



Instructor's Corner

Red Cross Encourages Lifeguards to Complete Survey about Rescues

The Department of Kinesiology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is hosting a survey to gather information about how lifeguards respond to all types of water-related incidents on the job. The ultimate goal of this work is to help various training agencies learn more about what actually is taking place when lifeguards are called upon to respond to an emergency (such as environmental conditions at the time of the rescue, how lifeguards identify the emergency and type of equipment used in the rescue). Roy Fielding, Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the Exercise Science Program in the Department of Kinesiology and Director of Aquatics at UNC Charlotte Aquatics, is leading the efforts of this project.

The survey is presented in a multiple-choice format and is completely anonymous. To access the survey, go to <http://water-rescue.uncc.edu>. The survey will be available until further notice.

The American Red Cross encourages lifeguards who have responded to an aquatic emergency to complete this survey as soon after the incident as possible. This information can have an impact on how lifeguards are trained in the future.