. (Her ex-husband, Greg Robinson, is a battalion chief with the Woodland Fire Department.)

"If something happened to them, I would want their body to be returned to me," Robinson said. "I want to provide this closure to the family."

Despite the dangers, DART has only lost one member in its more than 30-year history. Ron Harknett, a full-time firefighter with Rancho Cordova, died on Feb. 17, 1987, during a DART mission in the Sacramento River near Miller Park. Harknett disappeared while in the water.



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His body was never found.

"We still talk about it," McFarlane said. Because of the very real dangers, she added, "We train every single month".

Their work isn't all grim, however. DART members are regulars at public events throughout the region, where they provide water safety education and other services. Both Robinson and McFarlane noted the important work that DART volunteers can do just by educating the public.

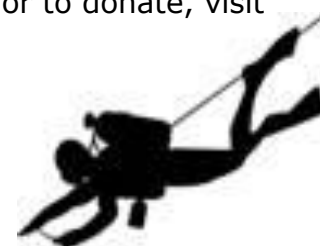
Those not able to dedicate volunteer hours can always offer financial help. According to McFarlane, "We specifically need new face masks that have communications units. Our dive masks, some of them are 20 years old."

For the most part, she said, the group's funding comes through donations and fundraisers and "depends on what's going on in Sacramento." As for Robinson, she remains full steam ahead with DART.

"I've been on it for about a year, and I'm almost ready to start training in the pool," she said.

"I am so proud to represent an organization that is all-volunteer, and we're all there to provide a service. I love that."

To learn more about DART or to donate, visit www.dartsac.org.



More From our PSD Fatality Database:

Police Diver Missing In Swollen River Seine In Centre Of Paris

<https://news.sky.com/story/police-diver-missing-in-swollen-river-seine-in-centre-of-paris-11196811>

05 January 2018 UK

A police diver has disappeared in the River Seine, close to the famous Notre Dame cathedral, during a training exercise.



Image: Paris' Sapeurs-Pompiers spent most of Friday searching for the diver

A huge search for the young female diver has been called off for the night, after a week of heavy rain in the French capital.



Image: The swollen River Seine at the Pont d'Alma, after a week of heavy rain

The young female diver vanished on Friday morning in the river, swollen after days of rain brought by Storm Eleanor.

A massive search operation has been launched involving 25 divers, more than 100 emergency workers, a

team of police officers, and a helicopter.

The teams have been using heat-seeking cameras and set up a cordon around part of the river in the centre of Paris, but bad weather and tough conditions forced them to suspend their search for the night.

The missing diver, who has not been named, is reported to be a member of the river police, specializing in recovering people who fall into the water.

The search for her stretches from the Pont Neuf, past the Pont Saint-Michel next to Notre Dame Cathedral and on to the next bridge, the Petit Pont.

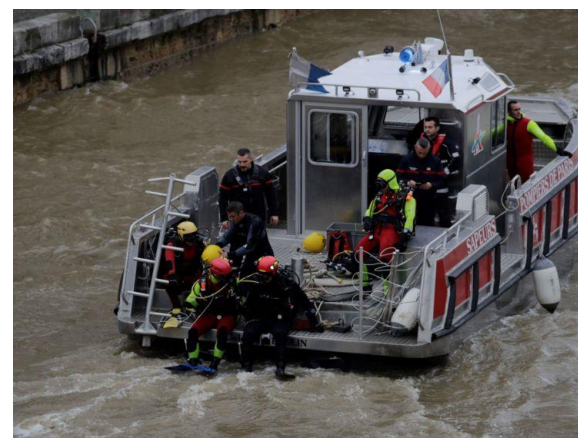


Image: Members of the Paris Fire Brigade help in the search

Waters in the Seine have been rising all week and some points along the capital's river are becoming flooded. City officials do not expect water levels to peak until Monday morning.

The Policewoman Missing In The Seine In Paris Can Not Be Found

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VIDEO - The police officer of the 27-year-old river brigade disappeared during an exercise on Friday at Notre Dame. As investigations continued on Saturday, the UNSA police union called for an administrative investigation.

20 "operational gear on the water" (inflatable boats, barges, boats), two helicopters (one of the gendarmerie and one of the civil security) and four dog teams were mobilized Friday. A captive balloon equipped with a camera was also used to locate the young woman. Saturday's schedule was similar in the first half of the day and then lightened, conditions being difficult.

It was during a planned and supervised exercise that the policewoman, aged 27, was swept away by the waves of the Seine. "Around 10:50 Friday, during a training of the divers of the river brigade, one of the personnel engaged surfaced and then suddenly disappeared in the Seine, said Friday Philippe Caron, director of technical services of the police Department. The research was immediately initiated by the divers, by the crew, by the colleagues of the river brigade and very quickly by all the means of the brigade of firefighters of Paris ".

"It was a joint exercise of the river brigade and the fire brigade of Paris," said the prefecture police. On Friday evening, the [UNSA](#) police union called for the opening of an administrative investigation to clarify the conditions under which this exercise was carried out even though the current could reach 25 km / h.

Research resumed "at sunrise" this Saturday to find the young police officer of the fluvial brigade who disappeared during an exercise late Friday morning in the Seine in Paris, at Notre Dame, said the prefecture from police. They were interrupted Saturday around 17:30 hours and resume Sunday from 8:30

112 firefighters including 17 divers,



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The level of the Seine placed in "yellow vigilance"

After heavy rains and the passage of storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine rose in Paris. The flood forecasting service has thus been activated since Wednesday the level of yellow alertness in Paris to prevent a "risk of flood or the rapid rise of water".

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As a result of this "yellow vigilance", several sports facilities and other furniture were dismantled on the banks in the center of Paris. The Town Hall has also called on users of basements and basements to be vigilant, because of a possible rise in groundwater. However, according to Jean-Marc Dolmière, one of the leaders of the network dependent on the Ministry of Ecological Transition, interviewed by AFP, the waters "will continue to rise slightly but without reaching 2016 levels." It should be "a classic winter flood," he added.

Paris: A Police Diver Disappears Into The Seine, Research Continues

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5 January 2018 - updated on 6 January 2018 by [Nicolas Olivier](#) , [France Blue Paris](#) , and [France Bleu](#)

A police officer of the river brigade disappeared Friday during an exercise in the Seine, at Notre-Dame de Paris. The 27-year-old diver did not recover during an exercise. An important research device was deployed all day. Searches will resume Sunday morning.



An important device has been put in place in the Ile de la Cité sector in Paris © Radio France Nicolas Olivier

Paris, France

The search continued all day Saturday in Paris to try to find a police officer of the fluvial brigade who disappeared Friday during a training. They will continue Sunday morning at 8:30.

Since Friday, dozens of firefighters and police are mobilizing. Six boats and 14 divers are part of the workforce and their search conditions are complicated due to a strong current. It is therefore too risky to dive for the men of the river brigade. Helpers have little hope of finding her alive again. The research extended this Saturday from Pont Neuf to the Garigliano Bridge until dark and will resume Sunday.

It was 10h50 this Friday when the river brigade found the disappearance of one of his divers. The policewoman was doing a routine exercise, joint training with firefighters in the Seine, near Notre Dame Cathedral, when she did not come to the surface.

The search was immediately triggered with major means: two helicopters, a drone, a thermal camera, dog teams, and in all a hundred firefighters and many police officers. A security perimeter has been deployed in the Notre-Dame sector. The search was interrupted at 5:30 pm on Friday, at dusk.

The missing policewoman, aged 27, has been in the river brigade since September 2016, she has already plunged into such conditions.



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A [#Paris](#) les recherches se poursuivent pour retrouver la plongeuse de 27 ans, dans des conditions très difficiles

(visibilité nulle, eau froide, courant fort). 100 pompiers mobilisés.

The scope of research extends from the Saint-Michel Bridge upstream to the Neuf Bridge downstream.



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A device reinforced by 17 firefighters divers, including some from Seine-et-Marne and Yvelines.

At the same time, divers equipped with buoys drift to try to determine the time and trajectory of a submerged body.

"The conditions are particularly difficult and dangerous: a fairly fast current, visibility in the water practically zero and a very cold temperature," said General Jean-Claude Gallet, commander of the Brigade of Fire Brigade in Paris.

The Seine at the beginning of the flood

The level of the river rises for several days, because heavy rains fell this week.

The level of the Seine reached this Friday the 3m26 at the scale of the bridge of Austerlitz, instead of 2m usually. A "moderate" flood according to the authorities. The current is also much stronger than normal, and the waters are turbid.

French Police Diver Goes Missing In Seine Near Notre Dame

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/01/06/french-police-diver-goes-missing-seine-near-notre-dame>

6 JANUARY 2018 by Raf Sanchez

A French police diver is missing after disappearing during a training exercise on the River Seine near Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral.

The 27-year-old woman disappeared on Friday morning as her unit, Brigade Fluvial, carried out exercises in the centre of Paris.

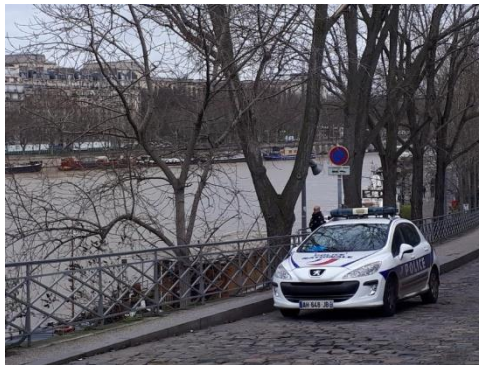
The Seine has been swollen after days of heavy rainfall in France. More than 100 rescuers, including 17 divers, spent the day on Friday searching for the missing woman with the support of helicopters, boats, a drone and sniffer dogs.

They were forced to call off the search at nightfall on Friday but resumed again on Saturday morning.

"The search was immediately initiated by the divers, by the crew, by the colleagues of the Brigade Fluvial and very



The research sector is cordoned off by the police
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The 27-year-old woman disappeared on Friday morning
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quickly soon after by all available means of the fire brigade in Paris," said Philippe Caron, a police official.

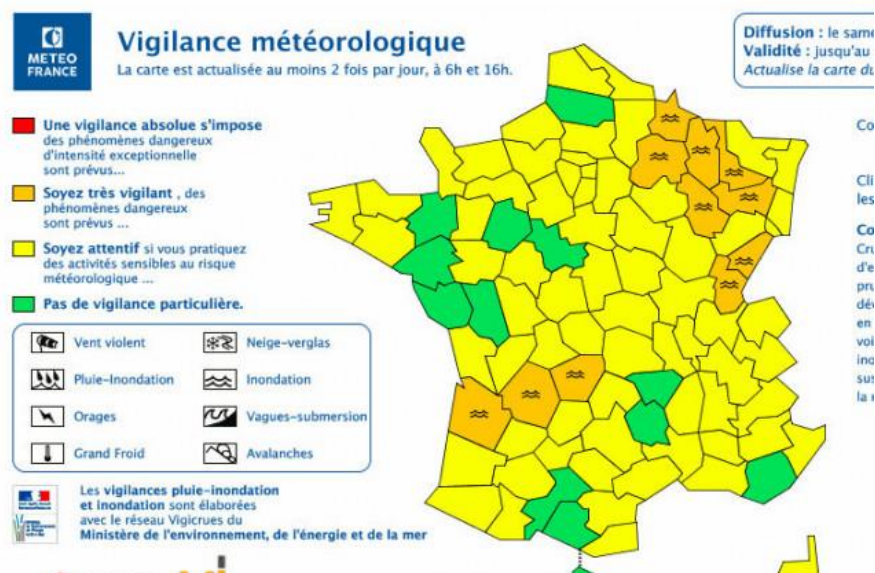
The regional police prefect said in a statement that he "wishes to express his profound sadness at this tragedy that affects one of ours".

