Animal Technical Rescue
Implementation of New Curriculum

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on changes to the Large Animal Rescue course (2003) to the updated Animal Technical Rescue Awareness and Animal Technical Rescue Technician training programs. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (ATRA) (7-hours)
Animal Technical Rescue Technician (ATRT) (16-hours)

COURSES AVAILABLE .............................................................. September 1, 2017

The new Awareness and Technician (2017) curriculum is based on the NFPA 1670 Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents 2017 Edition and meets JPR’s 17.2.1 and 17.2.3 within Chapter 17. This course will fulfill the requirements of these JPRs for those personnel seeking proficiency in this specialized subject area.


TRANSITION PERIOD ......................................................... Effective September 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

COURSE PHASE OUT .............................................................. December 31, 2017

Effective December 31, 2017, FSTEP course Large Animal Rescue (2003), will be retired.
INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS............................................................................................................September 1, 2017


New instructors for the Animal Technical Rescue Awareness (2017) and/or Animal Technical Rescue Technician (2017) curriculum shall meet the general SFT requirements for Registered Instructors, and will be required to either take the course(s) or apply for a Pace II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Fire agencies utilizing the Animal Technical Rescue curriculum need to review the new curriculum to be sure that all agency training needs are being met. If not, the local agency may need to augment the curriculum at the local level.

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. ARTPs should review the new curriculum and discuss with their advisory committees / program sponsor to determine if the curriculum must be expanded to meet local needs.