



# RIVER AND FLOOD RESCUE BOAT TECHNICIAN Instructor Task Book & Student Training Record Implementation Plan (Addendum)

---

Issued: November 2022

## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new instructor task book requirement to teach River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017).

## IMPLEMENTATION

SFT introduced the 40-hour River and Flood Boat Rescue Technician (2017) course on January 1, 2020. At that time, there was no task book requirement to become an SFT Registered Instructor for the course. SFT has since developed an instructor task book for this course due to the high-risk activities in the course.

## INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Current SFT Registered Instructors teaching SFT's River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) are authorized to teach SFT's River and Flood Rescue Technician (2017) course without completing the instructor task book.

### **New Registered Instructors.....March 1, 2022**

New instructors for SFT's River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) must meet the requirements for an SFT Registered Instructor and complete the new SFT River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) course and the corresponding instructor task book.

## POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Any pending or future instructors for the River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) will need to complete an instructor task book.



# RIVER AND FLOOD RESCUE BOAT TECHNICIAN Implementation Plan

Issued: January 2020

## OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new **River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017)**. This was a collaborative effort with the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal - State Fire Training, the Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) - Fire and Rescue Branch, and CAL FIRE - Training Center to develop a number of curriculums requested by stakeholders. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### **River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) ..... Available January 1, 2020**

The new Course Plans have been developed based on the authority of the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, which includes NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017). In addition, ICS-420-1, Field Operations Guide, ICS-SF-SAR-020 Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Recommended Training, Skills and Equipment List (current edition), NFPA 1500, 1521, 1561 aided among others as supporting documents when creating these Course Plans. The Course Plans will be available on the SFT website.

New Curriculum	Hours
River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017)	<b>40</b>

**Rescue Boat Operations (1998) Curriculum Retirement .....December 31, 2019**  
Effective December 31, 2019, SFT’s Rescue Boat Operations (1998) and the OES River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2015) curriculums will be retired.

## INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

### **Instructor Registration ..... Available January 1, 2020**

Currently Registered Instructors with SFT that presently are instructors for the OES River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2015) course are authorized to teach River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019).

Current SFT instructors that are teaching the current Rescue Boat Operations (1998), which is a 24-hour course will **not** be able to facilitate the new River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) course, which is a 40-hour curriculum. Instructors of Rescue Boat Operations (1998) will be required to take the River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) course or apply for PACE II.

New instructors for this course shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor and will be required to either take the course or apply for a Pace II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.

Additionally, as a new instructor of the River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2017) course, the following experience requirements shall apply:

1. Rank and Professional Experience:
  - a. Held a permanent position and/or performed rescue duties within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years.
  - b. Must have specific expertise in Technical Rescue as it relates to the River/Flood environment.

### **POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS**

Fire agencies utilizing the existing CAL OES River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician should have little or no impact in making the transition from that course to the updated curriculum format for training or operational implementation.

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.