The Metropolitan Police's Marine Policing Unit tweeted its solidarity to its French colleagues. Five people have been



More than 100 people were involved in the search
Credit: Thomas Samson/Afp/Getty Images

killed by the heavy weather in France.



On Thursday, a 64-year-old volunteer firefighter was swept away after trying to help rescue the driver of a car which had been swept off the road in a mudslide.

His body was recovered on Friday at noon after a 24 hour search.

More Flood Alerts In France As Death Toll From Storm Eleanor Reaches Five

<https://www.thelocal.fr/20180106/more-flood-alerts-in-france-as-death-toll-from-storm-eleanor-reaches-five>

6 January 2018 The Local

Eleven departments in France are on orange alert as Storm Eleanor continues to wreak havoc.

The storm has caused five deaths across France over the past few days, reported BFMTV.

France's weather agency Meteo France issued 11 departments with orange alerts, the third most severe alert on its four-tiered system.

The departments on alert are:

Gironde, Dordogne, Corrèze, Lot, Saône-et-Loire, Jura, Doubs, Haute-Saône, Haute-Marne, Vosges, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Meuse, Marne and Ardennes.

The agency warned that rivers were likely to be hit by "significant flooding". Parisians, meanwhile, [have been warned to take care this weekend](#) due to the rising waters of the River Seine which has risen 3.2 metres in a week.

Water levels at the Austerlitz Bridge in central Paris on Friday afternoon stood at 3.26 metres compared to 2.31 on Monday and they are expected to reach a peak of four metres over the weekend.

A female police diver is still missing after she disappeared during an exercise



Photo: AFP



in the Seine on Friday morning. Over 100 rescuers have so far been unable to locate the woman, 27. They resumed the search on Saturday morning.

Diver Disappeared In The Seine: The Unsa-Police Demand The Opening Of An Administrative Investigation

<https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/faits-divers-justice/plongeuse-disparue-dans-la-seine-l-uns-a-police-demande-l-ouverture-d-une-enquete-administrative-1515268696>

January 6, 2018 By [Clémence Gourdon Negrini](#) , [France Blue Paris](#)

The main police union, the UNSa, requests the opening of an administrative investigation following the disappearance of the police on Friday in the Seine. He denounces the weather conditions of this exercise.



The 27 year old policewoman disappeared Friday during an exercise in the Seine in Paris

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UNSa, the main police union, demands that an administrative investigation be carried out following the disappearance of a 27-year-old policewoman this Friday in the Seine.

According to the union, "there was no reason to set up this exercise after the storm Eleanor."

Read also> [Paris: A Police Diver Disappears Into The Seine, Research Continues](#)

Interviewed by France Bleu Paris, the Deputy Secretary General of UNSa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu, wondered about the legitimacy of this exercise, in difficult weather conditions: *"we ask for an administrative inquiry because in our opinion nothing motivated that we put in place this exercise while after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood, there are strong currents, a big flow of water "*.

"It was suicidal to put her in the water. "UNSa-Police"

The Decision To DIVE This Policewoman Is Questioned.

Member of the fluvial brigade for 1 year, she had had her scuba diving diploma only for 3 weeks, which *"would call into question the physical integrity of this colleague, endangered for an exercise, continues the deputy secretary I was there as of Friday, and I confirm you that the Seine was unleashed, one would have thought at sea in full storm, there was no visibility, the water opaque and brown."*

Under such conditions, and with consequent equipment that adds about forty kilos extra to the initial weight, "even someone very seasoned



would have taken a big risk. On the bottom it's almost impossible to get out of it".

Rescuers have also resigned this Saturday in search of a body, air cylinder having only one hour and a half of autonomy, "the find alive is a miracle."

According to the assistant secretary, the young woman would have felt badly after diving. His colleague would have tried to trace it, in vain, the node of the line of life having yielded.

Paris: The Policewoman Disappeared In The Seine Still Not Found, Research Interrupted

<http://www.20minutes.fr/societe/2197191-20180106-paris-policiere-disparue-seine-toujours-retrouvee-recherches-interrompues>

January 6, 2018

DISAPPEARANCE

[She has been missing for two days](#) . The policewoman of 27 years of the brigade fluviale can not be found since an exercise in the Seine Friday. This Saturday, searches, which resume Sunday morning, did not find it.

The mayor of Paris, [Anne Hidalgo](#) , issued a statement in which she expressed "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman and her family".

The searches, restarted Saturday "at dawn", were suspended at dusk and "resume Sunday at 8:30,"

said the prefecture.

The policewoman, aged 27, disappeared in the river Friday around 10:50, during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre Dame Cathedral. The search operations were conducted Saturday with "a comparable device" to that of Friday, according to the police prefecture. Friday afternoon, 112 firefighters including 17 divers, 20 boats, two helicopters and four dog teams had searched the policewoman.



Search is continuing to try to find the policewoman missing in the Seine during an exercise. – BSPP

Training of Divers

In a statement, PS Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo expressed this Saturday "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman and her family." Her "thoughts also go to her colleagues and the entire brigade, whom she praises the unwavering commitment and professionalism."

"On the occasion of a training of the divers of the river brigade, one of the engaged personnel surfaced and then suddenly disappeared in the Seine",

explained Friday Philippe Caron, director of technical services of the police prefecture.

After the passage of storm Eleanor, [the level of the Seine rose in Paris](#) , reaching Saturday afternoon about 3.70 m at the Austerlitz bridge, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance". It could exceed the coast of 3.9 meters "by Sunday," according to the control body Vigicrues.

Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine In Paris: Open Investigation

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=http://www.leparisien.fr/paris-75/disparition-de-la-policier-e-en-seine-une-enquete-ouverte-07-01-2018-7487961.php&prev=search>

January 07, 2018 by Charlotte Robinet

The prosecution has confirmed this Sunday, the opening of an investigation to determine the causes of the disappearance of this young woman during an exercise.

Searches To Find Her Again Were Futile This Weekend.

Under what conditions could a 27-year-old female police officer, a diver of the river brigade, have disappeared in the Seine, during a joint exercise with the firefighters of Paris? On Sunday, the prosecution confirmed that it had opened an investigation to determine the causes of this terrible accident. The investigation was assigned to IGPN, the "police force".

For the Unsa-police union, which had asked this weekend for the opening of an administrative inquiry, "the responsibilities will have to be determined", summarizes Nicolas Pucheu, Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-police. "We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather

conditions were extremely unfavorable. But we also ask the question: "Are the equipment and training provided adequate?"

The 27-year-old policewoman who disappeared suddenly in the Seine [this Friday morning, near Ile de la Cité](#) , "had a lifeguard training and had just obtained her scuba diving certification, there are three weeks," continues Nicolas Pucheu.



Saturday. A Zodiac police prefecture patrol on the river, whose level has risen since Wednesday.
LP / Jean Nicholas Guillo

Originally from Nice (Alpes-Maritimes), she joined the fluvial brigade in September 2016. "It was her dream ...

She had joined the national police via the school of Nîmes in this way, she was in the process of realizing his dream, "continues the unionist.

According to the first elements gathered by Unsa, during the exercise, "the young woman tried a first time to dive but she could not do it. She asked to try to dive a second time when her colleagues felt in distress. The diver who was in the water with her then shot her line, but it seems that the knot of the belt of the young woman was undone. She immediately disappeared under the water. With the weight of a lead belt and a bottle of oxygen, "the weight of a diver's equipment can reach 40 kg," says Nicolas Pucheu. "His colleagues immediately went looking for him but the Seine is so opaque with the mud raised by the eddies that there is zero visibility".

All weekend, the [search continued](#). Now without hope to find the young woman alive, "It is no longer a rescue operation but a body search operation," says the Brigade firefighters of Paris.

This Sunday again, six boats, including three Sonar, crossed the river in a wider area to the island of Swans (fifteenth). 17 divers were on alert, ready to intervene. More than the temperature of the water (7 ° C), it is the strength of the current, which can go up to 25 km / h, and the absence of visibility "total" that make the prospection very delicate.

This Monday, the search operations will nevertheless be renewed with a lightened device, "not to risk the life of the rescuers". For the fluvial brigade, 117 years of existence, it is a tragedy. "The emotion is all the stronger in this unit people are very close to each other, very close," said an official of the police headquarters.

In a statement released Saturday, the mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, expressed "all her compassion and support for the family of this policewoman," while welcoming "the unwavering commitment and professionalism" of the brigade fluvial from Paris.

A Prestigious Brigade, To Help The Victims Of The Seine

It is one of the jewels of the Paris police headquarters. The "fluv", which was born in 1900 on the occasion of the World Expo, provides for over a century of permanent monitoring of the Seine, but also rivers and canals throughout the Ile-de -France, since its competence has been extended to the region (2009).

This specialized unit of the national police has a hundred agents, including "a dozen women", as specified by his commanding officer [in our columns in June 2016](#). To integrate it, candidates must be titular peacekeepers and undergo various tests of swimming, diving, first aid, or knowledge of river regulations.

Once in the position, the recruits, who are assigned as trainees for one year, must then engage in daily training in the river, as well as in the pool once a month.

Their priority mission earns them the nickname of "Saint Bernard of the Seine": at any time of day or night, the "fluv" helps people in danger in the Seine. Aboard one of her 14 boats, which go from the simple canoe to the powerful tug of 22 m, she assists the ships in difficulty or sanctions the crimes. A sonar dual frequency allows him to search for wrecks or objects at the bottom of the Seine. So many means that agents deploy today in numbers, to find one of theirs.

Investigation Opened After The Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine in Paris

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January 07, 2018



Firefighters and police try to find a police officer of the fluvial brigade who disappeared during an exercise in the Seine, January 5, 2018 / AFP

The prosecutor's office in Paris has entrusted the "police police" investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance Friday of a policewoman in the Seine during an exercise, we learned Sunday from a judicial source.

The investigation for "investigation of the causes of disappearance", entrusted to the Inspectorate General of the National Police (IGPN), was opened Friday, said this source to AFP.

The policewoman of the river brigade, aged 27, disappeared in the river Friday around 10:50, during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

She still had not been found Sunday night. The underwater research conducted using a sonar has so far given "no positive echo," said firefighters at AFP Sunday. The relief workers have given up hope of finding the living diver and are now looking for her body, they added.

The operations, interrupted with the night, must resume Monday morning.

On Saturday, the union Unsa-Police requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions in which this exercise had been carried out.

"There was no reason to put this exercise in place so that after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood," said France Bleu Paris the deputy departmental secretary of the union, Nicolas Pucheu.

According to him, the policewoman had her scuba diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water".

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After the storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine rose in Paris, reaching Sunday evening about 3.90 m at the bridge of Austerlitz, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance". It should reach a maximum rating of between 4.1 and 4.6 m in the coming days, according to the regulatory body Vigicrues.

In total, six people died in France due to inclement weather.

