RIVER/FLOOD RESCUE TECHNICIAN  
Curriculum Implementation Plan  

OVERVIEW
This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new River/Flood Rescue Technician (2018) curriculum. The curriculum development was a collaborative effort with the Office of the State Fire Marshal - State Fire Training, Office of Emergency Services - Fire and Rescue Branch and CAL FIRE Training Center. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.


IMPLEMENTATION
River/Flood Rescue Technician (2018)……………………………………………………Available April 1, 2019

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS
Current SFT Registered Instructors that are instructors for the OES (Office of Emergency Services) Course titled: River/Flood Rescue Technician (2015) are authorized to teach River/Flood Rescue Technician (2018).

New instructors for River/Flood Rescue Technician (2018) shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor and shall be required to either take the course or apply for a Pace II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.

Additionally, a new instructor of the FSTEP course River/Flood Rescue Technician (2018), the following shall apply:

1. Rank and Professional Experience:
   a. Held a permanent position within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of three years or;
   b. Worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five years.
   c. Must have specific expertise in Technical Rescue as it relates to the River/Flood environment.
Potential Agency Impacts

Fire agencies utilizing the existing CAL OES (Office of Emergency Services) River/Flood Rescue Technician should have little or no impacts making the transition from that course to the new update curriculum format for training or operational implementation. A Special attention should be paid to these new updated FSTEP courses, are NOT included in any of SFT certification tracks at this time. Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor, as appropriate.