



RESCUE TRAINING SOG

SCOPE

This guideline applies to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members. This SOG addresses rescue training for all Department members. Currently, SPFD concentrates on the following rescue specialties; vehicle-machinery rescue (VMR), high angle rescue, land search, swift water rescue and still water rescue. Although SPFD has trained and competent personnel incidents requiring confined space, trench and collapse rescue fall outside of SPFD's present expertise. SPFD would be in a supporting role to the Fayetteville Fire Department during incidents of this type.

PURPOSE

This SOG provides guidance on rescue training, Rescue Technician certification and in service rescue training. It addresses and outlines the training requirements for all firefighter and EMTs within the Department who will participate and operate at rescue incidents within SPFD's district and mutual aid areas.

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DEFINITIONS

SHALL - Indicates a mandatory requirement.

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE (SOG) - Documents that help establish how an organization will operate and how its members are expected to carry out specific duties outlined in general terms.

Rescue Technician (RT) – Certification for a firefighter or EMT who has completed VMR, Rope Technician and certified in a rescue specialty.

Rescue Training Officer (RTO) – the Department officer designated to coordinate rescue training and validate individual firefighters, EMTs and Rescue Technician to conduct rescue operations on behalf of the Department.

In Service Rescue Training (ISRT) – refresher and enhancement rescue training conducted by the Department's Rescue Training Officer on designated training days or during Department drills.

Vehicle-Machinery Rescue (VMR) - This is a certification for a firefighter or EMT who completes the basic Rescue Technician VMR course. A general certification is applied to a graduate of VMR.



FIREFIGHTER and EMT RESCUE TRAINING GUIDELINES

All SPFD firefighters and EMTs will receive training in vehicle/automotive rescue. This training includes tasks taught during Firefighter I&II certification and Department ISRT. The intent of this training is to prepare the firefighter and/or EMT to perform or assist RT's in the performance of vehicle/automotive rescue. This training is considered basic and sufficient for the firefighter or EMT to have sufficient proficiency to be value added during these incidents.

Rescue Technicians, firefighters and EMTs will receive enhancement rescue training throughout the year. **One drill per month is designated for rescue training.** Annual training will occur prior to the summer months in water rescue (swift and still water) in preparation and anticipation of incidents of this nature. All SPFD personnel will conduct and successfully pass the **annual swim test** to be allowed to operate at water rescue incidents.

High angle rescue training will be conducted semi-annually. RTs, firefighters and EMTs will successfully pass the knot test prior to receiving enhancement high angle rescue training. The test knots will be designated by the Department RTO.

IN SERVICE RESCUE TRAINING (ISRT)

ISRT will be conducted at least once per month on designated training days and during Department drills. ISRT's purpose is to enhance Rescue Technician, firefighter and EMT capability, and to provide the latest information on rescue tactics, techniques and procedures for rescue operations. ISRT also serves as an ongoing assessment process that monitors RT, firefighter and EMT aptitudes, capability and rescue operation worthiness. The Department Rescue Training Officer will coordinate ISRT with current Rescue Technicians, firefighters and EMTs.

EXTERNAL TRAINING

SPFD will conduct the following training **on a select or as needed basis.** Training will either be conducted at SPFD facilities or at a designated training facility. The anticipated training frequency for the identified course is stated below.

Rope Technician – Trench Rescue and Confined Space certified firefighters– annually.

VMR – bi-annually.

Swift/Still Water Rescue – bi-annually.

SPFD firefighters and EMTs are strongly encouraged to attend these courses when offered at other departments, seminars or training centers.

SPFD strongly recommends that firefighters successfully complete the Rescue Technician VMR course. This course provides the necessary knowledge and capabilities for firefighters to conduct vehicle/automotive rescue.

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