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Subject/Agenda Action Item: 2015 FSTEP Vehicle Extrication

Recommended Actions: Motion to approve the 2015 Vehicle Extrication curriculum

Background Information:

This curriculum was presented at the April 2015 STEAC meeting, to this date we have not received any letters of opposition or requests for changes.

Auto Extrication was last addressed in 1996. The class was 16 hours in length and instructors were provided with an course outline of topics to be covered. However, no supporting materials for the instructor or student were identified or provided. This led to a wide discrepancy in course content depending on instructor or location of course. The Auto Extrication curriculum did not address current automotive technology or firefighter safety issues.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

The 2015 version of Vehicle Extrication is a 24 hour FSTEP class designed to meet the Terminal and Enabling Learning Objectives identified in the 2013 Firefighter-II curriculum. The intent is to provide a class that can be delivered in a stand-alone format or can be delivered as part of a firefighter II academy.

The Cadre developed a course plan using the job performance requirements (JPRs) listed in Firefighter II (2013 curriculum) as well as the NFPA 1006, Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, chapter 10 Vehicle rescue, Level I. They also developed seven (7) required skills activities to ensure very student receive standardized instruction and hands-on experience for skills. The cadre felt this was crucial to safe and efficient operations at the scene of a vehicle extrication. The cadre also identified two course texts this is the first time this program has had an identified reference manuals for use by both Instructors and students, both are NFPA compliant and will further enhance their knowledge skills, and abilities.

With the development cadre choosing to follow the NFPA 1006 standard to develop the course then in the future if SFT moves forward on the development of the “Technical Rescue” certification this course would only need to have a certification training standard (CTS) developed and then inserted into that track.

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