



HEAVY 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 Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP). SFT developed a CTS guide, course plan, student training record, and 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

This is a new curriculum. All candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) and comply with the new requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021)	24 hours

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

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration January 1, 2023

Instructors for the Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021) course must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor and have appropriate education with practical experience relating to the specific course content.

Existing Registered Rescue Systems Instructors

- Be an SFT Registered Instructor of Vehicle Extrication (2015); **AND**
- SFT Registered Instructor of ONE of the following:
 - Rescue Systems 2 Lifting and Moving Module Primary or Senior Instructor
 - Rescue System 2 Primary Instructor
 - Rescue System 2 Senior Instructor; **AND**
- Successful completion of the Heavy Vehicle Rescue Roll Out Course

New Heavy Vehicle Rescue 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 Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician (2021)
- Complete the Heavy 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

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.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to use the Heavy 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 Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.