

SCOTT DEISLEY

SAFETY SKILLS TRAINING

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Scott Deisley has spent 30 years in the waterpark industry and it is safe to say that he's loved every minute of it.

"When I found out I could actually make a career out of the waterpark industry, I couldn't have been happier," said Deisley. "It's a beautiful thing to have a job that allows you to make such a profound difference in the lives of so many people."

Deisley started his career as a lifeguard and odd jobs expert at Raging Waters in Wildwood, N.J. in 1987. Since then, Deisley has served in various positions with his most recent being as Vice President of Waterpark Operations and Resort Activities at Atlantis the Palm in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 2008 until early 2016. Before Atlantis, he worked for Fame City Waterworks in Houston, Texas; Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort in New Braunfels, Texas; Wild Wadi Waterpark in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; NBGS International in New Braunfels, Texas and Mountain Creek Waterpark in Vernon, N.J.

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Throughout his time in waterpark operations, Deisley has opened many "world's first" attractions around the world. Some highlights include: the "Skypond Journey" at Raging Waters, the "Master Blaster" (including the first ever prototype of the technology) and "Family Master Blaster" at Schlitterbahn, the "Torrent Action River" at Schlitterbahn, the first purpose built "Transportainment" waterpark at Wild Wadi, the "Tornado" at Mountain Creek Waterpark, the "Anaconda" and the first slide suspended within a slide attraction at Aquaventure at Atlantis the Palm.

Deisley is now Managing Director of Safety Skills Training DMCC and Jeff Ellis International, a training and operations consultancy based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He is a Senior Associate with Ellis & Associates and has held many roles within this leading organization, including: Instructor Trainer, Auditor, International Aquatic Safety School Faculty and Director. Deisley's commitment to safety is unshakeable. In fact, he managed the first two waterpark teams to ever achieve ISO Certifications: Wild Wadi Waterpark and Aquaventure at Atlantis the Palm.

Deisley attended his first WWA Show in 1991 and has been a speaker and panel participant at several shows and conferences throughout the years. He has also been a great advocate for the WWA's educational programs in the Middle East and has helped plan several of the WWA's regional symposia in the UAE.

"People I have trained, and the people they have subsequently trained (and so on and so on), have ensured the safety of literally millions of people," said Deisley. "How many professions allow you to touch so many people in such a meaningful way? It's pretty important stuff."

Deisley is married to his best friend Sue, and is the proud father of daughter, Tyler and son, Dylan. This past summer Tyler worked at NRH₂O Family Water Park in Texas. He's just waiting for Dylan to join the club!