

# COMMON PASSENGER VEHICLE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (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 Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP). SFT updated the Vehicle Extrication (2015) course plan and created a certification training standard (CTS) guide, a student training record, and an instructor task book based on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard, NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2021). The curriculum documents are now available on the SFT website.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

SFT recognizes that some candidates are vested in the current Vehicle Extrication (2015) course and therefore, the existing curriculum will be available for those candidates during the transition period. New candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) courses and comply with the new requirements.

| New Curriculum                                    | Hours    |
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| Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) | 24 hours |

Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) Curriculum......January 1, 2023

Retirement of Vehicle Extrication (2015) Curriculum ......June 30, 2023

Effective June 30, 2023, SFT will retire FSTEP Vehicle Extrication (2015). On July 1, 2023, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog and it will no longer be available.

## **INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS**

# **Instructor Task Book and Application**

Instructor candidates shall complete a comprehensive instructor task book that covers all job performance requirements (JPRs) contained in the NFPA professional standard and CTS guide. The candidate's Fire Chief or authorized designee on file will verify the candidate's occupational experience by signing the task book upon completion.

Existing Vehicle Extrication (2015) Registered Instructors .......Available January 1, 2023 SFT will authorize Vehicle Extrication (2015) Registered Instructors to teach the Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) course. Current Registered Instructors do not need to take any action. SFT will update Acadis.

In Process Vehicle Extrication (2015) Instructor Candidates ........................Deadline June 30, 2023 Candidates actively pursuing Vehicle Extrication instructor registration without an instructor task book must submit all documentation postmarked on or before June 30, 2023. Anyone who applies to teach Common Passenger Vehicle Technician (2021) on or after July 1, 2023, will be required to complete the Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) Instructor Task Book.

# New Common Passenger Vehicle Technician (2021) Registered Instructors shall:

- Be an SFT Registered Instructor
- Be an OSFM certified Fire Fighter 1
- Complete Common Passenger Rescue Vehicle Technician (2021) **or** Vehicle Extrication (2015) **or** Auto Extrication (1996)
- Complete the Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) Instructor Task Book
- Have a minimum of three (3) years' full-time or six (6) years' part-time/volunteer suppression/rescue experience within a recognized fire agency in California
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee that verifies qualification to deliver Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) training

### **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies desiring to use Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the 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 course 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 Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue (2021) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.