

TENNESSEE FIRE COMMISSION

RT: Rope Technician

Instructional JPR Verification Sheet

Full Name: _____ Fire Department: _____

This Instructional JPR Verification Sheet is to be used in conjunction with the Tennessee Fire Commission RT: Rope Technician Skill Sheets. These skills meet all the requirements of NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2021 Edition. Each of these skills should be taught and assessed during the course. This form must be submitted by the Instructor for Certification.

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| Candidate Printed Name: _____ Candidate Signature: _____ | | |



Direct a Team in the Operation of a Stranded Victim

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.1, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-01

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 to removal to 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 and brought to a safe area for transfer to EMS.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 15 minutes

| Performance Steps | | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Select and construct systems for rapid removal of stranded victims | | | | | |
| 2. Manage operation of the selected system | | | | | |
| 3. Determine condition of the stranded victim | | | | | |
| 4. Reduce hazards for rescuers and victims-CRITICAL POINT | | | | | |
| 5. Determine specialized equipment needs for victim movement | | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | | Score: __/5 | | Score: __/5 | |
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Direct a Team in the Removal of a Suspended Victim

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Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-02

The candidate, given a victim suspended by a harness attached to anchored rope or webbing, devices 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, shall direct a team in the removal of a victim suspended from rope or webbing in a high-angle environment, so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized, injury to 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.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 30 minutes

| Performance Steps | | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Select and construct systems for the rapid removal of victims from lanyards or rope or webbing | | | | | |
| 2. Manage operation of the selected system | | | | | |
| 3. Determine condition of the suspended victim | | | | | |
| 4. Reduce hazards for rescuers and victims – CRITICAL POINT | | | | | |
| 5. Determine specialized equipment needs for victim movement | | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | | Score: __/5 | | Score: __/5 | |
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Perform the Transfer of a Victim

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Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-03

While suspended from a rope rescue system, perform the transfer of a victim suspended from rope or webbing in a high-angle environment to a separate rope rescue lowering or mechanical advantage system, given a rope rescue system, a 20-foot 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.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 30 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Ability to choose victim transfer systems | | | | |
| 2. Select and use PPE appropriate to the conditions | | | | |
| 3. Perform a transfer of the victim from a static line to the lowering or mechanical advantage system | | | | |
| 4. Reduce hazards for rescuers and victims- CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 5. Determine specialized equipment needs for victim movement | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/5 | | Score: __/5 | |
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Function as a Litter Tender

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Rescue Technician: Rope Technician

Skill Sheet – RT: RT- 04

The candidate, given a rope rescue system, a minimum lower or haul distance of 20 feet, life safety harnesses, litters, bridles, and specialized equipment necessary for the environment, shall perform the activities of a litter tender in a high-angle lowering or hauling operation so that risks to victims and rescuers are minimized, the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is secure, and the terrain is negotiated while minimizing risks to equipment or persons.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 30 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Selects and uses rescue harness and PPE for common environments | | | | |
| 2. Ensures that the means of attachment to the rope rescue system is secure— CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Evaluates surroundings for potential hazards and maneuvers appropriately | | | | |
| 4. Negotiates terrain and manages litter while minimizing risks to victims, rescuers, and equipment | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 3/4 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/4 | | Score: __/4 | |
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Participate as Member of a Team in the Construction of a Highline System

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.5, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-05

Direct a team in the construction of a 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 on the load is efficient; and loads can be held in place or moved with minimal effort over the required distance

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 30 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Determine the needs as related to construction of a system | | | | |
| 2. Evaluate an incident site as related to interference concerns and set up | | | | |
| 3. Identify the obstacles or voids to be negotiated | | | | |
| 4. Select a system for defined task | | | | |
| 5. Perform system safety checks – CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 6. Use rigging principles that will limit excessive force to system components | | | | |
| 7. Potential problems are identified, communicated and managed | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/5 | | Score: __/5 | |

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Move a Suspended Rescue Load

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Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-06

While suspended from a rope rescue system, perform the transfer of a victim suspended from rope or webbing in a high-angle environment to a separate rope rescue lowering or mechanical advantage system, given a rope rescue system, a 20-foot 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.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 30 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Ability to determine incident needs | | | | |
| 2. Complete a system safety check – CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Evaluate system components for compromised integrity – CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 4. Select personnel | | | | |
| 5. Communicate with personnel effectively | | | | |
| 6. Manage movement of the load – CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 7. Evaluate for any potential problems | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/7 | | Score: __/7 | |

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Climb and Traverse Natural Features or Man-made Structures

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.7, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-07

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 25 minutes

Climb and traverse natural features or man-made structures that require the use of climbing aids, positioning equipment, or fall protection systems to prevent the fall or unwanted movement of the rescuer, given 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

