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Procedure Title: Rope Rescue Technician
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Section Change: Added Rope Rescue Technician to the instructional disciplines.

New Rope Rescue Technician Instructors

New Rope Rescue Technician Instructors beginning to pursue instructor registration should utilize the requirements listed on the subsequent interim procedure pages.

Current NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Instructors

Current NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Instructors that meet the following requirements may be eligible to attend an SFT Rope Rescue Technician Instructor update course and be recognized as a (senior or primary) Rope Rescue Technician Instructor:

- Currently registered SFT Instructor
- Completed SFT Rescue Systems 1, Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations, and I-200: Basic ICS courses
- Currently teaching and possess currency (3 year cycle) at the NFPA 1006 and 1670 Rope Rescue Technician level
- Instructed a minimum of 40 hours at the Technician level course during the last 3-years

Justification: On April 19, 2013 the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) recommended that the Rope Rescue Technician curriculum be approved as a Fire Service Training and Education Program (FSTEP) course. This recommendation was taken into consideration as the State Board of Fire Services also made a recommendation to the State Fire Marshal to adopt this new course.

The current SFT Procedures Manual dated May 2008 does not include these new courses. This interim procedure clarifies the instructor registration requirements for Instructors seeking to teach this new course.

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This Interim Procedure provides guidance and/or interpretation on State Fire Training Procedures and shall be effective for 12 months from the approval date.

6.8.22: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (RRT) – INSTRUCTOR LEVELS (NEW)

6.8.22.1: Rope Rescue Technician Primary Instructor Trainee

- A. Primary Instructor trainee is the entry level for becoming a RRT primary instructor.
- B. An individual is considered a primary instructor trainee while he/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. Carry out all other related tasks as assigned by the Senior Instructor
 - 4. Satisfactorily complete the Primary Instructor Trainee Instructor task book
- D. SFT does not register RRT primary instructor trainees.

6.8.22.2: Primary Instructor

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

6.8.22.3: Senior Instructor Trainee

- A. Senior instructor trainee is the entry level for becoming a 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 Senior Instructor
 5. Satisfactorily complete the Senior Instructor Trainee Instructor task book
- D. SFT does not register RRT senior instructor trainees.

6.8.22.4: Senior Instructor

- A. A RRT senior instructor is required for any delivery of a RRT course.
- B. In addition to the responsibilities required of all SFT senior instructors (See **6.3.6: Responsibilities**), RRT senior instructors are also required to:
1. Comply with **5.1.11: Record Keeping**

6.8.23: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN- PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR (NEW)

6.8.23.1: Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rope Rescue Technician

6.8.23.2: General Qualifications

- A. A RRT primary instructor shall meet the qualifications required of all SFT registered primary instructors.
- See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.

6.8.23.3: Course Work

- A. A RRT primary instructor trainee or primary instructor must have attended and passed:
- SFT Rope Rescue Technician
 - I-200: Basic ICS

6.8.23.4: Task Book

- A. A RRT primary instructor trainee has two years after starting his/her RRT Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book to complete the task book requirements.
- B. A RRT primary instructor trainee must satisfy all instructor requirements and become a registered RRT primary instructor within one year of completing his/her task book.
- C. All components within the RRT Primary Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a RRT senior instructor.
- D. Requires teaching in at least two SFT RRT courses as a primary instructor trainee

6.8.23.5: Rank and Professional Experience

- A. A RRT primary instructor trainee or primary instructor shall meet the rank and professional experience qualifications listed below.
- Performing in an "acting" capacity does not qualify.

FSTEP Courses	Rank and Experience
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rope Rescue Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held the rank of fire fighter within a Recognized Fire Agency in California performing rescue duties for a minimum of three years (ex. Being a member of an identifiable rescue team)
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6.8.23.6: Application – Primary Instructor Trainee

- A. The applicant shall submit the following items to the RRT senior instructor who will oversee the evaluation:
- A current resume listing education, position or rank, and experience
 - A copy of a course completion certificates for SFT Rope Rescue Technician and I-200: Basic ICS
 - A copy of SFT Instructor I and Instructor II certificates or verification of the qualifying equivalents
 - A verification letter signed by the fire chief or his/her authorized designee, describing the applicant's specific background as it relates to his/her rank and experience (See **4.1.1: Letters of Verification.**)
 - A blank Primary RRT Instructor Task Book

6.8.23.7: Application – Primary Instructor

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

6.8.23.8: Maintenance

- A. A RRT primary instructor shall teach at least two SFT Rope Rescue Technician courses every four years.

6.8.24: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN – SENIOR INSTRUCTOR (NEW)

6.8.24.1: Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rope Rescue Technician

6.8.24.2: General Qualifications

- A. A RRT senior instructor trainee or senior instructor shall meet the qualifications required of all SFT registered senior instructors.
1. See **6.3.1: Qualifications**.

6.8.24.5: Teaching Experience

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

6.8.24.6: Task Book

- A. A RRT senior instructor trainee has two years after starting his/her RRT Senior Instructor Trainee Task Book to complete the task book requirements.
- B. A 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. Requires teaching in at least two SFT RRT courses as a senior instructor trainee
- D. All components within the RRT Senior Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a RRT senior instructor.
- E. Requires a minimum of two RRT senior instructor evaluators.

6.8.24.7: Rank and Professional Experience

- A. Same as RRT Primary Instructor.
1. See **6.8.23.5: Rank and Professional Experience**.

6.8.24.8: Application – Senior Instructor Trainee

- A. The applicant shall submit the following items to the RRT senior instructor who will oversee the evaluation:
- A current resume listing education, position/rank, and experience

- Verification of primary instructor status
- A Senior RRT Instructor Task Book

6.8.24.9: Application – Senior Instructor

A. See **6.3.3: Application Process**.

6.8.24.10: Maintenance

A. A RRT senior instructor shall teach at least two SFT Rope Rescue Technician courses every four years.