INTERIM PROCEDURES
Rope Rescue Instructor

Procedure Changes

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Section Change:	Modify Sections 6.7.20: Rope Rescue – Primary Instructor
Justification:	SFT updated the Rope Rescue Technician course and added a new Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations course based on NFPA 1006. Additionally, the instructor requirements have been updated.
SFT Contact:	Contact SFT Staff assigned to Instructor Registration.
Note:	*All new text appears in underline. All deleted text appears in strikeout*

6.7: INSTRUCTIONAL DISCIPLINES

6.7.20: ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN (RRT) – PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

6.7.20.1: Eligible Courses

Table 6.7.20.1: RRT Rope Rescue – Primary Instructor Eligible Courses

CFSTES Courses	FSTEP Courses
• None	• Rope Rescue Technician (2013) • Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) • Rope Rescue Technician (2017)

6.7.20.2: General Qualifications

A. An RRT Rope Rescue Primary Instructor Trainee or Registered Primary Instructor shall meet the qualifications required of all State Fire Training (SFT) Registered Primary Instructors.
   1. See **6.2.1: Qualifications**.

B. A Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Registered Primary Instructor shall meet the Instructor requirements for Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017)

C. A current FEMA Lead or Adjunct Rope Rescue Instructor in good standing is eligible to be a recognized as a Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Registered Primary Instructor.
   1. To seek eligibility, the candidate must:
      i. Be a Registered SFT Instructor in good standing
      ii. Have completed the following courses: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)
      iii. Currently teach and possess currency (three-year cycle) at the NFPA 1006 and 1670 Rope Rescue Technician level
      iv. Have taught a minimum of 40 hours at the technician level course during the past three years
   2. Candidates do not to complete the SFT required task book(s).

D. A National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Rope Rescue Technician Instructor may be eligible to attend an SFT Rope Rescue Technician Instructor update course and be recognized as a Registered SFT (primary or senior) RRT Instructor.
   2. To seek eligibility, the candidate must:
      i. Be a Registered SFT Instructor in good standing
      ii. Have completed the following courses:
         a. SFT Rescue Systems 1
         b. SFT Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations
         c. I-200: Basic ICS
      iii. Currently teach and possess currency (three-year cycle) at the NFPA 1006 and 1670 Rope Rescue Technician level
      iv. Have taught a minimum of 40 hours at the technician level course during the past three years

6.7.20.3: Course Work

A. An RRT Rope Rescue Technician (2013) Primary Instructor Trainee or Registered Primary Instructor must have attended and passed:

   1. SFT Rope Rescue Technician
   2. I-200: Basic ICS

B. A Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Registered Primary Instructor must have attended and passed:
   1. Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations Training (one of the following)
      a. Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) course completion

      b. <u>Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational AND Rescue Systems 1 course completions</u>
2. <u>Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017)</u>
3. <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2017)</u>
4. <u>IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)</u>

6.7.20.4: Instructor Requirements

A. See **6.2.1.2: Instructor Requirements**.

6.7.20.5: Teaching Experience

A. None

6.7.20.6: Task Book

A. <u>A Rope Rescue Technician (2013) Primary Instructor must complete a Rope Rescue Technician (2013) Primary Instructor Task Book.</u>

B. <u>A Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Primary Instructor must complete a Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Instructor Task Book.</u>

C. <u>A Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Primary Instructor must complete a Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Instructor Task Book.</u>

D. An ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2013), Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017), or Rope Rescue Technician (2017)</u> Primary Instructor Trainee has ~~two~~ <u>three</u> years after starting his or her ~~RRT~~ Primary Instructor Trainee Task Book to complete the task book requirements <u>and submit to State Fire Training</u>.

E. ~~An RRT Primary Instructor Trainee must satisfy all instructor requirements and become a Registered RRT Primary Instructor within one year of completing his or her task book.~~

F. All components within the ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2013)</u> Primary Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a Registered ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2013)</u> Senior Instructor.