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Ability to climb vertical or near-vertical paths by the environment or climbing aids used by the agency | | | | |
| 2. Use of positioning equipment to support the weight of the rescuer in a vertical or near-vertical environment -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Perform a task | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 2/3 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: ___/3 | | Score: ___/3 | |

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Interact with a Person at Height

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.8, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-08

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.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 15 minutes

| Performance Steps | | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Use method of approach that minimize the risk to the rescuer from subjects whose psychological or emotional state is unknown | | | | | |
| 2. Demonstrate interview techniques that provide insight to the motives and state of mind of the subject | | | | | |
| 3. Communicate and interact with the subject in a manner that does not escalate the incident. | | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 2/3 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | | Score: __/3 | | Score: __/3 | |
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Ascend a Fixed Rope in a High-Angle Environment

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.9, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-09

Given an anchored fixed rope system, minimum ascending distance of 20 feet, a system to allow ascent of a fixed rope, a structure, a belay system, a life safety harness worn by the person ascending and personal protective equipment so that, the person ascending is secured to the fixed rope in a manner that will not allow him or her to fall, the person ascending can stop at any point on the fixed rope and rest suspended by his or her harness, the system will not be stressed to the point of failure, the person ascending can convert his or her ascending system to a descending system, obstacles are negotiated, the system is suitable for the site, and the objective is reached, the candidate shall ascend a fixed rope in a high-angle environment so that the listed performance steps are completed.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 15 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| | P | F | P | F |
| Safely performs the following steps: | | | | |
| 1. Select and use rescuer harness, a system for ascending a fixed rope, and PPE for common environments | | | | |
| 2. Demonstrate the ability to attach the life safety harness to the rope rescue system -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Configure ascent control devices to form a system for ascending a fixed rope | | | | |
| 4. Make connections to the ascending system | | | | |
| 5. Maneuver around existing environment and system-specific obstacles | | | | |
| 6. Convert the ascending system to a descending system while suspended from the fixed rope -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 7. Evaluate surroundings for potential hazards | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 2/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/7 | | Score: __/7 | |

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Descend a Fixed Rope in a High-Angle Environment

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 5.3.10, 2021 edition.

Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-10

Descend a fixed rope in a high-angle environment, given an anchored fixed-rope system, a specified minimum travel distance for the rescuer, a system to allow descent of a fixed rope, a belay system, a life safety harness worn by the person descending, and PPE, so that the person descending is attached to the fixed rope in a manner that will not allow him or her to fall, the person descending is attached to the rope by means of a descent control device, the speed of descent is controlled, injury to the person descending is minimized, the person descending can stop at any point on the fixed rope and rest suspended by his or her harness, the system will not be stressed to the point of failure, the system is suitable for the site, and the objective is reached.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 15 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
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| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Select and use rescuer harness, a system for descending a fixed rope, and PPE for common environments | | | | |
| 2. Demonstrate the ability to attach the life safety harness to the rope rescue system -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Make attachment of the descent control device to the rope and life safety harness | | | | |
| 4. Operate the descent control device | | | | |
| 5. Maneuver around existing environment and system-specific obstacles | | | | |
| 6. Evaluate surroundings for potential hazards | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 2/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: <u> </u>/7 | | Score: <u> </u>/7 | |
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Demonstrate the Ability to Escape from a Jammed or Malfunctioning Device

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Rescue Technician – Rope Technician

Skill Sheet RT: RT-11

Given an anchored fixed-rope system with a simulated malfunctioning descent control device, a system to allow escape from the malfunctioning device, a belay system, a life safety harness worn by the person descending, and PPE, so that the person descending is attached to the fixed rope in a manner that will not allow him or her to fall, the person descending is attached to the rope by means of a descent control device, the means for escape will allow the rescuer to escape either upward or downward from the malfunctioning descent control device, injury potential to the rescuer is minimized, the system will not be stressed to the point of failure, the system is suitable for the site, and the objective is reached.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 15 minutes

| Performance Steps | Test | | Retest | |
|--|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| Safely performs the following steps: | P | F | P | F |
| 1. Select and use rescuer harness, a system for escaping a malfunctioning descent control device, and PPE for common environments | | | | |
| 2. Demonstrate the ability to attach the life safety harness to the rope rescue system -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 3. Make attachment of the descent control device to the rope and life safety harness -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 4. Attach and operate the escape system to remove the rescuer from the malfunctioning descent control device while maintaining patient attachment to the fixed rope and belay -CRITICAL POINT | | | | |
| 5. Use the escape system to maneuver upward or downward from the malfunctioning descent control device | | | | |
| 6. Evaluate surroundings for potential hazards | | | | |
| Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS | Score: __/6 | | Score: __/6 | |

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