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Rescue Technician – General Requirements

Hours: 40 including skills testing

Prerequisites: 18 years of age; current Hazardous Materials Operations; current First Aid or higher; current CPR certification

MCFA # 1350

Manual: Issued in class

Auxiliary equipment: Fire/Rescue helmet with chin strap; eye protection (not a face shield), work clothing/coveralls, leather/rope gloves (no vehicle rescue gloves), work shoes/boots

Certificate: PSFA Rescue Technician – General Requirements

Limit: 16 students

This program is designed to enhance the student's ability to perform critical technical rescue skills. Topics include: Incident management and site operations, use of tactical work sheets, basic ground search techniques, helicopter ground support operations, victim management (triage, assessment and patient packaging), rope/knots/hitches, construction and operation of simple mechanical advantage systems, construction and operation of belay systems, low-angle rescue techniques, equipment inspection and maintenance, as well as termination procedures. This program includes Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue (ROBR). This course is designed meet the intent of NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications and will lead, upon successful testing, to PSFA certification in General Requirements for Technical Rescue.