

WATER RESCUE

Awareness





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Overview

- This self-paced course provides an awareness level of the hazards involved in water rescue and the need to notify the appropriate resources to stabilize the incident.
- Water rescue activities are an example of a low frequency high risk activity. Entering the water requires extensive training and can be very hazardous.

DO NOT ENTER THE WATER!!!



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Course Objectives

- Identify the need for water search and rescue
- Introduction to the size up of water rescue incidents
- Identify and order appropriate resources for water rescue
- Describe site control and scene management



Course Objectives (cont.)

- Identify correct PPE for water rescue incidents
- Recognize general hazards associated with water rescue incidents and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards
- Understand Low to High Rescue Priorities

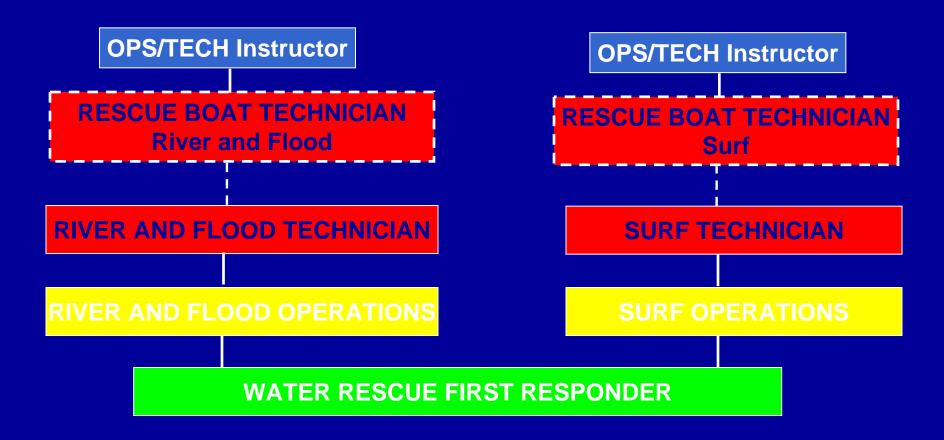


Curriculum based on

- NFPA 1670 Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents, 2004
- NFPA 1006 Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, 2008
- CAL FIRE 7000 Manual
 - Section 7039 Flood and Water Rescue Operations
- Public Resource Code
 - Section 713 Department Responsibilities



CAL FIRE WATER RESCUE PROGRAM



WATER RESCUE AWARENESS



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- Awareness: designed to introduce the student to basic water rescue principles. This is a 3 hour self-paced course.
- First Responder: designed to introduce the student to shore based rescue. This is an 8 hour course.
- River and Flood Operations and Surf Operations: the next certification level. These are two separate classes approximately 24-30 hours each.
- River and Flood Technician and Surf Technician: Highest level of training. These are two separate classes approximately 24-30 hours each.
- Rescue Boat is an optional class for the technician but is required for the instructor. This is a 24-30 hour class.

Low to High Risk Rescue Options

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Low

Talk

Awareness

Moderate

- Reach*
- •Throw*

First Responder

High

- •Row*
- Go/Tow*
- Helo*

Operations/Technician

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Low to High Risk Rescue Options

Talk

 Direct victim to come to you under their own power

Reach

Pike Pole, Rubbish
Hook, Inflated Fire
Hose, Branch

Throw

Throw bags, Life Ring,
Rescue Can



Low to High Risk Rescue Options

- Row
 - Boats and watercraft
- Go/Tow
 - Rescue swimmer
- Helo
 - Extensive coordination and training



