



Standard Operating Guideline

North County Technical Rescue Team

TOPIC:

Technical Rescue Team

PURPOSE:

To establish:

1. Technical Rescue Team (TRT) Administration.
2. TRT member expectations.
3. TRT response criteria.
4. TRT activation.

POLICY:

- 1) Administration
 - A) Atascadero Fire Department and Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services shall each contribute six members to TRT.
 - B) Members shall be selected via competitive process.
 - C) One member from each organization shall be designated as the TRT Coordinator. Responsibilities include:
 - 1) Liaison with management.
 - 2) Development of training schedule.
 - 3) Tracking and maintenance of applicable team member certifications.
- 2) Member Expectations
 - A) Initial training requirement.
 - 1) State Fire Marshal (SFM) Firefighter II or equivalent.
 - 2) SFM Rescue Systems I or equivalent.
 - 3) SFM Rescue System II or equivalent.
 - 4) SFM Confined Space Operations or equivalent.
 - 5) SFM River and Flood Rescue or equivalent.
 - 6) SFM Trench Rescue or equivalent.
 - 7) SFM High/Low Angle Rope Rescue or equivalent.
 - B) Continuing education requirement.
 - 1) Training shall be provided on the fourth Wednesday of every month.
 - 2) Training location will rotate between ATA and PRF.
 - 3) Members shall participate in at least 75% of regularly scheduled TRT training sessions annually.
 - 4) Topics to be covered include:
 - (1) Confined space entry evolutions at least annually for every member.
 - (2) Trench rescue procedures.
 - (3) High and low rope rescue evolutions.
 - (4) Urban search and rescue evolutions.
 - (a) Building collapse
 - (b) Breaking and breaching
 - (c) Lifting and moving heavy objects
 - (d) Interior and exterior building shores
 - 5) River and flood rescue techniques.



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- 3) Response Criteria
 - A) On-duty members shall respond to the scene of the emergency in their designated emergency vehicle.
 - B) Off-duty members shall respond directly to the scene of the emergency in their private vehicle.
 - C) ATA incident – Rescue 8151 responds from PRF FS 2 with all on-duty staff members.
 - D) PRF incident – Rescue 7551 responds from ATA FS 1 with all on-duty staff members.
- 4) Activation
 - A) Response is activated by the first due company officer based upon incident needs by notifying PRF or ATA dispatch.
 - B) Company officer requests TRT response.
 - C) Dispatch activates TRT text messaging system.