Disappearance Of A Policewoman In The Seine: "There Were Obvious Risks, Nobody Could Ignore It"

<https://www.lci.fr/faits-divers/disparition-d-une-policier-dans-la-seine-il-y-avait-des-risques-evidents-personne-ne-pouvait-l-ignorer-2075442.html>

January 08, 2018 Aurélie Sarrot

The young woman peacekeeper was missing Friday, January 5 during an exercise organized on the Seine could not be found on Monday. The Paris prosecutor's office has entrusted the "police police" investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance of the policewoman aged 27, while the union Unsa-Police asked Saturday the opening of an administrative investigation on the conditions under which this exercise was carried out.

A Woman Missing, Civil Servants In Shock And Questions That Remains Unresolved.

Four days after the disappearance of a woman peacekeeper during an exercise organized on the Seine by the River Brigade of the police headquarters of Paris, the victim is still untraceable. "The search will not stop until the body of the diver is found, said a source close to LCI this Monday, since this morning, three sonar take turns, drones are also used, several divers are in place and two boats are at the water".

On Sunday, the Paris prosecutor's office said it had opened on January 5 an investigation for "search for the causes of disappearance." This was entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN), the "police of the police". "We asked on Saturday for the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions under which this exercise was carried out. We want to know who decided to maintain it when there was no urgency and there were obvious risks, nobody could ignore it, the weather was not good, the current was strong and the flood of the Seine had started. The exercise could have been postponed," insists the assistant departmental secretary of the union Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu.



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Michel Delpuech, préfet de Police, tient à exprimer sa plus vive émotion après la disparition ce matin en #Seine d'une fonctionnaire de la Brigade Fluviale et assure sa famille de sa compassion et de son soutien. Les recherches

ont été stoppées pour la nuit et reprendront demain.

Michel Delpuech, police chief, expresses his deepest emotion after the disappearance this morning in #Seine of an official of the River Brigade and assures his family of his compassion and his support. Searches have been stopped for the night and will resume tomorrow
[3:29 PM - Jan 5, 2018](#)

She Tried To Dive Several Times

According to Nicolas Pucheu, "four colleagues were" with the young woman aboard the Zodiac Brigade fluvial at the time of the accident, which occurred around 11:45 at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. "The diver had a 'lifeline' held by a chair knot at her waist and on the boat, and between the two, as with every exercise, another diver was holding that lifeline, or



Paris, le 05 janvier 2018

COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE

Ce vendredi, en matinée, à l'occasion d'un exercice organisé en Seine par la Brigade Fluviale de la préfecture de Police, une femme gardien de la Paix, plongeur de cette unité, a subitement disparu dans les eaux du fleuve.

Malgré la réaction immédiate de ses collègues et de l'ensemble des moyens de secours mobilisables, tant ceux de la Brigade Fluviale que de la Brigade des Sapeurs-Pompiers de Paris, la fonctionnaire n'a pu être secourue et les recherches sont restées vaines dans l'après-midi.

Michel DELPUECH, préfet de Police, s'est rendu en fin de journée à la Brigade Fluviale où il a accueilli Monsieur Gérard COLLOMB, ministre d'Etat, ministre de l'Intérieur, venu exprimer sa compassion et soutenir les effectifs et la famille de la policière disparue.

Le préfet de Police, tient à exprimer sa profonde tristesse face à ce drame qui touche l'un des nôtres, assure la famille de la policière de sa compassion et de son soutien le plus total, et salue l'engagement des plongeurs de la Brigade Fluviale qui, chaque jour, s'entraînent afin de pouvoir secourir la population le moment venu.

Les recherches reprendront samedi à 8h30.

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'control', to feel if the immersed person has a problem," he explains.

The young woman, according to the representative Unsa-Police always, "would have gone once to the water but with the swirls, in particular, she would not have managed to reach the bottom of the river". She would have "raised her arm the first time to say she was in trouble". She then "tried a second time to dive, without success, and would have raised her arm again." The rescue diver would then have gone to the water to try to rescue her and bring her back into the boat. This is where the knot would have given way. "The diver did not have time to retrieve it, his belt was weighted with twenty kilograms of lead, to which must be added ten to twenty kilos of oxygen bottles, and it disappeared immediately," he says. -he.

The departmental secretary said that the exercise in question consisted of going to the bottom of the river and going back up. "It is a blind dive, which is groped in. The

water of the Seine is never clear ... The officials of the fluviale do it regularly to have the least apprehension in case of intervention".

"Diving graduate for three weeks"

Unsa-Police reports that the 27-year-old was "from Nice". "Our colleague, who had joined the police after school in Nîmes, had been at the river brigade since September 2016. Although she often trained, we cannot say that she is a seasoned diver. She received her diving certificate, exactly three weeks ago".

The Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-Police today wishes to emphasize that his union "does not incriminate the colleagues who were with the young woman at the time of the tragedy, colleagues who did everything they could to help her".

"What we are denouncing is these exercises that are set up under conditions of safety that are absolutely not respected. We also point to the lack of training of some officials who can sometimes be panicked in extremely difficult situations, as it may have been on Friday. "

The operations were to continue on Monday until nightfall. "We will, we think, wait for a recession to find this policewoman. The conditions are difficult with, among other things, the level of the Seine which had reached the 4 meters in the middle of the day and has not stopped, over the hours, to increase", confided a source close to the file to LCI.

According to the control body Vigicrues, the Seine should reach a maximum rating of between 4.1 and 4.6 m in the coming days.

Who Was Mandy, The 27-Year-Old Policewoman From Nice, Missing In The Seine During An Exercise?

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Boats crisscrossed the river in search of the young Niçoise. AFP Photo

Mandy, 27, from the Saint-Roch district of Nice, police officer of the fluvial brigade of Paris, disappeared in the Seine Friday during an exercise.

An investigation was opened by the IGP, the police of the police, while the searches to find the young woman have remained to date unsuccessful.

Mandy had entered the police as the Republic's junior in Marseilles.

"She had then passed the peacekeeper competition," says Celya Boumedien, representative of the Unity SGP police union of the Alpes-Maritimes. The policewoman had joined the "Fluv" unit of the Paris Police Prefecture in September 2016: a real vocation.

She had just landed her scuba diving certification. She disappeared near Île de la Cité with her diving equipment while the weather conditions were very bad and the water very opaque.

"She was making her dream come true," said Nicolas Pucheu, assistant departmental secretary of the Unsa-police [in Paris](#).

Sunday, six boats furrowed the river in search of the young Niçoise.

The Policewoman Missing In The Seine During An Exercise Was From Nice

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08/01/2018

The 27-year-old woman disappeared in the Seine on Friday, January 5, during a joint exercise with firefighters.

She was originally from Nice and *" had just obtained her scuba diving certification, three weeks ago, "* said Nicolas Pucheu, assistant departmental secretary of the Unsa-police in Paris.

She joined the river brigade in September 2016. *"She was making her dream come true, "* said the unionist.

Open Investigation

Three days after the accident, the body of the young woman can not be found. The prosecution has confirmed that it has



Relief operations after the disappearance of the young policewoman of 27 years in the Seine. AFP Photo

opened an investigation, entrusted to the IGPN, to determine the causes of the accident.

According to Unsa, the policewoman tried to dive a first time without getting there and asked to try a second time. *"His colleagues felt it in distress ,"* said Pucheu, *who was in the water with her, then shot her life, but it seems as if the knot of the young woman's waistband has come apart. She immediately disappeared under the water. "*

FURTHER RESEARCH

"We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather conditions were extremely unfavorable, " said the unionist.

And to add: *" We also ask the question: 'Are the equipment and training provided adequate?'"*

Research continues on Monday, with no hope of finding the young woman alive.

Missing Policeman In The Seine: "It Was Suicidal To Put Her In The Water"

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Search continues this Monday to find the diver of the fluvial brigade of Paris, missing three days earlier.

A judicial inquiry has been opened.

She was from the Alpes-Maritimes. At 27, she had joined the police headquarters of Paris to satisfy a dream: to integrate the famous "fluv", the fluvial brigade. But since Friday, this young policewoman remains untraceable.

Disappeared during a diving exercise in the Seine, she did not give any sign of life. The search resumed this Monday morning. Sunday evening, the Paris prosecutor had announced to have opened a judicial investigation for "search for the causes of the disappearance". It has been entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN).

Search Continues

Relief has already warned: three days after the exercise, described as routine by the authorities, the hope of finding



the living official is zero. It is now a body that is sought after. Underwater means, with the use of a sonar, have been deployed. Seventeen divers were "on alert, ready to intervene" according to [Le Parisien](#).

On Monday, search operations continued. The device was this time "lightened" so as not to "risk the life of the rescuers" in very cold water, where the current is strong and in the absence of visibility. Despite this device, the policewoman has still not been found.



In several media, the union Unsa Police has stepped up to demand an administrative investigation, in addition to the judiciary. Because he believes that the conditions were not met to be able to organize a dive on Friday.

"A raging Seine"

"We are wondering what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type, knowing that the weather was extremely unfavorable," and

reacts to his deputy department secretary, Nicolas Pucheu, to the *Parisian* on Monday. And the trade unionist to quote "a raging Seine", with "an opaque and brown water" and "strong currents" near [France Bleu](#) . "It was suicidal to put her in the water," he adds.

After [the storm Eleanor](#) , the level of the Seine rose in Paris, reaching Sunday evening about 3.90 m at the bridge of Austerlitz, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance". It should reach a maximum rating of between 4.1 and 4.6 m in the coming days, according to the regulatory body Vigicrues.

Graduated for three weeks

In addition, the Unsa Police stresses that the young policewoman, who had joined the brigade fluviale in September 2016, had had her diving diploma only for "three weeks". According to *Le Parisien*, the young woman did not manage to dive a first time and disappeared during her second attempt. The first elements suggest that her "thread of life", which linked her to her colleagues, gave way during this dive. She was then equipped with a bottle of oxygen and a lead belt.

In a statement, the mayor of Paris [Anne Hidalgo](#) , expressed "all her compassion and support to the family of this policewoman." She also praised the "flawless commitment and professionalism" of the Paris River Brigade.

The Body of The Police Officer Of The Fluvial Brigade Can Not Be Found - Paris

<http://lazertecnologia.com/2018/01/09/le-corps-de-la-polici-re-de-la-brigade-fluviale-reste/>
Janeiro 09, 2018

"The Police Prefect wishes to express his profound sadness at this tragedy that is affecting one of our families, assures



A rescue operation is underway on the Seine

the policewoman's family of her compassion and total support, and salutes the commitment of the police divers. Fluvial Brigade who, every day, train to be able to help the population when the time comes "can read through the statement of the police headquarters.

"It was a joint exercise of the fluvial brigade and firefighters of Paris".

The latter were stopped at night and should resume this Saturday morning. It has been entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN).

[The searches](#) have still not found her body.

After trying to dive a first time without success, the young woman wanted to try again. Underwater searches give no hope of finding the policewoman alive. At 12h on Thursday, January 4, 2018, the level of the Seine was 3.07 meters at Austerlitz for a flow of 907.38 m³ / s. This increase was expected to continue in the following days according to weather forecasts. "She immediately disappeared underwater," said [Unsa](#), who participated in the research.

An administrative inquiry was opened at the request of the Unsa-Police union to determine the conditions under which the exercise was carried out. "It was suicidal to put her in the water," he adds.

Bad Weather: Should We Fear A Flood Of The Seine?

Paris - Opening Of An Investigation Following The Disappearance Of The Policewoman In The Seine

<http://www.actunautique.com/2018/01/paris-ouverture-d-une-enquete-suite-a-la-disparition-de-la-policiere-dans-la-seine.html>

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The 27-year-old policewoman from Nice had just obtained her scuba diving certification. His body has still not been found, despite already three days of research.