G. <u>All components within the Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a Registered Awareness/Operations (2017) Instructor.</u>

H. <u>All components within the Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Instructor Task Book must be verified and signed by a Registered Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Instructor.</u>

I. ~~Task book completion requires teaching in at least two SFT RRT courses as a Primary Instructor Trainee.~~ <u>A Primary Instructor candidate for Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Primary Instructor must successfully perform each of the tasks listed in the Instructor Task Book twice. The two instances must occur during two different registered courses. The same evaluator cannot sign off on the same task twice.</u>

6.7.20.7: Professional Experience

A. An ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue</u> Primary Instructor Trainee or Registered Primary Instructor shall meet the professional experience qualifications listed below.
   1. Performing in an "acting" capacity does not qualify.

Table 6.7.20.7: ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue</u> – Primary Instructor Professional Experience

FSTEP Courses	Experience
• Rope Rescue Technician <u>(2013)</u> • <u>Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017)</u> • <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2017)</u>	• 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)

6.7.20.8: Application – Primary Instructor Trainee

A. The <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2013)</u> applicant shall submit the following items to the Registered ~~RRT~~ <u>Rope Rescue Technician (2013)</u> Senior Instructor who will oversee the evaluation:
   1. A current resume listing education, position, and experience
   2. A copy of a course completion certificate ~~from SFT Rope Rescue Technician and I 200: Basic ICS~~ <u>for required courses</u>

3. A copy of SFT Instructor I and Instructor II ~~certificates~~ course completion diplomas or verification ~~of the qualifying equivalents~~ that the applicant is a Registered Instructor with SFT.
4. A verification letter signed by the Fire Chief, or his or her authorized designee, describing the applicant's specific background as it relates to his or her teaching experience and his or her experience.
    i. See **4.1.1: Letters of Verification**.
5. A blank Primary ~~RRT~~ Rescue Technician (2013) Instructor Task Book

B. The Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) applicant shall submit the following items to the Registered Instructor who will oversee the evaluation:
    1. A current resume listing education, position, and experience
    2. A copy of a course completion diplomas for required courses
    3. A copy of Instructor 2 course completion diplomas or verification that the applicant is a Registered Instructor with SFT.
    4. An initiated Instructor Task Book
        i. For Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017), submit a Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Instructor Task Book.
        ii. For Rope Rescue Technician (2017), submit a Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Instructor Task Book.

6.7.20.9: Application – Primary Instructor

A. See 6.2.3: Application Process.

6.7.20.10: Maintenance

A. A Registered ~~RRT~~ Rope Rescue Technician (2013) Primary Instructor shall teach at least two SFT Rope Rescue Technician (2013) courses every four years.

B. A Registered Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Primary Instructor shall teach at least one SFT Awareness/Operations (2017) or Rope Rescue Technician (2017) courses every three years.
    1. A FEMA Adjunct or Lead Rope Rescue Instructor in good standing meets this requirement.

6.7.20.11: Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) Instructor Update

A. A Registered Instructor for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (2007) must meet the following Instructor Update requirements, to become a Primary Registered Instructor for Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017).

    1. Satisfy the Instructor Update requirements and apply to SFT no later than December 31, 2021
    2. Attend and pass, or have met, the following courses:
        a. Completion of Rope Rescue Technician (2017) course; or
        b. Rope Rescue Technician (2013)
    3. Must be a Registered Primary or Senior Instructor for the following courses:
        a. Rescue Systems 1: Rope Rescue (Module 1); and
        b. Rescue Systems 1: Ladder Rescue Systems (Module 3)
    4. Submit a course completion diplomas for each course listed in the Instructor Update to SFT through the SFT User Portal.

B. A Registered Instructor for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (2007) who does not submit all Instructor Update documents to SFT by December 31, 2021, will lose their Registered Primary Instructor status for Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational (2007), and will be required to reapply to SFT under the new requirements

6.7.20.12: Rope Rescue Technician (2017) Instructor Update

A. SFT Registered Instructors for Rope Rescue Technician (2013) will be authorized to instruct Rope Rescue Awareness/Operations (2017) and Rope Rescue Technician (2017).