



RIVER AND FLOOD RESCUE TECHNICIAN 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 Technician (2019)**. This was a collative 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 Technician (2019).....Available April 1, 2019

This new course plan has been developed based on the authority of the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualification 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, NFPA 1521, and NFPA 1561 aided among others as supporting documents when creating these Course Plans. The Course Plans will be available on the SFT website.

New Curriculum	Hours
River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019)	40

River and Flood Water Rescue (1996) Curriculum Retirement June 30, 2020
Effective July 1, 2020 River and Flood Water Rescue (1996) course will be retired.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Current SFT Registered Instructors that are instructors for the CAL OES course titled: River/Flood Rescue Technician (2015) are authorized to teach River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019) course.

Current SFT Registered Instructors teaching the River and Flood Water Rescue (1996), which is a 16-hour course, will not be able to teach the new River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019) course, which is a 40-hour curriculum. Instructors of River and Flood Water Rescue (1996) will be required to take the River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019) course or apply for PACE II.

New instructors for River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019) shall meet the SFT requirements for Registered Instructor and shall be required to either take the new course or apply for a PACE II review of their instructor qualifications, including appropriate education and practical experience relating to course content.



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Additionally, a new instructor of the FSTEP course River and Flood Rescue Technician (2019), 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;
Worked in a volunteer position or paid call firefighter with a Recognized Fire Agency in California for a minimum of five 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 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.