The survey entrusted to the IGPN

An investigation was initiated by the Paris prosecutor's office and entrusted to the IGPN, the "police of the policies", to determine the causes of the accident, occurred during a joint exercise between the Brigade fluvial and the firefighters of Paris.

For the Unsa-police, who asked this weekend to open an investigation, "the responsibilities will have to be determined," said Nicolas Pucheu, the deputy departmental secretary of the union." *We wonder what motivated the hierarchy to set up an exercise of this type knowing that the weather conditions were extremely unfavorable. But we also ask the question: are the equipment and training provided adequate? "*

The 27-year-old policewoman who disappeared in the Seine Friday morning, in the 6th district of Paris, "had a lifeguard

training and had just obtained her scuba diving certification, three weeks ago," said Nicolas Pucheu.

Originally from Nice, she joined the fluvial brigade in 2016. "It was her dream ... She had joined the national police via the school of Nîmes in this light, she was making her dream come true," she said after Nicolas Pucheu.

According to Unsa, "The young woman tried a first time to dive but she could not do it. She asked to try to dive a second time, when her colleagues felt it in distress. The diver who was in the water with her then shot her life, but it seems that the knot of the



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belt of the young woman was undone. She immediately disappeared under the water. Equipped with a bottle of oxygen and a lead belt, "the weight of the equipment of a diver can reach 40 kg ", explains Nicolas Pucheu."

His colleagues immediately went looking for her but the Seine is so opaque with the mud raised by the eddies that there is zero visibility ".

No more hope of finding the policewoman alive, difficult searches probably

Searches continued throughout the weekend, but no hope of finding the policewoman alive. *"It's no longer a rescue operation but a body search operation,"* says the Paris Fire Brigade.

Six boats, including three Sonar, still crisscrossed the Seine Sunday, in an extended area until the island of Swans (15th arrondissement). 17 divers were on alert, ready to intervene. However, research is made difficult by the force of the current, which is up to 25 km / h, the lack of total visibility, and the temperature of the water (7 ° C).

The search operations were continued yesterday with a lightened device, to "not risk the life of the rescuers".

The River Brigade, created in 1900 on the occasion of the Universal Exhibition of Paris, ensures for more than a century the permanent surveillance of the Seine, but also that of the canals and rivers of all Ile-de-France since 2009. This brigade, fully integrated into the National Police, today has a hundred members, including a dozen women.



The Policewoman, Disappeared During An Exercise On The Seine, Was Not To Participate

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&tl=en&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sudradio.fr%2Ffaits-divers%2Ffa-policier-disparue-lors-dun-exercice-sur-la-seine-ne-devait-pas-y-participer>

January 12, 2018 By Mathieu D'Hondt /

This is Southern Radio information.

Remember a week ago, a 27-year-old diver, a member of the fluvial brigade of Paris, disappeared during a banal exercise practiced on the Seine?



Her body could not be found due to a capricious weather. It is learned today that the diver should not have taken part in this exercise but she had insisted to participate.

According to our information, the young policewoman, originally from the Alpes-Maritimes, was indeed not scheduled for this operation but she would have convinced her hierarchy to appear, wishing to "prove itself" just **three** weeks after the getting her certification for scuba diving.

It is also this very short time between theory and practice that has raised questions in the aftermath of the tragedy, in particular by the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN) who will determine the responsibilities of each in this case.

According to the preliminary investigation, the knot of the thread that connected the policewoman to the boat broke

down, causing her to drown because of the heaviness of her equipment which obviously prevented her from surfacing.

Mandy, The Dream Of A Lifetime

<https://www.leetchi.com/c/mandie-le-reve-d-une-vie>

Hello everyone and welcome to this kitty,

Following the terrible diving accident that occurred on January 05, 2018, the Amicale des Policiers de la Brigade Fluviale, on behalf of the entire staff of the service, decided to set up this collection to support the family of Amandine mourned.



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- Thank you all

Paris: A Series Of Errors At The Origin Of The Death Of A Policewoman Of The Fluvial

<https://actu17.fr/paris-une-suite-derreurs-a-lorigine-de-la-mort-dune-policriere-de-la-brigade-fluviale/>

April 24, 2018 by C. Lauderqc and R. Lefras

The union of the dead policewoman drowned in the Seine denounces a series of errors and aberrations of command.

Three months after the tragedy that shook the entire National Police, the Chained Duck reveals a series of malfunctions and errors that may have cost the life of a police officer of the River Brigade.



Drawing. (Photo Remy Buisine ©)

From dream to nightmare

Her name was Amandine, and she was 27 years old. The Gardienne de la Paix, originally from Nice, had realized a dream by joining the forces of the Fluvial Brigade. She had been eligible for operational diving just three weeks before the tragedy. [On January 5th, Amandine disappeared in the murky waters of the flooding Seine](#), at Ile de la Cité in Paris.

Controversial decision-making

On the day of the tragedy, at the end of the morning, despite dangerous circumstances, the superior officer of the policewoman decided to implement training in real conditions. This is how Amandine was led to dive in the particularly turbulent river, connected to a boat by a safety line. Carrying a lead belt and a diving bottle, the policewoman sank in the Seine. To date, his body has not

been found. The Paris Public Prosecutor's Office has opened an investigation to shed light on the circumstances of this tragedy.

Unfortunate accident or faults? "Damning" documents, according to a union

The day after the tragedy, the union of the policewoman, the UNSA Police, had denounced the lightness with which the training had been implemented, announcing that it "will not let go anything" to identify the person or persons responsible for the faults committed .

The union has gotten hold of documents it considers "overwhelming". Nicolas Pucheu, deputy departmental secretary of UNSA Police told *Le Parisien* newspaper: "The life line of the diver was dropped in defiance of the protocol, which wants that previously, she had relieved herself of her air bottle, of her belt of lead and inflated her waistcoat, to be able to be drifted. Amandine was delivered to the Seine with equipment of about forty kilos, and she failed to inflate her vest. Amandine has sunk. As for her colleague, who had stayed in the boat and was supposed to help her, he was not equipped with his air bottle: when he plunged to help her, he found himself in difficulty, disassembled water and terrible conditions. He had to get back to the boat ... "

The Prefecture of Police reportedly refused the intervention of RAID divers

According to the same union, the leaders of the elite police of the RAID have proposed to the Prefecture of Police in Paris to send their specialized divers to try to find the body of their colleague. The "PP", as it is nicknamed by the police, would have declined the offer. A "Question of susceptibility" according to the UNSA Police, who knows that the RAID, placed under the direct authority of the Director General of

the National Police (DGPN), is not part of the organization chart of the Prefecture of Police of Paris .

Other exercises a few days later

The union leader and his colleagues would not have digested [the halt of research of the body of Amandine](#) , and the resumption of exercises in Seine a few days later: "Above the body of our colleague not found. It's indecent.

The mother of the policewoman is a civil party

"At no time did the prefecture tell us that an error had been made, which is why I went to court," Amandine's mother told the *Chained Duck*.

Police Drowned In The Seine: The Overwhelming Revelations

<https://www.valeursactuelles.com/faits-divers/policiere-noyee-dans-la-seine-les-revelations-accablantes-95074>

April 25, 2018 By [valeursactuelles.com](#)

Dysfunctions. According to the information of *Chained Duck*, the police prefecture would have hidden the circumstances of the drowning of a young policewoman in the Seine.



Illustration photo.

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On January 5, Amandine, 27, was drowning in the Seine, during an exercise in full flood. This young policewoman was able to



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January 5, 2018. Under dangerous circumstances, the brigade must take all precautions to better protect its divers. But according to the investigation revealed by the Chained Duck, the area chosen to do the exercise was very dangerous, and the current of extreme violence.

do this kind of exercise for only a month. But according to the revelations of the Chained Duck who had access to the investigation of his disappearance, the Paris Police Prefecture and the Ministry of the Interior wanted to hide this information.

As the Seine is in flood, the flow of the river is much stronger than usual. To train in all possible conditions, the police officers of this elite body of divers go to the banks of the Seine this morning of

An open investigation for "manslaughter"

More surprising: during her dive, Amandine reportedly said she was in trouble. It was then that the dive instructor ordered another of his men to dive to help her while the latter was not equipped with a bottle of air. Yet Amandine is connected by a rope attached to the zodiac and it was enough to pull the rope. This second diver finds himself in turn in difficulty and the monitor decides to release the rope that is connected to Amandine to be able to defeat the Zodiac and recover the diver. The latter is recovered safe and sound, but Amandine has disappeared and has never been found.

While the monitor told from the first day the circumstances of this disappearance, the prefecture of police and the Ministry of the Interior preferred to speak of an unfortunate accident. The mother of the young police officer became a civil party and the public prosecutor's office opened an investigation on February 27 for "manslaughter".

Paris: The Lifeless Body Of The Policewoman Of The Fluvial Brigade Found

https://www.20minutes.fr/faits_divers/2263407-20180429-paris-corps-vie-policiere-brigade-fluviale-retrouve
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Nearly four months of research will have been needed to find the body of Amandine, [a young police officer from the fluvial brigade, who disappeared on January 5th](#) during an exercise in the Seine. Her body was rescued this Sunday, in the port of "batobus" near the Louvre, learned 20 minutes from police source. The prefect of police was on the spot this afternoon. Her body was identified by her suit and the police gear she was wearing.



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Découverte ce jour, en Seine, du corps d'Amandine Giraud, gardienne de la Paix de la Brigade Fluviale, disparue le 5 janvier dernier au cours d'un exercice. Le préfet de Police assure sa famille et ses collègues de son soutien et leur exprime ses sentiments émus de compassion.

Discovered today, in the Seine, the body of Amandine Giraud, guardian of the Peace River Brigade, disappeared on January 5 during a fiscal year. The Prefect of Police assures his family and colleagues of his support and expresses his feelings of compassion.

boat. The latter was reportedly released in defiance of the protocol while the young woman had not yet shed her equipment. A colleague, also a young novice, would have gone to the water but without air bottles; he would have found himself in turn in difficulties.

"We were hidden from the truth. At no time did the Prefecture of Police tell us that an error had been made, that the supervisor had given the order to let go of the lifeline. That's why I went to court," says in the same

The 27-year-old, who had joined the river brigade three weeks before the tragedy [drowned during a drill near Notre Dame Cathedral](#) while the Seine was in flood and the currents were particularly strong. [The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation](#) for "manslaughter" and the family of the girl became a plaintiff.

According to *Le Canard Enchaîné*, [a series of errors would have resulted in the death of the young woman](#). At the time of the exercise, she was connected to a "lifeline", a rope attached to the



Illustration of the fluvial brigade of Paris. - Xavier Francolon / SIPA

article the mother of the policewoman who took Eric Dupont-Moretti as a lawyer.

Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react. The police headquarters, for its part, refuses to comment on the case.

Discovery Of The Body Of A Missing Police Diver In The Seine

<https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=https://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2018/04/29/2789087-decouverte-corps-plongeuse-police-disparue-5-janvier-lors-exercice-seine.html&prev=search>

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Discovery of the body of the police diver disappeared on January 5 during an exercise in the Seine

Various Facts

Nearly 4 months after the disappearance of a police officer from the river brigade in Paris during an exercise in the



flooded Seine, the body of the diver was found Sunday in the river, a few hundred meters from the 'accident' site.

