RIVER AND FLOOD RESCUE BOAT TECHNICIAN
New Curriculum Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW
This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019). This was a collective effort with the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal - State Fire Training, the Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) - Fire and Rescue Branch, and CAL FIRE - Training Center to develop a number of curriculums requested by stakeholders. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

IMPLEMENTATION
River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) ................................. Available January 1, 2020
The new Course Plans have been developed based on the authority of the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, which includes NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017). In addition, ICS-420-1, Field Operations Guide, ICS-SF-SAR-020 Swiftwater/Flood Search and Rescue Recommended Training, Skills and Equipment List (current edition), NFPA 1500, 1521, 1561 aided among others as supporting documents when creating these Course Plans. The Course Plans will be available on the SFT website.

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INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS
Instructor Registration ................................................................. Available January 1, 2020
Current registered instructors with SFT that presently are instructors for the OES River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2015) course are authorized to teach River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019).

Current SFT instructors that are teaching the current Rescue Boat Operations (1998), which is a 24-hour course will not be able to facilitate the new River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) course, which is a 40-hour curriculum. Instructors of Rescue Boat Operations (1998) will be required to take the River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) course or apply for PACE II.

New instructors for this course shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor and will 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 River and Flood Rescue Boat Technician (2019) course, the following experience requirements shall apply:

1. Rank and Professional Experience:
   a. Held a permanent position and/or performed rescue duties within a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years.
   b. 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 River/Flood Rescue Boat Technician should have little or no impacts making the transition from that course to the new update curriculum format for training or operational implementation.

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.