



# Animal Technical Rescue (2021) Implementation Plan

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## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum is presented as a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) series. SFT developed a new curriculum training standard (CTS) guide, two course plans (awareness and technician), an instructor task book, and a student training record based on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard, NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2021).

## IMPLEMENTATION

Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new Animal Technical Rescue (2021) courses and comply with the new Animal Technical Rescue requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2021)	4 hours
Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2021)	24 hours

**Animal Technical Rescue (2021) Curriculum..... September 1, 2023**

**Retirement of Animal Technical Rescue (2017) Curriculum ..... December 31, 2023**

Effective December 31, 2023, SFT will retire FSTEP Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2017) and Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2017). On January 1, 2024, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog, and it will no longer be available.

## INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

**Instructor Registration.....September 1, 2023**

Instructors for the Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors must have appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content.

### Existing Registered Instructors

SFT will authorize existing Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2017) Registered Instructors to teach the Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2021) course. SFT will authorize existing Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2017) Registered Instructors to teach the Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2021) course. SFT will update Acadis.

### **New Instructor Registration – Awareness**

To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Complete the following coursework:
  - Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2017 or 2021); or
  - Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2017 or 2021)
- Have a minimum of three (3) years' full-time or six (6) years' part-time/volunteer experience performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Animal Technical Rescue Awareness training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application and pay the registration fee

### **New Instructor Registration – Technician**

To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:

- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Complete the following coursework:
  - Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2017 or 2021)
  - Rope Rescue Technician (SFT)
- Complete the Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2021) Instructor Task Book
- Have a minimum of three (3) years' full-time or six (6) years' part-time/volunteer experience performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Animal Technical Rescue Technician training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application and pay the registration fee

## **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies desiring to use the Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum requirements to be sure that all agency training needs are met. After review, fire agencies should update their job specifications and recruitment documentation to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee / program sponsor, as appropriate. ARTPs should review the new Animal Technical Rescue (2021) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.