

Rope Rescue Technician

(NFPA 1006: Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications)

Instructor Task Book (2017)



California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Office of the State Fire Marshal
State Fire Training

Overview

Authority

This instructor task book takes into consideration the training standards set forth in the NFPA 1006: Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017).

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Purpose

The State Fire Training instructor task book is a performance-based document that identifies the minimum requirements necessary to teach Rope Rescue Technician (2017). Completion of an instructor task book verifies that an instructor candidate has demonstrated the job performance requirements to teach this course.

Assumptions

Each job performance requirement (JPR) shall be evaluated after the candidate initiates the task book.

An evaluator verifies satisfactory execution of a job performance requirement (JPR) through first-hand observation.

State Fire Training task books do not count towards the NWCG task book limit. There is no limit to the number of State Fire Training task books a candidate may pursue at one time as long as the candidate meets the initiation requirements of each.

It is the candidate's responsibility to routinely check the State Fire Training website for updates to an initiated task book. All State Fire Training issued updates to an initiated task book are required for task book completion.

A candidate must complete a task book within three years its initiation date. Otherwise, a candidate must initiate a new task books using the course's current published version.

Roles and Responsibilities

Candidate

The candidate is the individual pursuing instructor registration.

Initiation

The candidate shall:

1. Complete all Initiation Requirements.
 - Please print or type.
2. Complete a block on the Signature Verification page with a handwritten signature.

Completion

The candidate shall:

1. Complete all Job Performance Requirements.
 - Ensure that an evaluator initials, signs, and dates each task to verify completion.
2. Complete all Completion Requirements.
3. Sign and date the candidate verification statement under **Review and Approval** with a handwritten signature.
4. Obtain their fire chief's handwritten (not stamped) signature on the fire chief verification section.
5. Create and retain a physical or high-resolution digital copy of the completed task book.

Submission

The candidate shall:

6. Submit a copy (physical or digital) of the completed task book and any supporting documentation to State Fire Training.
 - See Submission and Review below.

A candidate should not submit a task book until they have completed all requirements and obtained all signatures. State Fire Training will reject and return an incomplete task book.

Evaluator

An evaluator is any individual who verifies that the candidate can satisfactorily execute a job performance requirement (JPR).

An evaluator verifies satisfactory execution through first-hand observation

A qualified evaluator is a State Fire Training Registered Instructor of Rope Rescue Technician (2017).

All evaluators shall:

1. Complete a block on the Signature Verification page with a handwritten signature.
2. Review and understand the candidate's task book requirements and responsibilities.
3. Verify the candidate's successful completion of one or more job performance requirements through first-hand observation.
 - Do not evaluate any job performance requirement (JPR) until after the candidate initiates the task book.
 - Sign all appropriate lines in the task book with a handwritten signature or approved digital signature (e.g. Docusign or Adobe Sign) to record demonstrated performance of tasks.

Fire Chief

The fire chief (or fire technology director) is the individual who reviews and confirms the completion of a candidate's instructor task book.

A fire chief may identify an authorized designee already on file with State Fire Training to fulfill any task book responsibilities assigned to the fire chief. (See *State Fire Training Procedures Manual*, 4.2.2: Authorized Signatories.)

Completion

The fire chief shall:

1. Review and understand the candidate's task book requirements and responsibilities.
2. Complete a block on the Signature Verification page with a handwritten signature.
3. Confirm that the candidate has obtained the appropriate signatures to verify successful completion of each job performance requirement.
 - Ensure that all job performance requirements were evaluated after the initiation date.
4. Confirm that the candidate meets the Completion Requirements.
5. Sign and date the Fire Chief verification statement under Review and Approval with a handwritten signature.

- If signing as an authorized designee, verify that your signature is on file with State Fire Training.

Submission and Review

A candidate should not submit a task book until they have completed all requirements and obtained all signatures. State Fire Training will reject and return an incomplete task book.

