Rope Rescue (2021) Implementation Plan

OVERVIEW

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

The Rope Rescue (2021) curriculum is presented as a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) course. SFT developed a new curriculum training standard (CTS) guide, two course plans, two instructor task books, and two student training records 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 Rope Rescue (2021) courses and comply with the Rope Rescue requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021)	**40 hours**
Rope Rescue Technician (2021)	**40 hours**

Rope Rescue (2021) Curriculum……..………………………………………….………..**March 1, 2024**

Retirement of Rope Rescue (2017) Curriculum……………………………………………**June 30, 2024**
Effective June 30, 2024, SFT will retire FSTEP Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) and Rope Rescue Technician (2017). On July 1, 2024, SFT will remove these curricula from the SFT course catalog and they will no longer be available.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration………………………………………………………………..……….......**March 1, 2024**
Instructors for the Rope 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 Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) and Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Registered Instructors to teach the corresponding 2021 courses. SFT will update Acadis.

In Process Rope Rescue (2017) Instructor Candidates

Candidates actively pursuing Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) instructor registration must submit all documentation postmarked on or before December 31, 2024. Anyone who applies to teach Rope Rescue (2021) on or after January 1, 2025, will be required to complete the New Instructor Registration requirements.

New Instructor Registration – Awareness and Operations

To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:
- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Successfully complete one of the following:
  - SFT's Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) **or**
  - Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) course **or**
  - Any SFT Rope Rescue Technician Course **or**
  - FEMA Rope Rescue Technician Course
- Successfully complete the Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations (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 Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
- Pay the registration fee

New Instructor Registration – Technician

To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:
- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Successfully complete any SFT Rope Rescue Technician course **or** FEMA's Rope Rescue Technician course
- Successfully complete the Rope 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 Rope Rescue Technician training (all new instructor candidates)
- Provide a letter signed by their FEMA Task Force Leader that verifies FEMA Rope Rescue Technician instructor status (only candidates applying using FEMA qualifications)
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
- Pay the registration fee

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to use the Rope Rescue (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 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 Rope Rescue (2021) curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.