



TRENCH 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 Trench Rescue Technician curriculum requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

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

IMPLEMENTATION

SFT recognizes that many candidates are vested in the current Trench Rescue Technician course and therefore, the existing Trench Rescue Technician (2014) curriculum will be available for those candidates during the transition period. Candidates entering the SFT system should enroll in the new Trench Rescue Technician (2021) course and comply with the new Trench Rescue Technician requirements.

New Curriculum	Hours
Trench Rescue Technician (2021)	24 Hours

New Trench Rescue Technician (2021) Curriculum.....December 1, 2022

Retirement of Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Curriculum.....June 30, 2023

Effective June 30, 2023, SFT will retire FSTEP Trench Rescue Technician (2014). On July 1, 2023, SFT will remove the curriculum from the SFT course catalog, and it will no longer be available.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration.....Available December 1, 2022

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

Instructor Task Book and Application

Instructor candidates shall complete a comprehensive instructor task book that covers all the job performance requirements (JPRs) contained in the professional qualification standards and

CTS guide. The Fire Chief or authorized designee on file will verify the candidate's occupational experience by signing the task book upon completion.

Existing Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Registered Instructors:

SFT will authorize Primary and Senior Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Registered Instructors to teach the Trench Rescue Technician (2021) course. Current instructors do not need to take any action. SFT will update Acadis.

In Process Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Instructor CandidatesDeadline June 30, 2023

- Candidates actively working on a Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Primary Instructor Task Book must submit their completed task book postmarked on or before June 30, 2023. SFT will return any 2014 task book postmarked after June 30, 2023 and require the candidate to complete the 2021 version.
- Candidates actively working on a Trench Rescue Technician (2014) Senior Instructor Task Book should stop the process. SFT no longer registers Senior Instructors for Trench Rescue Technician courses.

New Trench Rescue Technician (2021) Instructor Candidates shall:

- Be an SFT Registered Instructor
- Complete an SFT Trench Rescue Technician course
- Complete an SFT Confined Space Rescue Technician: Operations/Technician (2021) or Confined Space Rescue Technician
- Complete the Trench Rescue Technician (2021) Instructor Task Book
- Have a minimum of three (3) years' full-time or six (6) years' part-time/volunteer experience as a fire fighter performing 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 Trench Rescue Technician (2021) training

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

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