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Plum Creek Awards \$3,500 to the Delta County Sheriff Department's Dive Rescue Team

ESCANABA, Mich. – The Plum Creek Foundation today announced that it has awarded the Delta County Sheriff Department's Dive Rescue Team a \$3,500 grant. The grant will be used to help the organization purchase new equipment, including dry suits that will help protect volunteers from potential exposure to hazardous materials and extreme temperatures in the local waterways.

Pete Madden, senior resource manager for Plum Creek in Michigan and Charlie Becker, a resource supervisor for Plum Creek, presented a check to the Delta County Sheriff Department's Dive Rescue Team on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Plum Creek's Escanaba office.

“We are excited to receive this grant from Plum Creek that will allow us to update our equipment and better serve the residents of this community,” said Jon Smith, team leader for the Dive Rescue Team. “It is crucial that our volunteers have quality suits and equipment to use when responding to emergencies. Previously, the divers used their personal recreational diving equipment, but we are now in the process of standardizing, upgrading and improving our equipment.”

The Dive Rescue Team covers more than 200 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and is comprised of 19 volunteer divers from law enforcement and the community. The volunteer divers are on-call seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company's operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek's Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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