The policewoman, Amandine Giraud, 27, had disappeared on January 5 during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, while the Seine was in flood. His body was found Sunday down the Pont des Arts, a few hundred meters from the scene of the disappearance, AFP learned from

the police headquarters.

The body was transported to the Paris Forensic Institute (IML) for formal identification, according to a police source.

The Paris prosecutor's office had entrusted the National Police's General Inspectorate (IGPN) with an investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance.

Sunday evening, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said in a statement, with the IGPN "can quickly determine the circumstances of this tragedy" while addressing his "support" to the family and colleagues of the diver.

On February 23, following the investigation of the IGPN, a judicial investigation had been opened for manslaughter; it was learned this week from a judicial source.

The Unsa-Police union had promptly requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions under which the diving exercise had been carried out.

"Error Of Appreciation"

The policewoman had disappeared a few days after the storm, Eleanor. On January 3, the level of the Seine was then estimated to reach 3.26 m, in Paris, at the bridge of Austerlitz. This corresponds to the "yellow vigilance".

"Nothing motivated the implementation of this exercise so that after the passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood," said the secretary assistant department of Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu. According to him, the policewoman had her underwater diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water," he said.

The police headquarters had assured that the routine exercise in which the young woman participated was "planned and supervised".

However, in its edition this week, Le Canard chained, citing elements of the investigation ensures instead that the exercise was decided "on a whim, the same morning".

During the exercise, indicates the weekly, the rope or "line of life" which connected the young woman to a Zodiac docked at the wharf of Notre Dame "was detached from the boat as a result of an error of appreciation "of a supervisor.

The police prefecture "took six weeks" to temporarily suspend the supervisor, says the newspaper.

"We were hiding the truth: At no time did the police prefecture tell us that an error had been made, that the supervisor had given the order to release the lifeline. civil party ", indicates in the same article the mother of the policewoman who took Eric Dupont-Moretti for a lawyer. Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react.

Police Diver Disappeared In The Seine: Her Body Found

http://www.lepoint.fr/justice/plongeuse-de-la-police-disparue-dans-la-seine-son-corps-a-ete-retrouve-29-04-2018-2214553_2386.php

APRIL 29, 218 AFP SOURCE

The police diver disappeared on January 5th during an exercise in the Seine.

The police prefecture announced that her body had been found.

The body of the policewoman of the fluvial brigade who had disappeared during an exercise in the Seine, on January 5th, was found this Sunday in the river, learned AFP from the police prefecture.



The police diver disappeared on January 5th during an exercise in the Seine.

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The policewoman, aged 27, had [disappeared during a routine exercise](#) that took place at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, while the Seine was in flood. Her body

was found down the bridge of Arts, a few hundred meters from the scene of the disappearance said the police headquarters.

"It Was For Us Suicidal To Put Her In The Water"

The body was transported to the Paris Forensic Institute (IML) for formal identification, according to a police source. The Paris prosecutor's office had entrusted the National Police's General Inspectorate (IGPN) with an investigation to investigate the reasons for the disappearance. On 23 February, following the investigation, a judicial investigation was opened for manslaughter; AFP learned this week from a judicial source.

The Unsa-Police union had requested the opening of an administrative inquiry into the conditions in which this exercise had been carried out. "Nothing motivated the implementation of this exercise when, after the passage of the storm, the Seine was in flood," said the departmental assistant secretary of the union, Nicolas Pucheu. According to him, the policewoman had her scuba diving diploma "only for three weeks". "It was for us suicidal to put it in the water," he said.

After the passage of storm Eleanor, the level of the Seine was rising in early January, exceeding 5.80 m in late January.

Police plunger missing in Paris: her body found near the Pont des Arts

<http://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/plongeuse-de-la-police-disparue-a-paris-son-corps-retrouve-pres-du-pont-des-arts-29-04-2018-7689819.php>

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The body of the diver who disappeared in Paris on January 5th was found. * LP / Jean Nicholas Guillo

The 27-year-old had sunk on January 5, during an exercise of the Flood Brigade in full flood.

This is the epilogue of an absolute drama. The body of Amandine, policewoman, diver in the River Brigade, originally from Nice (Alpes-Maritimes), 27 years old, was drafted in the Seine this Sunday.

Nearly four months ago, on January 5, [the young peacekeeper and diver of this elite unit, bottle on the back, wearing a lead belt, sank herself in](#) a drill. the raging waters of the Seine in full flood. The tragedy took place after the passage of Storm Eleanor, in the heart of Paris, near Notre Dame.

The research that had mobilized the divers of the Fluviale but also the firefighters divers, the sonar, a helicopter and a drone had not allowed to locate it.

This Sunday, "they are passers-by who made the macabre discovery, seeing a body float at the Pont des Arts", not far

from the place where the victim had drowned, indicates a police source.

"It's his colleagues from the Fluviale who lifted the body" "The hardest thing," says a source familiar with the matter, "is that the divers from the Fluviale, his colleagues, who, alerted, have reassembled the body. "

"At 99%, it's her," notes this source. There were elements of the combination of the Fluvial. But the body is very degraded. "

Since January, the disappearance of Amandine upset the police house but also created a controversy that then took a turn judicial.

The Unsa police union, whose policewoman was a member, had immediately denounced dysfunctions. The young woman who had just joined the fluvial brigade had only been underwater for three weeks. The union questioned his hierarchy and denounced the fact that the prefecture, for "questions of susceptibility" would have refused the support of the elite unit of the Raid to try to locate the body of Amandine.

The accident would be the consequence of a "series of errors"

[On February 27, the Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation](#) for "manslaughter", an ongoing investigation by IGPN, the police of the police. For her part, the family of the young woman filed a complaint with the civil party.

Last Wednesday, The Chained Duck, who had access to elements of the court file, revealed [a series of errors that, according to them, led to the death of the young woman.](#)

"The rope of more than fifteen meters connecting the policewoman with the Zodiac solidly docked at the wharf should have prevented it from being swept away by the whirlwinds of the flooded river. The rope was detached from the boat as a result of a mistake. 'appreciation. "

The newspaper also pointed out a colleague, a novice, who, not being equipped with his bottle, would then have gone to the water to rescue her, on the orders of his instructor,



Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th, during an exercise of the brigade fluvial near Notre Dame. © THOMAS SAMSON / AFP

before turning back, also finding himself in difficulty. . Which monitor was not immediately suspended.

An autopsy will be performed

The newspaper revealed that the Prefecture of Police who defended the accidental thesis had hidden the real circumstances of the drowning. Quoted by the Chained Duck, Amandine's family regretted that they had hidden the truth. "At no time," his mother told the weekly, "the prefecture told us that an error had been made. "

This Sunday, the police headquarters, in a statement, said that "Michel Delpuech, prefect of police, who immediately

went there, wants to ensure the family of the police as well as colleagues support."

Amandine's body has been transported to the Forensic Institute of Paris where an autopsy will be performed "for a formal identification, says a senior official of the Ministry of the Interior but also to shed light on the circumstances of this drama. The elements of his suit, the accessories, the traces will interest the investigators ".

Diver Of The Dead Police During An Exercise In Paris: What We Know

http://www.lepoint.fr/societe/plongeuse-de-la-police-morte-lors-d-un-exercice-a-paris-ce-que-l-on-sait-30-04-2018-2214643_23.php

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The body of Amandine Giraud, who disappeared on January 5 during training in difficult conditions, was found Sunday in the Seine.

They are civil protection agents marauding along the banks of the Seine in Paris who saw [a body floating in the Seine between the bridge of the Carrousel and Pont des Arts](#) . This one was quickly identified thanks to the remains of her outfit with the shield of the fluvial one. The body was discovered not far from the Monnaie arm, which runs along the south of Île de la Cité, a narrow passage with a strong current where the young peacekeeper of the river brigade, Amandine Giraud, 27 years old, disappeared on January 5th during a training session in difficult climatic conditions.

The exercises are done at the request of the divers themselves and their union representatives. On December 15, 2017, during a hearing with the commanding officer who runs the river, some police had referred to the difficulties encountered by divers at the climate summit on December 12, 2017, where they had to face a flow of the Seine at

500m3 / s. The union, therefore, demanded the holding of diving training in conditions of optimal safety "to perfect the technicality of divers and maintain their skills. " Indeed, three days earlier, at [the World Climate Summit](#), the police divers of the fluvial had had the worst difficulties inspecting the hulls of the boats of the musical Seine, the cultural box inaugurated in April on the island Seguin (Hauts-de-Seine) where [Emmanuel Macron](#) and his guests were installed for their speeches.

Unsa sums up his interview with the river hierarchy: "We have made the point of doing regular diving training, as the underwater work required on this day has been difficult for our divers. The diving conditions of the day were perilous with a strong current estimated at 500 m3 / s in the Paris region. "

Three Investigations

Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th after diving into a river at the rate of 900 m3 / s. The young woman, from Nice, had been scuba diving since she was a teenager. The one who had failed the first dive tests before making the second attempt had joined the river in 2016.

On the morning of her disappearance, Amandine Giraud had already done her first swim training. While the second team of the fluvial team, which she was not part of, was about to dive, the young woman proposed to integrate this session.

Amandine's parents were received by the hierarchy of the river brigade just after his disappearance. "Nothing was hidden from them, contrary to what one could read," says a source in the office of the prefect of police. "On the other hand, they were not given any element of the judicial investigation. And for good reason, we do not have access. Three investigations are currently being conducted on this tragic accident: judicial, administrative and a final one of the CHSCT, carried out inter alia by the representatives of the personnel.

Safety Jacket

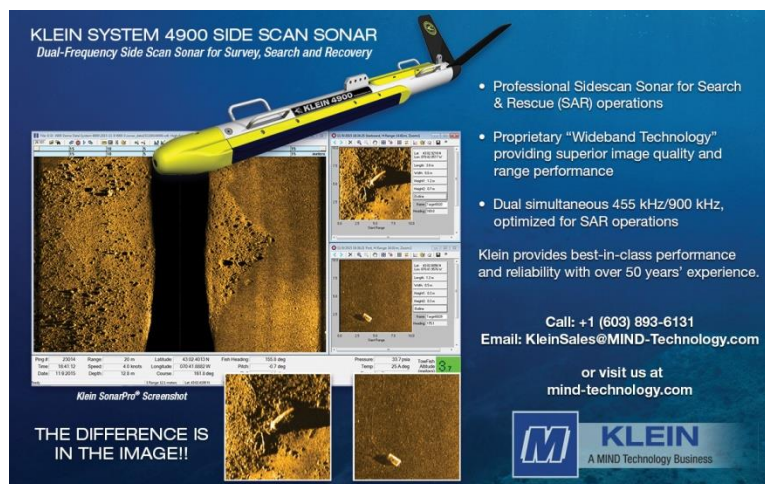
At this point, many questions remain unresolved. It seems, however, that the training protocol has been respected. Supervision by an instructor, an officer, a diver (ex-swimmer) and another, certainly less experienced, meets the usual standards.

When Amandine is in trouble this January 5th in the late morning, the supervisor makes the decision in

two seconds to release the command that connects to the boat. The protocol provides that in case of difficulty the diver inflates his lifejacket to float on the surface, in order to be recovered later.

This January 5, Amandine apparently did not inflate her vest. For what reasons? Was it prevented by the high flow?

The parents of Amandine Giraud constituted themselves civil party and entrusted to Master Éric Dupont-Moretti the defense of their interests.



