Tower Rescue Technician (2021) Implementation Plan

OVERVIEW

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

The Tower Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum is presented as a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) course. SFT developed a curriculum training standard (CTS) guide, a course plan, 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 Tower Rescue Technician (2021) course and comply with the Tower Rescue Technician requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Tower Rescue Technician (2021)	**24 hours**

Tower Rescue Technician (2021) Curriculum……………..…………………….………………..March 1, 2024

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration………………………………………………………………….…………......March 1, 2024
Instructors for the Tower Rescue Technician (2021) curriculum must meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor. Instructors must have appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content.

Cadre Members and Existing Registered Instructors
SFT will authorize cadre members and existing Registered Instructors who meet one of the following requirements to teach the Tower Rescue Technician (2021) course:

- Registered Instructor of Rope Rescue Technician (SFT) **and** successful completion of the Tower Rescue Technician roll out course
- Instructor of Rope Rescue Technician (FEMA) **and** successful completion of the Tower Rescue Technician roll out course

SFT will offer Tower Rescue Technician roll out classes in March and April of 2024. SFT will send a registration email to all eligible SFT Rope Rescue Technician Registered Instructors using the

email address in the Acadis system. Any existing Registered Instructors that do not complete the roll out by June 30, 2024, shall comply with the New Instructor Registration requirements (below).

SFT will automatically update Acadis after candidates complete the roll out course. The instructor registration application, fire chiefs' letter, and registration fee are not required.

New Instructor Registration
To become a Registered Instructor for this curriculum, a candidate must:
- Be an OSFM Registered Instructor
- Successfully complete the Tower Rescue Technician (2021) course
- Successfully complete the Tower 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 Tower Rescue Technician training
- Submit an SFT Instructor Registration Application
- Pay the registration fee

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

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