



THE FIRELINE

State Fire Training Division

The Unveiling of Rescue Systems (RS) 1 & 2

The update for RS-1 and RS-2 has literally been years in the making. With funding from the Office of Homeland Security (now CAL EMA) and support from the Office of Emergency Services (also CAL EMA), the workgroups of subject matter experts have endured several critical budget cycles along with stops and starts in their funding. But now, they have finally prevailed!

The updated CFSTES courses will provide the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform and teach RS-1 and/or RS-2. These Instructor Update offerings are intended for currently registered RS-1 and/or RS-2 instructors. Registered instructors in these disciplines must attend the roll-out classes to maintain their instructor registration. The hands-on, in-the-field class will be taught in the approved eight (8) hour format using the student task book as the evaluation tool for all participants.

Only currently registered State Fire Training Rescue Systems 1 and Rescue Systems 2 instructors are eligible to attend the rollout classes. The fee of \$290.00 for RS-1 and \$230.00 for RS-2 instructor update classes pays for the instructor cadre, student materials, SFT certification and consumable materials necessary for these classes. Maximum enrollment is limited to thirty-six (36) students per class.

North Net (back-to-back rollout)

Oct. 6 RS1
Oct. 7 RS2

San Bernardino

Oct. 9 RS1

McClellan/Sacramento (back-to-back rollout)

Nov. 10 RS1
Nov. 11 RS2

Menlo Park

Nov. 13 RS1

Ventura

Dec. 9 RS1

Online registration and payment is available at www.fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov or contact Mollie Povey, CA Fire and Rescue Training Authority, 916-640-1420 (business line), or visit www.fireandrescuetraining.ca.gov.

FEMA FUNDING APPROVED FOR CAL FIRE

On August 8, 2009 State Fire Training was notified that the CAL FIRE Assistance for Firefighter Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention application had



been approved. The \$527,560 application will provide funding for CAL FIRE's Public Information Office and State Fire Training.

The Public Information project will allow CAL FIRE to develop educational information and Public Service Announcements regarding safety and prevention in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

State Fire Training with the aid of a volunteer workgroup of subject matter experts, will be reviewing the educational requirements (courses) for the Fire Inspector I, Fire Inspector II, Plans Examiner, and Fire Marshal certification levels. The goal of the AFG grant is to incorporate WUI information throughout the fire prevention certification track. The process includes comparing the newly adopted Fire Marshal Certification Training Standards (CTS) to the existing course outlines within the Fire Prevention Officer Certification tracks. The workgroup will develop course syllabi, for the number of classes that shall be completed for each level of certification, including course outlines, behavioral objectives, and identify required student materials.

State Fire Training is expected to finish gathering applications for the Fire Prevention Certification track in the next couple of months with a kick-off meeting planned for January 2010. If you are teaching Fire Prevention courses and would like to help drive this major initiative please send your resume to Ken.Vollenweider@fire.ca.gov. Travel expenses will be paid for all volunteer workgroup members. The timeline to complete this project with available FEMA, AFG funds ends June 30, 2010.



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