

rescue. The development of the material required two multi-day sessions. Because this is a FSTEP Course Plan, the development of a Certification Training Standards (CTS) was not required. However, Terminal Learning Objectives (TLO) were established from the JPR's that typically would be in the CTS. The majority of the TLO's and the supporting Enabling Learning Objectives (ELO) were developed from NFPA 1670 Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents (2014), and NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications (2013.) Additionally, NFPA Standards 1500, 1521 and 1561 aided as supporting documents when creating the Course Plan.

The breakdown of the **24-hour** FSTEP course is as follows:

Incident Management of Special Operations	
Didactic	15:20 Hours:Minutes
Simulations	7:20 Hours:Minutes
Testing	1:20 Hours:Minutes

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

Following is an analysis of this new FSTEP course.

1. Neither the old legacy SFT Fire Officer or Chief Officer courses, nor the NFPA Fire Officer I-IV standards addressed the specific hazards and risks faced by an initial incident commander at the scene of a technical search and rescue incident. Therefore, SFT stakeholders requested this new course be created to provide awareness level training for incident commanders in recognizing and managing the initial actions of the technical search and rescue incident safely. Any career or volunteer fire service officer will benefit greatly from the design and content of this course.
2. This brand new course provides Company Officers and Chief Fire Officers with the requisite incident management awareness level training in the knowledge, skills, and abilities for the command and control of the technical search and rescue incident, including rope, structural collapse, confined space, trench and excavation, and water search and rescue.
3. This course is in alignment with the training requirements for the statewide deployment of Cal OES resources by local government agencies responding to all-risk incidents, as well as complimentary to the eight California Task Forces which are part of the National Urban Search and Rescue Program.
4. The core content utilizes NFPA 1006, 1500, 1521, 1561 and 1670 standards, as well as FIRESCOPE, Cal OES and FEMA National Urban Search & Rescue reference material.

The implementation plan for this new course is in development.