The Funeral Of The Policewoman Who Died In The Seine Will Be Celebrated Wednesday In Nice

<http://www.nicematin.com/faits-divers/les-obseques-de-la-policiere-decedee-dans-la-seine-seront-celebrees-mercredi-a-nice-227927>

May 4, 2018 By Christophe Cirone

After the tribute scheduled Monday at the police headquarters in Paris, it is in his hometown that Amine Giraud will be entitled to a religious ceremony, two days later.

The funeral of the young woman, who died in tragic circumstances on January 5 in Paris, will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 9 at 10 am in the basilica Sainte-Réparate.

Originally from the Saint-Roch district, the young Niçoise had joined the national police as a cadet of the Republic in Marseille, before joining in 2016 the fluvial brigade in Paris.

She had just got her scuba diving license when she drowned during a drill in the flooded Seine.

Her body was only found on April 29th.

HER PARENTS CIVIL PARTY

The conditions of this exercise created a lively controversy, the union Unsa-Police denouncing " *the lightness* " with which it was organized.

The first findings of the IGPN, revealed by *Le Canard Enchaîné* , pointed to a series of human errors.

Three investigations are in progress: a judicial led by the Paris prosecutor's office, an administrative led by the IGPN, and an internal conducted by the CHSCT.



Amandine Giraud, 27, fell in the Seine during a nautical exercise in the flooded river. * AFP Photo

Amandine's parents became civilians. They called on Eric Dupond-Moretti to defend their interests.

"Until The End, She Was A Warrior": The Shocking Testimony Of The Mother Of Amandine, The Policewoman Nicoise Dead Drowned In The Seine

<http://www.nicematin.com/faits-divers/jusquau-bout-elle-a-ete-une-querriere-le-bouleversant-temoignage-de-la-mere-damandine-la-policiere-nicoise-morte-novee-dans-la-seine-228400>

May7, 2018 Par Interview By Christophe Cirone

A homage will be paid in Paris this Monday morning to Amandine Giraud, this young policewoman who drowned during an exercise in the Seine, on January 5th. His mother, Elisabeth, spoke to Nice-Matin.

"It's not just the policewoman who disappeared into the Seine, she was my daughter, she was the sister ... She was a girl full of life, full of plans." On the phone, the voice oscillates between extreme sorrow, lucidity, cold anger, and fighting spirit.

Elisabeth, Amandine Giraud's mother, wants to *"know the truth"*. To understand how his daughter died at the age of 27, on January 5, during an exercise of the river brigade in the Seine unleashed.

The body of the young Niçoise, from the Saint-Roch district, reappeared on the surface on April 29th. This denouement will allow the holding of a tribute on Monday morning at the police headquarters of Paris.

Then a religious ceremony in Nice, Wednesday at 10 am, in the basilica Sainte-Réparate. *"It's going to be quite intense ..."*, Elisabeth breathes, when she leaves her Cannes home for the capital. But the time of mourning does not overshadow that of questions.

But they are numerous. A first survey of the IGPN, echoing the accusations of the union Unsa-Police, pointed out many human errors.

Three investigations are in progress. Of which one, judicial, for manslaughter".

Elisabeth, her ex-husband (who lives in Nice), and their daughter (in the Navy in Toulon) constituted themselves a civil party.

Without interfering with the file, this grieving mother agreed to confide in Nice-Matin. To tell them who was

her daughter. And what is her revolt? A testimony filled with love. A shocking story.

What has been your daughter's journey since childhood in Nice?

She was educated at Bischoffsheim School, Risso College, and then at the Lycée de l'Est. After the baccalaureate, she began a year of law, then returned as a cadet of the Republic at the Auvare barracks. She became a security assistant in Marseille, then passed the peacekeeper's competition at the Nîmes police academy. His wish was to be transferred to Paris to join the fluvial brigade.



After the homage paid to Paris on Monday, the funeral of the young policewoman from Nice will be celebrated this Wednesday in Nice. Photo DR

A true vocation?

Yes. In her youth, my daughter was part of the ONN [Olympic Nice Swimming, ed] at the pool Jean-Bouin. She loved swimming. When she was in Marseille, she was lifeguard on the beaches for the police. And during her holidays, she was also with the firefighters! She has always loved water. It was his

favorite field. When she was young, she said, "I'll be in the police." But when the kids think of Commissioner Lescaut, she wanted to serve people. For her, it was a passion.

That reflected her character?

She is a girl who seemed nonchalant. In fact, she was waiting to know how to do things to go. During her competitions in the river, she was very tenacious, pugnacious. It was not easy. At first, she missed her qualification test ... She passed the tests in the pool, at sea, orally ... But in 2016, she missed her diving module in the Seine. She was not sure enough of her. It was winter, the visibility conditions were not great ... She had to go back in March 2017, then in December, because of surgery. Between the moment she was received and when she left us, she had dived only three times!

That morning she had plunged with her brigade. Everything was great. She went back to another brigade and ... that's it. I will not say more.

"FAR TOO MANY MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE"

If she trained at the ONN, she was an excellent swimmer?

The butterfly was not her thing, but she excelled in the crawl. My daughter was a fish! Very tenacious. Moreover, she went up alone. Because the suit dropped her, of course ... But nobody went to get her. Until the end, she was a warrior ... (Sighs). I am very, very proud of my daughter! Amandine's problem was that she did not see the pain in anyone. She trusted the professionals blindly. If she was not sure, she would ask questions. And she had a great quality that I, unfortunately, do not have: she was not resentful.



Amandine Giraud is radiant with her sister Marjolaine, who works in the Navy in Toulon. Photo DR

The deaths of police officers on duty do not all meet so much. How do you explain the emotion around this drama?

The emotion is related to the date when it happened. The Seine was in flood. Many mistakes have been made. Many, many more ... That's why I went to court, just like my daughter and my ex-husband. Initially, I had taken the same lawyer as my daughter. But when I saw that it was not moving, I decided to take Me Dupond-Moretti.

By appealing to him, you appeal to the defender of established orders and institutions?

I do not think he's afraid of anyone, and he's doing his job very well. Warning: I do not question the qualities of my

daughter's lawyer. But we must be supported to get the truth as quickly as possible. Because there have been failures.

Are the recent revelations of Chained Duck making you say that? Or were you quickly convinced?

From the beginning. When I met the authorities, I was told it was an unfortunate accident. I was not told anything! As a mom, I asked questions that professionals could have asked me the same way as me, who is new to the subject. I absolutely wanted to get my daughter back as soon as possible. It's untenable for me to know that my daughter has been in the water for so long, and so close to where she drowned.

How far was her body found?

Her boat was moored at the bridge of Notre-Dame [de Paris]. She drowned almost in front of the prefecture. And she came out at the next bridge. about eight hundred meters. It was not the end of the world, she was not in Le Havre!

However, research has been conducted in all directions?

I doubt it ... There have been dives for the first two days. But then, the flood was too strong. Then it was too cold. They no longer had the right to dive. I asked, "Will you give it to me one day?" I did not get an answer. Since I went to court, I did not have any direct contact.

The discovery of his body was a painful relief?

When she came out, I said, "Finally!" I hoped without believing it. It's hard, everything will happen this week. But I got my daughter back. And at the medico-legal institute, I

will be allowed to see the hand of my daughter. That's all I'll have the right to see ...

This fleeting contact with her, what are you waiting for the most?

Yes. We pay tribute to her, that's good ... But I would have preferred her to be always there.

Wednesday, another tribute will be returned to her hometown ...

Yes, she will be surrounded by his family. His friends from the river brigade and the civil protection will go down too. They do not want to leave it, not leave us. A few days after the disappearance of Amandine, her friends from the river offered her a memorial: a pointy, painted in blue and white, baptized Amandine, with his police registration. Civil protection also paid tribute. It's very strong.

You have received many marks of support?

Verry much. Amandine was a smiling, attractive girl who loved singing, dancing, and partying. Since leaving, I realize the impressive number of friends she had. I did not know she was so loved by so many people. I hope she knew it ...

Amandine had it intervened during the bad weather of 2015 or the attack of Nice in 2016?

No, because she had been in Paris since 2014. On the other hand, she was working on traffic in front of the Stade de France on the night of the attacks. She was not hurt, but very marked. So much so that it helped, within the civil protection, to support the parents of the dead victims in Bataclan. My daughter was very generous! The attack in Nice was another shock. After

visiting the Promenade des Anglais, she repeated: "It's not fair, it's not fair ..."

What do you expect from the various investigations in progress?

To know the truth. What really happened? And why? Why did she dive in extreme conditions? Why was the person who went to help her not properly equipped? I want answers!

Tribute To The Policewoman Nice Amandine Giraud, Drowned In The Seine: "I Understand Your Anger"

<http://www.nicematin.com/faits-divers/hommage-a-la-policiere-nicoise-amandine-giraud-noyee-dans-la-seine-je-comprends-votre-colere-228599>
May 7, 2018 by AFP

A tribute was given this Monday morning by the police headquarters to the police officer of the fluvial brigade who drowned in Paris during an exercise on January 5 and whose body was found on April 29.

"I share your grieving and your grief," said police chief Michel Delpuech in his address to the parents of the 27-year-old policewoman, who was present during the tribute in the police headquarters court.

"I also understand your anger, with the innumerable questions that you ask yourself about the circumstances of the tragedy, the ongoing investigation (...) will have to provide the answers you expect," he also said.

The policewoman had disappeared a few days after the storm Eleanor during a routine exercise that took place at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The level of the Seine was then mounted in Paris, to reach January 3. 3.26 m at

the bridge of Austerlitz, which corresponds to the "yellow vigilance".

MANY QUESTIONS

The Paris prosecutor's office has entrusted the National Police's General Inspectorate (IGPN) with an investigation to investigate the reasons for the

disappearance. On February 23, it led to the opening of a judicial investigation for manslaughter. *"Nothing motivated the*

implementation of this exercise so that after the

passage of the storm, the Seine is in flood," said Deputy Departmental Secretary of Unsa-Police, Nicolas Pucheu.

The police headquarters had assured that the routine exercise in which the young woman participated was *"planned and supervised"*. The Chained Duck, citing elements of the investigation, assured that during the exercise, the rope or *"line of life"* which connected the young woman to a Zodiac docked at the Notre Dame wharf *"was detached. of the boat following an error of appreciation "* of a monitor.

PROMOTED POSTHUMOUSLY

"We were hiding the truth: At no time did the police prefecture tell us that an error had been made, that the monitor had given the order to release the lifeline. civil party" says in the same article the mother of the policewoman, who chose Eric Dupond-Moretti as a



This young recruit from the river brigade died at the age of 27. DR

lawyer. Questioned by AFP Sunday, the latter did not wish to react.

Amandine Giraud was posthumously promoted to the rank of Captain and received the National Police Medal of Honor and the Gold Medal Homeland Security Medal.

Nice pays a poignant tribute to Amandine Giraud, the policewoman who died in the Seine

<http://www.nicematin.com/vie-locale/nice-rend-un-hommage-poignant-a-amandine-giraud-la-policriere-decedee-dans-la-seine-229045>

May 09, 2018 BY Christophe Cirone



A religious ceremony was held in St. Réparate Basilica, in Nice. * Cirone Christophe pictures

The white uniforms of the river brigade on one side; those, blue and orange, Civil Protection, on the other. Two symbols

of the commitment of Amandine Giraud. Two bodies were welded around the family of the young Niçoise, this Wednesday morning, for a funeral in her hometown.

