



# Rope Rescue (2021) Interim Procedures

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## Procedure Changes

**Edition:** May 2020 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual

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**Section Changes:** Update the following sections:

- Remove 6.7.19: Rope Rescue Technician (RRT) – Instructor Levels
- Revise 6.7.20: Rope Rescue Technician (RRT) – Primary Instructor
- Remove 6.7.21: Rope Rescue Technician (RRT) –Senior Instructor

**Justification:** Following approval by the State Board of Fire Services (SBFS), the new Rope Rescue (2021) curriculum will go into effect on March 1, 2024. The new curriculum provides directive for Instructor qualifications.

**SFT Contact:** SFT Staff assigned to Instructor Registration.

**Note:** Using the May 2020 edition of the State Fire Training Procedures Manual:

- Remove Sections 6.7.19 and 6.7.21
- Revise Section 6.7.20

## **6.7.19: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (RRT) – INSTRUCTOR LEVELS**

### **6.7.19.1: Primary Instructor Trainee**

- A. ~~Primary Instructor Trainee is the entry level for becoming a Registered RRT Primary Instructor.~~
- B. ~~An individual is considered a Primary Instructor Trainee while he or she completes the RRT Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book.~~
  - 1. ~~Trainees have two years after beginning the task book to complete its requirements.~~
  - 2. ~~The applicant must submit the task book for instructor registration within one year of completing it.~~
- C. ~~Under direct supervision of a Registered RRT Senior Instructor, the Primary Instructor Trainee shall:~~
  - 1. ~~Assist in classroom and field exercise setup~~
  - 2. ~~Support the logistics of the component(s) he or she is training to teach~~
  - 3. ~~Instruct no more than 50% of a single course delivery~~
  - 4. ~~Carry out all other related tasks as assigned by the Registered Senior Instructor~~
  - 5. ~~Satisfactorily complete the Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book~~
- D. ~~State Fire Training (SFT) does not register RRT Primary Instructor Trainees.~~

### **6.7.19.2: Primary Instructor**

- A. ~~A Registered RRT Primary Instructor is qualified to teach one squad (up to 12 students) in an RRT course.~~
- B. ~~In addition to the responsibilities required of all SFT Registered Primary Instructors (See **6.2.7: Responsibilities.**), Registered RRT Primary Instructors, under the supervision of a Registered RRT Senior Instructor, are also required to:~~
  - 1. ~~Set up the classroom and field exercises~~
  - 2. ~~Administer any psychomotor skills exams~~
  - 3. ~~Evaluate student/team performance and sign each student's task book~~
  - 4. ~~Coordinate and monitor all safety aspects of the course~~

### **6.7.19.3: Senior Instructor Trainee**

- A. ~~Senior Instructor Trainee is the entry level for becoming a Registered RRT Senior Instructor.~~
- B. ~~An individual is considered a Senior Instructor Trainee while he or she completes the RRT Senior Instructor Trainee Task Book.~~
  - 1. ~~Trainees have two years after beginning the task book to complete its requirements.~~

- ~~2. The applicant must submit the task book for instructor registration within one year of completing it.~~
- C. ~~Under direct supervision of a Registered RRT Senior Instructor, the Senior Instructor Trainee shall:~~
- ~~1. Ensure all objectives and minimum requirements of the course curriculum are met~~
  - ~~2. Function as the safety officer and monitor all safety aspects of the course~~
  - ~~3. Supervise and evaluate any primary instructor~~
  - ~~4. Carry out all other related tasks as assigned by the Registered Senior Instructor~~
  - ~~5. Satisfactorily complete the Senior Instructor Trainee Instructor Task Book~~
- D. ~~SFT does not register RRT Senior Instructor Trainees.~~

#### **6.7.19.4: Senior Instructor**

- A. ~~A Registered RRT Senior Instructor is required for any delivery of an RRT course.~~
- B. ~~In addition to the responsibilities required of all Registered SFT Senior Instructors (See **6.3.6: Responsibilities.**), Registered RRT Senior Instructors are also required to comply with **5.1.11: Record Keeping.**~~

## 6.7.20: ROPE RESCUE ~~TECHNICIAN (RRT) – PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR~~

### 6.7.20.1: Eligible Courses

Table 6.7.20.1: ~~Rope Rescue Technician~~ Primary Instructor Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations</u></li> <li>• Rope Rescue Technician</li> </ul>

### 6.7.20.2: General Qualifications

A. ~~An RRT Primary Instructor Trainee or A Rope Rescue Registered Primary Instructor~~ shall meet the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered Primary Instructors.

