

Surfing coaches are trained on first aid

(Guayaquil, Guayas, 07-12-2016).- Because of a strategic Alliance between the Ministry of Tourism and the Firemen Department from Guayaquil, the third course on first aid aimed at surfing trainers, who offer their services to tourists along the coast, took place.

Elvis Vasquez Sanchez, vice president of Atacames Surfing Club, participated in the previous course and pointed out its importance: "you learn basic things to be prepared in case of any accident, you can also share it with your peers and this makes us more professional. The fact that this was theoretical and practical is a lot more beneficial especially for tourists."

This activity will take place from 09:00 to 17:00 in Guayaquil's Firemen School and its objective is to gather surfers from Santa Elena, Manabí and Guayas in order for them to be trained on this important area and participate in Coach Level #1 Project which will give them ISA accreditation (from the International Surfing Association).

It should be noted that these workshops are completely free and 22 surfers were trained in the first two courses.

Content of the Course:

- Basic life support
- Handling of the scene
- CPR
- Bleeding control
- Fractures
- Burns
- Immobilization and transfer

After fulfilling the course, Ecuadorian trainers will be able to participate in the ISA Coach Level # 1 workshop, to take place in Manta in August. Peruvian surfer Karin Sierralta, current president of the Pan-American Surfing Association and vice president of the World Surfing Federation will deliver the course.