To submit a completed task book, please send the following items to the address below:

- Instructor Registration Application
- A copy of the completed task book (candidate may retain the original)
- All supporting documentation

State Fire Training
Attn: Instructor Registration
PO Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

State Fire Training reviews all submitted task books.

- If the task book is complete, State Fire Training will authorize the task book and retain a digital copy of the authorized task book in the candidate's State Fire Training file.
- If the task book is incomplete, State Fire Training will return the task book with a notification indicating what needs to be completed prior to resubmission.

Completion of this task book is one step in the instructor registration process. Please refer to the *State Fire Training Procedures Manual* for the complete list of qualifications required for teaching Rope Rescue Awareness / Operations.

Initiation Requirements

The following requirements must be completed prior to initiating this task book.

Candidate Information

Name: _____

SFT ID Number: _____

Fire Agency: _____

Initiation Date: _____

Prerequisites

The candidate meets the following prerequisites.

- Completion of SFT's Instructor 2 course or already an SFT Registered Instructor

Include documentation to verify prerequisite requirements when you submit your task book unless verification is already documented in your SFT User Portal.

Education

The candidate has completed the following course(s).

- Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017)
- Rope Rescue Technician (2017)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)

Include documentation to verify course completion requirements when you submit your task book unless verification is already documented in your SFT User Portal.

Experience

The candidate meets one of the following experience requirements.

- Perform rescue duties for a minimum of three years within a recognized California fire agency (e.g., being a member of an identifiable rescue team)

Signature Verification

The following individuals have the authority to verify portions of this task book using the signature recorded below.

Please print, except for the Signature line, where a handwritten signature is required. Add additional signature pages as needed.

Name: _____
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Job Performance Requirements

The candidate must complete each job performance requirement (JPR) in accordance with the standards of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) or the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), whichever is more restrictive.

All JPRs must be completed within a California fire agency or State Fire Training Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP).

Each JPR shall be evaluated after the candidate initiates the task book.

The candidate must complete each task twice.

- The two instances must occur during two different courses.
- The same evaluator cannot sign off on the same task twice.

Correct: Task completed during two separate courses and evaluated by two separate individuals.

1. Build a fuel load that is sufficient in material, size, and scale for the prop or facility and meets the objectives of the live fire training evolution.	1 st Evaluation			2 nd Evaluation		
	Course Code	Date	Initials	Course Code	Date	Initials
a. Identify authorized fuel materials per NFPA 1403	AAA123	2/8/18	JAS	BBB123	5/15/18	CWJ

Incorrect: Task completed twice during one course but evaluated by two separate individuals.

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Job Performance Requirements

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Job Performance Requirements	1st Evaluation			2nd Evaluation		
	Course Code	Date	Initials	Course Code	Date	Initials
1. Direct a team in the operation of a rope rescue system to remove a victim stranded on or clinging to a natural or manmade feature in a high-angle environment, given a victim stranded on or clinging to a feature and a means of removal of the victim to the ground or other safe area, so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized, injury to the victim is minimized, the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is maintained, and the victim is removed and brought to a safe area for transfer to EMS.						
2. Direct a team in the operation of a rope rescue system to remove a victim suspended from rope or webbing in a high-angle environment, given a victim suspended by a harness attached to anchored rope or webbing, systems for removal of the victim from the rope or webbing, and a means of removal of the victim to the ground or other safe area, so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized, injury to the victim is minimized, the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is maintained, the victim is removed from the rope or webbing, and the victim is brought to a safe area for transfer to EMS.						

