



CONFINED SPACE RESCUE (2021) AWARENESS/OPERATIONS/TECHNICIAN Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Confined Space Rescue (2021) curriculum which includes Awareness and Technician-level courses. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

SFT based this curriculum on the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard, 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2021). After approval from STEAC and SBFS, all curriculum documents will be available on the SFT website.

SFT is exploring the possibility of creating a Technical Rescue certification over the next three years. If or when this occurs, this curriculum will transition to the CFSTES program with testing and certification requirements. SFT will communicate updates as appropriate.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

New Curriculum	Hours
Confined Space Rescue: Awareness (2021)	8 hours
Confined Space Rescue: Operations/Technician (2021)	40 hours

New Confined Space Rescue (2021) Curriculum September 15, 2022

Retirement of Confined Space Rescue (2008/2018) Curriculum December 31, 2022

Effective December 31, 2022, SFT will retire the FSTEP Confined Space Rescue (2008/2018) curriculum from the course catalog and it will no longer be available.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration Available September 15, 2022

Instructors for the Confined Space Rescue courses 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 (Currency Requirement) Complete by December 31, 2022

Current Confined Space Rescue Awareness (2018) Registered Instructors will be authorized to teach the Confined Space Rescue: Awareness (2021) course. Current Confined Space Rescue Technician (2008) Registered Instructors will be authorized to teach the Confined Space Rescue: Operations/Technician (2021) course.

In Process Confined Space Rescue Technician (2008) Instructor CandidatesDeadline December 31, 2022

- Candidates actively working on a Confined Space Rescue Technician (2008) Primary Instructor Task Book must submit their completed task book postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. SFT will return any 2008 task book postmarked after December 31, 2022 and require the candidate to complete the 2021 version.

New Registered Instructors

Individuals pursuing instructor registration to teach Confined Space Rescue: Awareness (2021) shall:

- Meet the minimum requirements to be an SFT Registered Instructor
- Successfully complete the Confined Space Rescue: Awareness Course
- Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two years
- Complete and submit any applicable application forms
- Pay any applicable fees

Individuals pursuing instructor registration to teach Confined Space Rescue: Operations/Technician (2021) shall:

- Meet the minimum requirements to be an SFT Registered Instructor
- Successfully complete the Confined Space Rescue: Operations/Technician (2021) course
- Successfully complete the Confined Space Rescue Operations/Technician Instructor (2021) Task Book
- Deliver a minimum of two (2) SFT registered Confined Space Rescue: Operations/Technician courses as Instructor Trainee
- Provide a letter signed by their Fire Chief or authorized designee which verifies a minimum of three (3) years' experience within a recognized fire agency in California in the field of rescue (e.g., being a member of an identifiable rescue team) and their qualification to deliver Confined Space Rescue Operations/Technician training
- Complete and submit any applicable application forms
- Pay any applicable fees

Registered Instructor qualifications for Confined Space Rescue are eligible for the Peer Assessment for Course Equivalency (PACE II) process.

Instructor Task Book

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 will verify the candidate's occupational experience by signing the task book upon completion.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies desiring to utilize the Confined Space Rescue curriculum as a requirement for their recruitment/promotion activities need to review the Confined Space Rescue 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 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 Confined Space Rescue curriculum and discuss potential impacts with their advisory committees.