

AWARE SafeGuard – Who We Are

For almost 30 years, I have lived on the beautiful LaHave River, located near Bridgewater on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, an area first inhabited by the Mi'kmaq people. In 1604, French explorer Samuel de Champlain arrived and created a thriving trading post, and the river became alive with shipping and fishing. Over time, there were record years of shipbuilding and shipments of lumber and Christmas trees that kept the river busy.

Today, commercial traffic on the river is limited, but recreational activities are still very common. Sailing, boating, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboards are everywhere, and on occasion, things go bad.

I grew up in a volunteer firefighter family. My granddad was a Chief Officer for 29 years, and my father the same for 8. I joined the Chiefs' club recently, after 20+ years as a firefighter and Captain. It's an honour to serve with the men and women who are first responders, but times are always changing, and risks and accidents have increased and become more complex.

Over the years, our department has never been directly involved "on the water" for rescues. We relied on our mutual aid neighbours for that. The tones would come in for a water rescue, a boater overboard, a kayaker in trouble - once, even a small plane crashing while trying to land - and we would jump into action, just so we could "hurry up and wait." Yes, wait for neighbouring departments to get the callout, drive to the station, hope someone with proper training could hook onto the boat, drive to the slip, and motor to the scene.

Total time from page-out? We all know that time is essential. How long do you wait? Ear to the radio, listening for a reply from the incoming Zodiac:

"Chief, we are 15 minutes out."

"Chief, we are six minutes out."

Watching from the shoreline, I have felt helpless. So has my team.

I like to stay busy, and over the months of January to March 2025, I started investigating and researching, looking and hoping for a better way to be useful and allow our department to be leaders, not just waiting on the shoreline. I found a Dolphin. No, not the warm-blooded mammal, but a remote-control rescue device. Imagine my excitement.

I kept searching and comparing, and then reached out to OceanAlpha, the makers of this unmanned device. What a fantastic day when they replied. Finally, some results to start talking about. They were very upfront about the original Dolphin - it wasn't the best - but through years of continuous research, trial and error, they perfected their device and successfully launched the DOLPHIN 3.

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AWARE SafeGuard is proud to be Canada's authorized sales team for this potential life-saving device. Now imagine you get the "person in distress" call. You drive to the scene, toss the D3 into a minimum of 4 inches of water, rough or calm, and as soon as it hits the water, it goes - 21 feet per second. Your team is now involved, helping your lakes, rivers, coastal areas, and community stay safe.

This unit fits perfectly in SAR operations, on ferries, fishing boats, as well as dockside or at tourist areas where water equals danger.

Be sure to review the videos, complete a community risk assessment, and start planning the arrival of your Dolphin 3.

All the best in discovering the possibilities,
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