Two days after the homage paid by the police headquarters of Paris, a religious ceremony was celebrated in the basilica Sainte-Réparate, for this young policewoman tragically died at the age of 27 years.

Her mother Elisabeth, her father Albert, and her sister Marjolaine, of exemplary dignity, accompanied Amandine in these heartbreaking moments.

Her friends of the police, of the Civil Protection, the elected ones, the friends of the family came in number to surround them, upset.

The body of Amine had to join the crematorium on the plain of Var.

"We mourn Amandine and the brutality of his death adds to our pain," sums up the father Laurent Giallo, under the tender look of Amandine, whose wide portrait contemplates a coffin draped in blue-white-red.

Behind the policewoman, she describes a young woman always eager to *"want to know, want to understand"*. Like his family, today in search of truth. Three investigations, including one for manslaughter, are open to the circumstances of the tragedy.

Amandine Giraud drowned on January 5, during a controversial exercise in the flooded Seine. His body came back to the surface on April 29th. The IGP survey pointed out many human errors, as revealed by the Chained Duck. The family became a civil party, and Amandine's mother appealed to the tenor Eric Dupond-Moretti.

Diver Of The Dead Police During An Exercise In Paris: What We Know

http://www.lepoint.fr/societe/plongeuse-de-la-police-morte-lors-d-un-exercice-a-paris-ce-que-l-on-sait-30-04-2018-2214643_23.php#xtor=CS3-192

Modified April 09, 2048 Published on 04/30/2018 By [Aziz Zemouri](#) | The Point.fr

The body of Amandine Giraud, who disappeared on January 5 during training in difficult conditions, was found Sunday in the Seine.

They are civil protection agents marauding along the banks of the Seine in [Paris](#) who saw [a body floating in the Seine between the bridge of the Carrousel and Pont des Arts](#) . This one was quickly identified thanks to the remains of his outfit with the shield of the fluvial one. The body was discovered not far from the Monnaie arm, which runs along the south of Île de la Cité, a narrow passage with a strong current where the young peacekeeper of the river brigade, Amandine Giraud, years old, disappeared on January 5th during a training session in difficult climatic conditions.

The exercises are done at the request of the divers themselves and their union representatives. On December 15, 2017, during a hearing with the commanding officer who runs the river, some police had referred to the difficulties encountered by divers at the climate summit on December 12, 2017, where they had to face a flow of the Seine at 500m³ / s. The union, therefore, demanded the holding of diving training in conditions of optimal safety " to perfect the technicality of divers and maintain their skills. " Indeed, three days earlier, at [the World Climate Summit](#), the police divers of the fluvial had had the worst difficulties inspecting the hulls of the boats of the musical Seine, the cultural box inaugurated in April on the island Seguin (Hauts-de-Seine) where [Emmanuel Macron](#) and his guests s were installed for their speeches. Unsa sums up his interview with the river

hierarchy: "We have made the point of doing regular diving training, as the underwater work required on this day has been difficult for our divers. The



Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th, during an exercise of the brigade fluvial near Notre Dame. © THOMAS SAMSON / AFP

diving conditions of the day were perilous with a strong current estimated at 500 m³ / s in the Paris region. "

Three Investigations

Amandine Giraud disappeared on January 5th after diving into a river at the rate of 900 m³ / s. The young woman, from Nice, had been scuba diving since she was a teenager. The one who had failed the first dive tests before making the second attempt had joined the river in 2016.

On the morning of her disappearance, Amandine Giraud had already done her first swim training. While the second team of the fluvial team, which she was not part of, was about to dive, the young woman has proposed to join this session.

Amandine's parents were received by the hierarchy of the river brigade just after his disappearance. "Nothing has been hidden from them, contrary to what we have read," says a source in the office of the prefect of police. "On the other hand, they were not given any element of the judicial investigation. And for good reason, we do not have access. Three investigations are currently being conducted on this tragic accident: judicial, administrative, and a final one of the CHSCT, carried out inter alia by the representatives of the personnel.

Safety Jacket

At this point, many questions remain unresolved. It seems, however, that the training protocol has been respected. Supervision by an instructor, an officer, a diver (ex-swimmer), and another, certainly less experienced, meets the usual standards.

When Amandine is in trouble this January 5th in the late morning, the monitor makes the decision in two seconds to release the command that connects to the boat. The protocol provides that in case of difficulty the diver inflates his lifejacket to float on the surface, in order to be recovered later. This January 5, Amandine apparently did not inflate her vest. For what reasons? Was it prevented by the high flow?

The parents of Amandine Giraud constituted themselves a civil party and entrusted to Master Éric Dupont-Moretti the defense of their interests.

DEATH OF OUR COLLEAGUE FROM THE RIVER BRIGADE: POLICE PREFECTURE IN CLOUDY WATER

<https://vigimi.fr/f/actualites-fr/entry/mort-de-notre-college-de-la-brigade-fluviale-la-prefecture-de-police-en-eau-trouble>

September 5, 2018

On January 5th, 2018, there was a tragedy on the Seine: our colleague Amandine GIRAUD, a diver of the fluvial brigade of the Prefecture of Police, died drowned during a training, organized "*at a moment's notice*", while he was "*unworkable*" that day because of the flood of the river.

The duck enchaîné returns to the progress of the investigation in its edition of this day, September 5, 2018, highlighting many malfunctions, which caused the death of our colleague:

- Lifeline detached by our colleagues on the boat;
- Equipment control made of non-rigorous material, such as the stabilizing vest, which our colleague could not inflate and which could have saved his life;
- A witness, an amateur diver, tried to alert our colleagues, but by the time they understood, it was too late.

All its dysfunctions raise questions:

- Did our colleagues have the training and experience to coach our colleague Amandine?
- Why is the hardware not checked correctly? Budget reasons?
- As in the case BENALLA, which the Prefecture of Police wants to protect by its lies?

This colleague was a member of the UNSA-Police, who said he would "*never give up*" to identify the person or persons

responsible for the mistakes. However, this union did not make the choice to become a civil party in the proceedings. So in the interest of the profession and to support the family of our colleague, our union VIGI. lodged a civil claim with the voice of our lawyer, Maître BOUZROU, last June.

Once again the press and the appointment of an investigating magistrate seem the only ramparts to the opacity of the Police Prefecture, which at the beginning spoke of a *"training provided for a long time"* and refused the help. Raiders from the RAID participate in searches to find our colleague. In addition, the amateur diver had difficulty registering his testimony. Were instructions given to prevent the statements of this "inconvenient" witness for the Police Prefecture from appearing in the proceedings?

"Human lives do not seem to be of inestimable value to men of power. In the end, these are just statistics »Christiane VILLON



Congratulations For Making It This Far!

I find great value in lessons learned from the fatality files. I also find great sadness. What we learn is how fragile our lives are and how quickly and easily they can be cut short.

The two files I included in this issue are great examples of how things can go wrong on a dive. It doesn't matter if you are a new diver or have many years of experience. Mistakes can happen.

I would encourage you to use these reports as tabletop scenario training with your team. Take the time to really analyze them and understand the consequences of the events as they unfolded. What would your team have done differently?

Why did it take so long to find Amandine? Why was she missing in the first place? What was her scuba background and actual experience as a PSDiver?

Was it equipment issues? Was it a lack of attention to her setup? Was it a missed knot or an actual equipment failure?

How easily could a similar event occur with YOUR team? Has apathy set in? Are you "good enough" or striving to constantly improve? How close are you to losing one of your own?

How would you feel if you lost one of your own divers? Lost – really lost and never found the body? What steps can you take, are you willing to take to never let that happen?

Hard tethering a diver in zero visibility or water that will become zero visibility should – in my opinion – be REQUIRED.

~Mark

Training Calander 2022

May 2-5

Rapid Deployment Search and Rescue/Recovery

Lifeguard Systems

Pittsfield Fire Department

<http://teamlgs.com/ma-rapid-deployment-search-rescuerecovery-may-2022/>

May 4

Chamber Day

Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber

Avalon, CA

310-652-4990

www.ChamberDay.org

May 4-5

Aquatic Abuse, Death, and Homicidal Drowning Investigations Class

Lifeguard Systems

Utah International Association for Identification (I.A.I.),

Cottonwood Heights, Utah

<http://teamlgs.com/ut-aquatic-abuse-death-homicidal-drowning-investigations-class-may-4-5-2022/>

May 4

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for INTERSPIRO DIVATOR MKII

Modesto, CA

<https://www.oceantechnologysystems.com/tech-courses/>

John Hott or Amie Litzinger at: jhott@otscomm.com and

amie@otscomm.com for details.

Or call Amie at 714-754-7848 ext. 116 or John at 714-330-4221.

May 5

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May 6-7

SRT PRO – 2

Arkansas River, Royal Gorge Rafting Adventure Beach

Canon City, CO

www.swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com/ssi-courses/swiftwater-rescue-training/

May 6-8

Swiftwater Rescue Training – Pro 1

Idaho Springs, CO

josephrbailey17@gmail.com

May 7 – 9

NOLI ACA L3 River Safety & Rescue Instructor Course

[NOLI - Nolichucky Outdoor Learning Institute](http://www.nolichucky.com)

Erwin, Tennessee

<https://www.facebook.com/events/366222311887149>

May 10

Swift Water Rescue Awareness - Online

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

<https://www.tnars.org/events/swift-water-rescue-awareness-online-may-10-2022>

May 10-11**Aquatic Abuse, Death, and Homicidal Drowning Investigations training Centennial, CO-**

Lifeguard Systems

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Centennial, Colorado

<http://teamlgs.com/co-aquatic-abuse-death-homicidal-drowning-investigations-training-may/>

May 12**Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for the OTS Guardian** Online Zoom Class

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May 10-23**Basics of Side Scan Sonar****Maritime Security East Conference VaBeach VA**

Regan.Lipinski@na-atlas.com

757-871-1934

May 12**Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for the OTS** Online Zoom Class

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7848 ext. 116 or John at 714-330-4221.

May 12-13**WATER OPERATIONS OFFICER DEVELOPMENT**

Dive Rescue International

Fishers, Indiana

<https://www.diverescueintl.com/water-operations-officer-development-in-fishers-indiana-may-12-13-2022/>

May 13-15**DIVE RESCUE I**

South Haven Area Emergency Services

Michigan

<https://www.diverescueintl.com/dive-rescue-i-in-minnesota-open-for-registration-class-begins-sept-16-2021-2/>

May 13-25**Swiftwater Rescue Training – Pro 1**

Idaho Springs, CO

nicky.gallo23@gmail.com

MAY 14 AT 7 AM – MAY 15 AT 4 PM CDT**Swift Water Tech**

Columbus, Indiana

Code3 Divers 317-557-2462

<https://www.code3divers.org/>

May 15-19**Swiftwater Rescue Training – Pro 1**

Idaho Springs, CO

josephrbailey17@gmail.com

May 16-17**Rescue Boat Operation IRIA / ERDI**

Dive and Rescue

New Orleans – Verify class location

info@diveandrescue.org

504-362-5731



May 16-19

Underwater Criminal Investigators

Kootenai County Idaho.

