

January 30, 2018 **And the winner is...F.D.N.Y. Rescue Operations Scuba Unit**

JW Fishers has been attending DEMA (Diving Equipment & Marketing Association) for over 30 years and 2017 was no exception. This year's show was held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL and had over 600 exhibitors on the showcase floor. The show attracts industry professionals, police & fire departments, military personnel, industry equipment dealers and diving enthusiasts from across the globe. JW Fishers Mfg. held a drawing for a chance to win a top-performing SAR-1 underwater metal detector. This detector was introduced to the market at DEMA 16' and has been a very successful addition to the Fisher search equipment line. This detector is in use by law enforcement agencies and military units worldwide, as well as commercial and recreational divers everywhere. One lucky winner was pulled out of over 200 entries to win this powerful Search and Recovery underwater metal detector.

The winner of the drawing was Captain Steve Forlenza, Special Operations Command, SCUBA Operations of the F.D.N.Y. Scuba Squad. Captain Forlenza is in charge of coordinating all of the trainings for the team as well marine maintenance diving to service all the vessels.

The F.D.N.Y Marine Operations division is "responsible for protecting the shorelines of the ports of both N.Y. and N.J., as well as the bridges and tunnels in and around New York City." According to Daily News the FDNY Scuba unit began back in 1981 with only 8 members and have expanded its members to over 100 located through all five boroughs. Each rescue squad has 25 team members that go through a vigorous regimen of training in an ability to help the public in time of need. These Special Operations team members are trained for all emergencies on the open water from searching murky waters for a drowning victim to evacuating a crew from a burning barge! Departments that serve the NY waters need to be proactive and prepare for emergencies and mass casualty incidents that occur away from land-based EMS units!

Fort Wayne Fire Dept. in Indiana utilizes JW Fishers equipment for their search operations. They purchased a Pulse 8X underwater metal detector in 2017. The Special Operations Division of the Fort Wayne Fire Department consists of three teams: Hazardous Materials Response Team, Water Rescue and Recovery Team, and Technical Rescue Team. The Water Rescue and Recovery Team consists of 30 members who are each trained and equipped to respond to incidents involving open water, swift water, and rapid deployment ice diving. The Team is equipped to dive fully encapsulated into many different water environments.

JW Fishers will be at the FDIC 18' show in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. Come visit booth 9647!!

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