1. See **6.2.1: Qualifications.**

B. ~~A National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rope Rescue Technician Instructor may be eligible to attend an SFT Rope Rescue Technician Instructor update course and be recognized as a Registered SFT (primary or senior) RRT Instructor.~~

1. ~~To seek eligibility, the candidate must:~~

- i. ~~Be a Registered SFT Instructor in good standing~~
- ii. ~~Have completed the following courses:~~
  - a. ~~SFT Rescue Systems 1~~
  - b. ~~SFT Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations~~
  - c. ~~I-200: Basic ICS~~
- iii. ~~Currently teach and possess currency (three-year cycle) at the NFPA 1006 and 1670 Rope Rescue Technician level~~
- iv. ~~Have taught a minimum of 40 hours at the technician level course during the past three years~~

### 6.7.20.3: Course Work

A. ~~An RRT Primary Instructor Trainee or A Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations Registered Primary Instructor~~ must have attended and passed:

- 1. SFT Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) or Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Technician
- 2. ~~I-200: Basic ICS~~

B. A Rope Rescue Technician Registered Instructor must have attended and passed:

- a. SFT Rope Rescue Technician or FEMA Rope Rescue Technician

### 6.7.20.4: Instructor Requirements

A. See **6.2.1.2: Instructor Requirements**.

**6.7.20.5: Teaching Experience**

A. None

**6.7.20.6: Task Book**

- ~~A. An RRT Primary Instructor Trainee candidate has two years after starting his or her RRT Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book to complete the task book requirements.~~
- B. A Rope Rescue Instructor candidate for either Awareness and Operations or Technician must complete a task book within three years of its initiation date. Otherwise, a candidate must initiate a new task book using the curriculum’s current published version
- C. ~~An RRT Primary~~ A Rope Rescue Instructor candidate ~~Trainee~~ must satisfy all instructor requirements and become a Registered ~~RRT Primary~~ Instructor within one year of completing ~~his or her~~ their task book.
- ~~D. All components within the RRT Primary Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a Registered RRT Senior Instructor.~~
- ~~E. Task book completion requires teaching in at least two SFT RRT courses as a Primary Instructor Trainee.~~

**6.7.20.7: Professional Experience**

- A. ~~An RRT Primary Instructor Trainee or Registered Primary~~ A Rope Rescue Instructor shall meet the professional experience qualifications listed below.
  1. Performing in an “acting” capacity does not qualify.

**Table 6.7.20.7: ~~RRT – Primary Instructor~~ Rope Rescue Professional Experience**

FSTEP Courses	Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations</u></li> <li>• Rope Rescue Technician</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Perform rescue duties for a minimum of three years within a recognized California fire agency (e.g., being a member of an identifiable rescue team)</del></li> <li>• <u>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</u></li> </ul>

**6.7.20.8: Application – Primary Instructor Trainee**

- A. ~~The applicant shall submit the following items to the Registered RRT Senior Instructor who will oversee the evaluation:~~
- ~~1. A current resume listing education, position, and experience~~
  - ~~2. A copy of a course completion certificate from SFT Rope Rescue Technician and I-200: Basic ICS~~
  - ~~3. A copy of SFT Instructor I and Instructor II certificates or verification of the qualifying equivalents~~
  - ~~4. A verification letter signed by the Fire Chief, or his or her authorized designee, describing the applicant's specific background as it relates to his or her teaching experience and his or her experience.~~
    - ~~i. See **4.1.1: Letters of Verification.**~~
  - ~~5. A blank Primary RRT Instructor Task Book~~

**6.7.20.98: Application—Primary Instructor**

- A. See **6.2.3: Application Process.**

**6.7.20.109: Maintenance**

- A. A Registered ~~RRT Primary~~ Rope Rescue Instructor shall teach at least two SFT Rope Rescue ~~Technician~~ courses every four years.

## **6.7.21: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (RRT) – SENIOR INSTRUCTOR**

### **6.7.21.1: Eligible Courses**

**Table 6.7.21.1: RRT – Senior Instructor Eligible Courses**

<b>CFSTES Courses</b>	<b>FSTEP Courses</b>
• None	• Rope Rescue Technician

### **6.7.21.2: General Qualifications**

- A. An RRT Senior Instructor Trainee or Registered Senior Instructor shall meet the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered Senior Instructors.
1. See **6.3.1: Qualifications**.

### **6.7.21.3: Course Work**

- A. Same as a Registered RRT Primary Instructor.
1. See **6.7.20.3: Course Work**.

### **6.7.21.4: Instructor Requirements**

- A. An RRT Senior Instructor Trainee shall be currently registered as an RRT Primary Instructor in good standing.

### **6.7.21.5: Teaching Experience**

- A. Taught at least two SFT Rope Rescue Technician courses within the past four years

### **6.7.21.6: Task Book**

- A. An RRT Senior Instructor Trainee has two years after starting his or her RRT Senior Instructor Trainee Task Book to complete the task book requirements.
- B. An RRT Senior Instructor Trainee must satisfy all instructor requirements and become a Registered RRT Senior Instructor within one year of completing the task book.
- C. All components within the RRT Senior Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a Registered RRT Senior Instructor.
1. A minimum of two Registered RRT Senior Instructor evaluators are required.
- D. Task book completion requires teaching in at least two SFT RRT courses as a Senior Instructor Trainee.

**6.7.21.7: Professional Experience**

- A. ~~Same as Registered RRT Primary Instructor~~
- ~~1. See 6.7.20.7: Professional Experience.~~

**6.7.21.8: Application – Senior Instructor Trainee**

- A. ~~The applicant shall submit the following items to the Registered RRT Senior Instructor who will oversee the evaluation:~~
- ~~1. A current resume listing education, position, and experience~~
  - ~~2. Verification of Registered Primary Instructor status~~
  - ~~3. Senior RRT Instructor Task Book~~

**6.7.21.9: Application – Senior Instructor**

- A. ~~See 6.3.3 Application Process.~~

**6.7.21.10: Maintenance**

- A. ~~A Registered RRT Senior Instructor shall teach at least two SFT Rope Rescue Technician courses every four years.~~