Mike Berry

https://www.ucdiver.com/files/ugd/9ed165_cd2a6f1eccf849419335d52550a84a13.pdf

May 20-22

Basics of Side Scan Sonar

Hawaii

Regan.Lipinski@na-atlas.com

757-871-1934

May 20-21

Swiftwater Rescue 1

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

Thunderrock Campground\Copper Hill, TN

<https://www.tnars.org/swr-awareness-and-swr-1>

MAY 31, 2022

Decompression Theory - Online Course

12 Week Webinar Course

<https://www.facebook.com/events/721842385630033/>

June 6-7

Aquatic Abuse, Death, and Homicidal Drowning Investigations

Round Rock Police Department, Round Rock, Texas

<http://teamlgs.com/tx-aquatic-abuse-death-homicidal-drowning-investigations-june-6-7-round-rock>



June 3-5

Swiftwater Rescue 1

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

Thunderrock Campground\Copper Hill, TN

<https://www.tnars.org/swr-awareness-and-swr-1>

June 3-13

Swiftwater Rescue 1, 2, & Trainer

Golden, Colorado

Dive Rescue International

<https://www.diverescueintl.com/swiftwater-rescue-1-2-trainer-in-golden-colorado-june-3-13-2022/>

June 10 – JUN 12

Dive Rescue 1

www.diverescueintl.com/product/training-registration

Sioux Falls, SD

June 10-12

Swiftwater Rescue Training – Pro 1

Banks, ID

Swiftwater Safety Institute

jkleberg@alzarschool.org

June 13-15

SRT PRO-1

Ten Mile Rescue

Cañon City, CO

backcountryguide280@yahoo.com

<https://swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com/ssi-courses/recertification-courses-advanced/>

June 14 – 17

ERD 1 Ops w/ FFM and Dry Suit **

West Palm Beach, Florida

www.PoliceFireDive.com

info@policefiredive.com

June 17-19

Swiftwater Rescue 1

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads
Thunderrock Campground\Copper Hill, TN
<https://www.tnars.org/swr-awareness-and-swr-1>

June 18 – June 19

ACA L3 River Safety and Rescue Class

The location will be determined as we get closer to the day of class. Boats will not be required, all locations have foot access. All locations are within **1 hour of Roanoke VA**
<https://roa-store.com/product/aca-l3-river-safety-and-rescue-class-61822>

June 21

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for INTERSPIRO DIVATOR MKII

Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA
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June 23

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for INTERSPIRO DIVATOR MKII

Raleigh/Durham, NC
<https://www.oceantechnologysystems.com/tech-courses/>
John Hott or Amie Litzinger at: jhott@otscomm.com and amie@otscomm.com for details.
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June 29-31

Swift Water II

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads
Hiwassee Outfitters
155 Ellis Creek Road, Reliance, TN
<https://www.tnars.org/events/swift-water-rescue-ii-july-29-31-2022>

July 8-10

Public Safety Diver Course

Pelham, Alabama
Instructor Clint Barnett
<http://www.ucidiver.com>

July 13-16

PADI Public Safety Diver Course

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads
Kingsport Lifesaving Crew
1800 Crescent Dr., Kingsport, TN
<https://www.tnars.org/padi-public-safety-diver>

July 14

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for INTERSPIRO DIVATOR MKII

Panama City Beach, FL
<https://www.oceantechnologysystems.com/tech-courses/>
John Hott or Amie Litzinger at: jhott@otscomm.com and amie@otscomm.com for details.
Or call Amie at 714-754-7848 ext. 116 or John at 714-330-4221

July 15

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July 16-July 26

Underwater Criminal Investigator and Master UCI and the Public Safety Dive Commander Courses

Columbus Georgia

Mike Berry

<https://www.ucidiver.com/chattahoochee-scuba>

July 23-24

Water Rescue Technician

South Hiram Maine

Firetech Training

www.Firetechtraining.com

July 27

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for INTERSPIRO DIVATOR MKII

Houston, TX

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July 28

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Houston, Texas

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August 10-12

PSD Underwater Rigginf ad Recovery Ops

West Palm Beach, Florida

www.PoliceFireDive.com

info@policefiredive.com

August 12-14

Swift Water II

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

Hiwassee Outfitters

155 Ellis Creek Road, Reliance, TN

<https://www.tnars.org/events/swift-water-rescue-ii-august-12-14-2022>

August 13-14

Water Rescue Technician

South Hiram Maine – Email to confirm location.

Firetech Training

www.Firetechtraining.com

August 20-23

Underwater Criminal Investigator

Pelham, Alabama

Instructor: Clint Barnett

<http://www.ucidiver.com>

August 24-27, 2022

UCI Diver's Master Underwater Criminal Investigator

Pelham, Alabama

Instructor: Clint Barnett

<http://www.ucidiver.com>

August 26-28

Swift Water II

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

Hiwassee Outfitters

155 Ellis Creek Road, Reliance, TN

<https://www.tnars.org/events/swift-water-rescue-ii-august-26-28-2022>

Aug 30-31

Basics of Side Scan Sonar

Lloydminster Canada
Regan.Lipinski@na-atlas.com
757-871-1934

Sept 8

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician

Classes for the OTS Guardian Online Zoom Class

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Sept 9-11

Public Safety Diver Course

Pelham, Alabama
Instructor: Clint Barnett
<http://www.ucidiver.com>

September 12-14

Ohio Public Safety Diving Symposium

740-417-3743 or 614-906-0408
PSDohio@gmail.com

September 12-15

Aquatic Abuse, Death, and Homicidal Drowning Investigations with BOTH Indoor and Outdoor Skills Days

Gilbert Police Department, Gilbert, Arizona
<http://teamlgs.com/az-aquatic-abuse-death-homicidal-drowning-investigations-indoor-outdoor-skills-days/>

Sept 13-16

ERD 1 Ops w/ FFM and Dry Suit

West Palm Beach, Florida
www.PoliceFireDive.com info@policefiredive.com

Sept 14

Basics of Side Scan Sonar Lake Monticello, Palmyra VA

Regan.Lipinski@na-atlas.com
757-871-1934

Sept 15 – 18

Water Rescue Instructor Academy

Portland, Maine
<https://lifesaving.com/courses-registration/>

SEPT 15-18

Full PSD Program

North Bay, NY
Northeast Public Safety Divers
<https://m.facebook.com/Northeastpublicsafetydivers/?ref=newsfeed>
201-888-8656

Sept 16-18

Advanced Public Safety Diver Course

Pelham, Alabama
Instructor: Clint Barnett
<http://www.ucidiver.com>

SEPT 23, 2022 AT 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM EDT

Contaminated Water Operations Online

Northeast Public Safety Divers
<https://m.facebook.com/Northeastpublicsafetydivers/?ref=newsfeed>
201-888-8656

October 8-18

UCI, Master UCI, and PSD Commander Courses

Instructor Mike Berry
<http://www.ucidiver.com>

October 13

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for the OTS Guardian Online Zoom Class

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October 13-14

ERDI Underwater Crime Scene Investigation

West Palm Beach, Florida

www.PoliceFireDive.com info@policefiredive.com

Nov 1

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for the OTS Guardian

DEMA – Orlando, Florida

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Nov 2

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DEMA, Orlando, FL

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Nov 3

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November 7-9

Public Safety Dive Conference and Expo



<https://www.psdconference.org/>

Nov 10

Ocean Technology Systems Full Face Mask Technician Classes for the OTS Online Zoom Class

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Nov 10-13

PADI Public Safety Diver Course

Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

Kingsport Lifesaving Crew

1800 Crescent Dr., Kingsport, TN

<https://www.tnars.org/padi-public-safety-diver>

Nov 12-15

Underwater Criminal Investigator Course

Pelham, Alabama

Instructor: Clint Barnett

<http://www.ucidiver.com>

2023 Training Calendar

2023

February 16-19

Ice Rescue Instructor Academy

Portland Maine

<https://lifesaving.com/>

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**This is NOT a complete list. It represents only what has either been shared with PSDiver Magazine or was gleaned from public websites.**

**As always you should do your OWN research and vet the quality of both the program and organization as well as the instructor.**

**If you have training coming up in 2022 that is open to participants, please share your information so we can include it in the coming issues of PSDiver Magazine.**

### PSDiver ASE Workshop



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(Automobile Subsurface Extrication)

When a vehicle goes into the water, it is rarely an accident. Occupants are not always able to escape; sometimes they are *purposefully prevented* from escaping. If the entry is witnessed and there is a potential for rescue, this workshop includes how to perform a **Hasty Recovery** when recovery of the entire vehicle might be quicker than attempting to extract victims from the vehicle underwater.

If rescue is not an option, the workshop offers a range of methods to bring the vehicle to shore. Methods include utilizing traditional tow hooks and equipment to airbag rigging and deployment to lift the vehicle and pull it to shore by hand.

It can be difficult for teams to learn these or similar techniques. Teams may only have the opportunity to perform these techniques on actual vehicle recoveries and that training potential for the team is almost always lost.

## **We Can Bring Our Own Car!**

Depending on your location, we can solve that problem. We bring a specially designed and environmentally clean vehicle with us.

***In the PSDiver ASE Workshop, teams will learn how to choke, cinch, and seize ... Rigging and Lift Bags. This is an extraordinary team, department, or regional training***



### **PSDiver A.S.E. Workshop** ***Automobile Subsurface Extrication***

**Learn various methods of removal from a Hasty Recovery when there is a chance for rescue, to rigging options for tow truck hookups and airbag lifting.**

**[Click on the image to launch the ASE promotional flyer](#)**

***We are starting our 2022 calendar now. Contact us for information on how to host or hold your own ASE Workshop. This workshop is also an ERDI Specialty program.***

**Email Mark Phillips at [Mark@PSDiver.com](mailto:Mark@PSDiver.com)**

**Buck Buchanan at [UDTdiver@yahoo.com](mailto:UDTdiver@yahoo.com).**

## **PSDiver SURVIVAL Workshop**

This workshop focuses on the individual diver, not the search and recovery of anything. We are not teaching divers how to dive. We are not teaching any *dive team* concepts or skills.

We are going to give you a new perspective on risk management. We will challenge your skills and teach you how to elevate your level of skills mastery.

We will teach you some skills you may have never considered possible and leave you with a new level of confidence and comfort in the water.

If you are tangled, out the air, or unable to get air and at depth, how long do you have to make a decision, perform an action, or multiple actions before you die? Will you make that discovery on your next dive? What are you willing to do to increase your odds of surviving an underwater emergency?

This workshop is focused on increasing your abilities to survive if a worst-case scenario becomes reality. It is not a "sharks and minnows" program or a training agency specialty. It is the PSDiver SURVIVAL Workshop and is effective for any diver.

**The entire workshop is focused on gaining time that could save your life– may be *as little* or *as much* as 5 seconds. What if an additional 5 seconds was the time you needed to save your own life?**

***This workshop teaches you how to get that time!***



***Not all emergencies underwater are going to be life-threatening but some MAY!***

**The PSDiver SURVIVAL Workshop will teach you how to turn some of those emergencies into manageable inconveniences.**

Dates, Locations, and additional details and information for our workshops will be posted on all our social media sites and [PSDiver.com](http://PSDiver.com)

We are working to take away your excuses and we understand the problems of being a volunteer and self-funded. With the help of our corporate sponsors, we have kept the cost of our workshops extraordinarily reasonable for everyone!



***We are starting our 2022 calendar now. Contact us for information on how to host or hold your own PSDiver SURVIVAL Workshop.***

**Email Mark Phillips at [Mark@PSDiver.com](mailto:Mark@PSDiver.com)**

**Buchanan at [UDTdiver@yahoo.com](mailto:UDTdiver@yahoo.com).**

**For announcements, schedules, and locations of the PSDiver SURVIVAL and ASE Workshops -**

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**or visit our website [www.PSDiver.com](http://www.PSDiver.com).**

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