

Shark Marine Technologies busy fall season leads to donation of Sonar Equipment and Training.

September of 2005 Shark Marine was invited to a Federal Bureau of Investigation training session in New Jersey. Jim Garrington of Shark Marine accompanied by Sargent Bill Wiley of the Niagara Regional Police joined the Underwater Search and Evidence Response Teams, (USERT) to learn and share expertise in the field of body location and recovery. A demonstration of Shark Sidescan Sonar and a Stealth ROV provided the attendees with a chance to experience the usefulness of these tools.

Jim Garrington and Jim Honey (sales) were then off to Halifax NS to put new equipment into the hands of the Canadian Navy Divers and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Dive Team. (RCMP) As a manufacturer it is important to have the end user evaluate new equipment and provide feedback. A demonstration of the Stealth ROV, the Navigator and camera systems provided an opportunity for us to receive immediate feedback. Positive comments were given as the teams all enjoyed the chance for a hands on try of the newest technologies. * "I've got nothing bad to say about it. It showed me where the target's were and took me right to them". Navy Clearance Diver. The next event was in our own backyard.

The Police Divers Symposium was held in Niagara Falls this year. A small group of manufactures and distributors were there to show off the tools available for law enforcement applications. The Stealth2 made its debut. Comments back were "wow, all that put into such a small footprint. (Insert Photo of Stealth Topside) Concurrently, Shark



Marine attended the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists conference in Hartford, CT. This is the second



year we have been at the show and we enjoyed being a part of their activities. Jim Honey of Shark Marine spoke to the group about the applications of various sonar systems. Attendees expressed how surprised they were at the affordability of such equipment.

On to October and we were in Toronto, Canada for 1st annual Marine Unit Seminar, hosted by the Toronto Police Service Marine Unit, a few of the seminar topics included underwater death, accident reconstruction and aircraft recovery. The speakers were very informative and the equipment demonstrations were outstanding. The Canadian Coast Guard joined the group for maneuver, demonstrations. On board boat number 11 were two of Shark Marine's staff. Katherine Ellerker and Jim Garrington



experienced what it is like to be involved in a Helicopter rescue. It gave them an understanding of what the victims and rescuers of Katrina went through. A helicopter pushes down with a force equal to its own weight and it is an experience not soon forgotten to be under the machine and on the water.



Monday Nov 14 2005 Shark Marine Technologies Inc of St.Catharines, Ontario, Canada, donates a Shark Marine Dual Frequency side-scan sonar to the Bear Search and Rescue Foundation. Company President Jim Garrington and Jim Honey, sales representative, also contributed a days worth of hands-on instruction for attending members of the US Coast Guard, Auxiliary Coast Guard, NY Fire Department, and numerous other local search and rescue personnel.

The Bear Search and Rescue Foundation (BSARF) recently deployed 27 teams to New Orleans in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. In total just under 6000 people were rescued. The BSARF is dedicated to the support of Search and Rescue units across the country. They intend to make the Shark Marine side-scan sonar available to SAR units for training, to better familiarize themselves with the technology, and available for loan in times of emergency.

When Captain Scott Shields turned to Shark Marine Technologies to provide equipment to the BSARF, Shark Marine's owners decided it would be right to help support the people who touch the lives of so many when disaster strikes. "It's our contribution, to help victims, and their families. Over the years we have been involved with numerous search and recovery efforts. We have seen first hand the pain and suffering that families and friends go through when tragedy strikes. If we can help SAR's teams, that are always ready to give of their time, by having the equipment at hand and knowing how to use it, we in turn hope this will ease some suffering".

Shark Marine Technologies Inc. manufactures Remote Operated Vehicles (ROV's), Camera and Imaging systems including underwater security, search and recovery equipment and provides associated services.

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