



Water Rescue (2021) Interim Procedures

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Procedure Changes

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Section Changes: Modify and update the following sections:

- 6.7.9: FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE INSTRUCTOR

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

SFT Contact: SFT Staff assigned to instructor registration.

Note: All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in ~~strikeout~~.

6.7.9: FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE INSTRUCTOR

6.7.9.1: Eligible Courses

Table 6.7.9.1: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
• None	• Command and Control of the RIC Deployment • Confined Space Rescue Awareness • Emergency Response to Alternative Fuels • Fire Fighter Survival • Fireline Safety for the Hired Vendor • Large Animal Rescue Operational • Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (LARRO) • Open Water Rescuer – Basic • Personal Watercraft Operations • Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations • Rescue Boat Operations • River and Flood Water Rescue • Tire Fire Prevention and Suppression • Trench Rescue • Vehicle Extrication

6.7.9.2: General Qualifications

- A. A Registered ~~Primary~~ Instructor for a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) Fire Fighting and Rescue course shall meet the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered ~~Primary~~ Instructors.
1. See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.

6.7.9.3: Course Work

- A. Attending and passing SFT's Confined Space Rescue Technician course meets the requirements for attending and passing Confined Space Rescue Awareness.
- B. Registered Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational Instructors must have attended and passed ICS-200: Basic ICS.
- C. Attending and passing SFT's Auto Extrication (1996) course meets the requirement for attending and passing Vehicle Extrication.
- D. Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) Instructors must have attended and passed one of the following water rescue courses:

1. River and Flood Rescue Technician (2017) or
2. Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) or
3. Water Rescue Technician (2021)

E. Water Rescue Technician (2021) Instructors must have attended and passed one of the following water rescue courses:

4. River and Flood Rescue Technician (2017) or
5. Water Rescue Technician (2021)

Candidates are not required to be Registered Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) Instructors to become Registered Water Rescue Technician (2021) Instructors. SFT will automatically authorize all Registered Water Rescue Technician (2021) Instructors to teach Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021).

6.7.9.4: Teaching Experience

- A. In order to teach Command and Control of the RIC Deployment, the Registered Instructor must have previously assisted another Registered Instructor in teaching the course at least once.
1. The Registered Instructor applicant shall submit to SFT a letter from a Registered Instructor verifying this requirement.

6.7.9.5: Professional Experience

- A. A Registered ~~Primary~~ Instructor for an FSTEP Fire Fighting and Rescue course shall meet the professional experience qualifications listed below.
1. Performing in an “acting” capacity does not qualify.

Table 6.7.9.5: Fire Fighting and Rescue Instructor Professional Experience

FSTEP Course	Experience
• Confined Space Rescue Awareness • Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational • Personal Watercraft Operations • Rescue Boat Operations • River and Flood Water Rescue • Trench Rescue	• Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two years
• Emergency Response to Alternative Fuels • Fireline Safety for the Hired Vendor • Large Animal Rescue Operational • Open Water Rescuer – Basic	• Held the rank of Fire Fighter and/or performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of two years

FSTEP Course	Experience
Tire Fire Prevention and Suppression	
Command and Control of RIC Deployment	One of the following: - Held the rank of Suppression Officer within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of three years - Worked as a volunteer Suppression Officer or paid Call Officer within a recognized fire agency in California for a minimum of five years
- Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) Operations - Fire Fighter Survival	Have five years suppression/rescue experience, of which two years must be while holding the rank of Fire Fighter performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California
Vehicle Extrication	Have three years' suppression/rescue experience performing suppression/rescue duties within a recognized fire agency in California
<u>Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021)</u> <u>Water Rescue Technician</u>	<u>Have a minimum of three years' full-time or six years' volunteer or part-time paid suppression/rescue experience in a recognized fire agency in California</u>

6.7.9.6: Task Book

A. Fire Fighter Survival

1. An Instructor applicant for Fire Fighter Survival shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A Registered Fire Fighter Survival Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's task book within two years of its initiation.

B. Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational

1. An Instructor applicant for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (LARRO) shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A Registered LARRO Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's task book within two years of its initiation.

C. Rapid Intervention Crew Operations

1. An Instructor applicant for Rapid Intervention Crew Operations shall complete the appropriate instructor trainee task book.
2. A Registered Rapid Intervention Crew Operations Primary Instructor must sign off on the applicant's task book within two (2) years of its initiation.

D. Water Rescue

1. An Instructor applicant for Water Rescue Awareness and Operations (2021) or Water Rescue Technician (2021) shall complete the appropriate instructor task book.
2. An Instructor applicant must complete their task book within three (3) years of its initiation date.