<p>3. While suspended from a rope rescue system, perform the transfer and movement of a victim suspended from rope or webbing in a high-angle environment to a separate rope rescue lowering or raising system, given a rope rescue system, a specified minimum travel distance for the victim, victim transfer systems, and specialized equipment necessary for the environment, so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized; undesirable victim movement during the transfer is minimized; the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is maintained; the victim is removed from the static line and lowered or raised to a stable surface; victim positioning is managed to reduce adverse effects associated with suspension-induced injuries; selected specialized equipment facilitates efficient victim movement; and the victim can be transported to the local EMS provider.</p>						
<p>4. Perform the activities of a litter tender in a high-angle lowering or raising operation, given a rope rescue system, a specified minimum travel distance for the litter and litter tender, life safety harnesses, litters, bridles, and specialized equipment necessary for the environment, so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized, the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is secure, and the travel path is negotiated while minimizing risks to equipment or persons.</p>						

<p>5. Participate as a member of a team in the construction of a rope rescue system intended to move a suspended rescue load along a horizontal path to avoid an obstacle, given rescue personnel, life safety rope, rope rescue equipment, and a suitable anchor capable of supporting the load, so that personnel assignments are made and clearly communicated; the system constructed can accommodate the load; tension applied within the system will not exceed the rated capacity of any of its components' parts; a system safety check is performed; movement of the load is efficient; and loads can be held in place or moved with minimal effort over the required distance.</p>						
<p>6. Direct a team in the operation of a rope system to move a suspended rescue load along a horizontal path, given rescue personnel, an established system, a target for the load, a load to be moved, and PPE, so that the movement is controlled; the load is held in place when needed; operating methods do not stress the system to the point of failure; personnel assignments are made; tasks are communicated; and potential problems are identified, communicated, and managed.</p>						
<p>7. Climb and traverse natural features or manmade structures that require the use of climbing aids, positioning equipment, or fall prevention systems to prevent the fall or unwanted movement of the rescuer, given a specified minimum travel distance, the equipment used by the agency and a task that reflects the anticipated rescue environment, so that the objective is achieved, the rescuer can perform the required task, and fall prevention is maintained.</p>						

<p>8. Interact with a person at height who is in an emotional or psychological crisis, given an environment consistent with the mission of the agency, the policies and procedures of the organization, and a person in a crisis scenario, so that the condition is recognized and communicated to the team, the rescuer is prevented from harm, and the actions of the rescuer do not escalate the incident.</p>						
<p>9. Interact with a person at height who is in an emotional or psychological crisis, given an environment consistent with the mission of the agency, the policies and procedures of the organization, and a person in a crisis scenario, so that the condition is recognized and communicated to the team, the rescuer is prevented from harm, and the actions of the rescuer do not escalate the incident.</p>						
<p>10. Interact with a person at height who is in an emotional or psychological crisis, given an environment consistent with the mission of the agency, the policies and procedures of the organization, and a person in a crisis scenario, so that the condition is recognized and communicated to the team, the rescuer is prevented from harm, and the actions of the rescuer do not escalate the incident.</p>						

Completion Requirements

The following requirements must be completed prior to submitting this task book.

Experience

State Fire Training confirms that all experience requirements were required for task book initiation.

Position

State Fire Training confirms that there are no position requirements to teach this course.

Updates

The candidate has completed and enclosed all updates to this instructor task book released by State Fire Training since its initial publication.

Number of enclosed updates: _____

Completion Timeframe

The candidate has completed all requirements documented in this task book within three years of its initiation date.

Initiation Date (see Registered Instructor signature under **Initiation Requirements**): _____

Review and Approval

Candidate

Candidate (please print): _____

I, the undersigned, am the person applying for instructor registration. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the completion of all requirements documented herein is true in every respect. I understand that misstatements, omissions of material facts, or falsification of information or documentation may be cause for rejection or revocation.

Signature and Date: _____

Fire Chief (or Fire Technology Director)

Candidate's Fire Chief (please print): _____

I, the undersigned, am the person authorized to verify the candidate's qualifications for instructor registration. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the completion of all requirements documented herein are true in every respect. I understand that misstatements, omissions of material facts, or falsification of information or documentation may be cause for rejection.

Signature and Date: _____