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NFPA 1006

Technical Rescue

NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue
Personnel Professional Qualifications 2017
Guide to Certification

*The following information contains excerpts from NFPA
1006. The DPSST Fire Certification Program has
provided an overview for the applicant to use in
conjunction with the application process.*

NFPA 1006 Technical Rescue Task Force Information

On May 15, 2017 The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications Task Force convened at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) at the direction of the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) to discuss and review the 2017 standard. The Task Force was well represented from all areas of the Oregon fire service and the members had adequate time to prepare for the evaluation of the current standard.

The Task Force reviewed current standards for certification and determined it would be in the best interest of the Oregon fire service to adopt into Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) the 2017 Edition of NFPA 1006. The Task Force determined there wouldn't be any negative impacts to the Oregon fire service with the adoption of the updated standard. The Task Force requested staff to create a guide to discuss and share information pertaining to the updated standard.

Explanation of NFPA 1006 Technical Rescue Updates

The 2017 edition of NFPA Technical Rescue introduced several new levels of certification within the standard. The following are the adopted levels of certification the Task Force determined would be beneficial for and most utilized by the Oregon fire service:

- NFPA Tower Rescue (Chapter 4) - *NEW*
- NFPA Rope Rescue—Operations Level (Chapter 5.1 and 5.2)
- NFPA Rope Rescue—Technician Level (Chapter 5.3)
- NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue (Chapter 6)
- NFPA Confined Space Rescue (Chapter 7)
- NFPA Vehicle Rescue (Chapter 8)
- NFPA Trench Rescue (Chapter 11)
- NFPA Machinery Rescue (Chapter 12)
- NFPA Surface Water Rescue (Chapter 16)
- NFPA Swiftwater Rescue (Chapter 17)
- NFPA Dive Rescue (Chapter 18)
- NFPA Surf Rescue (Chapter 20)
- NFPA Watercraft Rescue (Chapter 21) - *NEW*

If a fire service agency would like to train to any level of certification within the NFPA 1006 Technical Rescue standard that has not been adopted that is the decision of the local jurisdiction. DPSST will not certify those levels.

Removal of NFPA Technical Rescue Chapters 4 and 5

The prerequisite certification of NFPA Technical Rescue to all other levels of certification within the Technical Rescue standard has been removed. The 2017 version of NFPA Technical Rescue removed the Chapters 4 and 5 Technical Rescue requirements from the standard and dispersed its contents throughout other levels of certification. Individuals who hold an NFPA Technical Rescue level of certification will continue to hold that certification through the end of this Maintenance Re-Certification cycle (January 1, 2018) at which point it will become lapsed. The certifications will not be recalled.

Adoption of NFPA Tower Rescue and NFPA Watercraft Rescue

Additionally, NFPA introduced several additional levels of certification within the standard, however the only two which have been adopted as new levels of certification are NFPA Tower Rescue and NFPA Watercraft Rescue.

NFPA Rope Rescue Operations and NFPA Rope Rescue Technician

NFPA Rope Rescue Technician has been separated into two levels of certification: NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations Level and NFPA Rope Rescue – Technician Level. The Task Force’s reasoning behind this is NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations Level is now a prerequisite to several levels of certification within the standard. By separating the Rope Rescue certifications, fire service professionals do not need to be certified in the entire NFPA Rope Rescue standard to attain additional levels of NFPA 1006 certifications. NFPA Rope Rescue—Operations will be the prerequisite certification to NFPA Tower Rescue, NFPA Rope Rescue—Technician Level, NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue, NFPA Confined Space Rescue, NFPA Vehicle Rescue, NFPA Trench Rescue, and NFPA Machinery Rescue.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will there be a “Historical Recognition” period?

A: Yes. The Task Force and DPSST have determined that NFPA Rope Rescue certifications will be the equivalent to the newly adopted NFPA Rope Rescue Operations and NFPA Rope Rescue Technician. No new certifications will be issued to individuals who hold NFPA Rope Rescue. Additionally, the NFPA Rope Rescue Technician—Level I and NFPA Rope Rescue Technician—Level II, which preceded the NFPA Rope Rescue level of certification, will also be considered as equivalent to NFPA Rope Rescue Operations and NFPA Rope Rescue Technician.

How will this appear on my Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot?

A: Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot records will continue to show certifications awarded at the time. The only level of certification that will not appear on the Maintenance Re-Certification form will be the NFPA Technical Rescuer certification because all individuals who hold this level of certification will go to lapsed. Please see page 3 for additional information.

Q: Will there be any changes to the task book?

A: Any changes to the task books are a reflection of JPRs from the NFPA standard. The remainder of the Task Book remains the same as the previous task book. For further information on task books, DPSST staff in conjunction with the NFPA Technical Rescue Task Force has created a task book section of this guide.



NFPA Technical Rescue Certification Equivalency Chart

NFPA 1006 2008 Edition	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Levels of Certifications	NFPA 1007 2017 Edition Levels of Certification
N/A	N/A	NFPA Tower Rescue
N/A	NFPA Technical Rescuer	N/A
NFPA Rope Rescue – Level I	NFPA Rope Rescue	NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations Level
NFPA Rope Rescue – Level II		NFPA Rope Rescue – Technician Level
NFPA Confined Space Rescue	NFPA Confined Space Rescue	NFPA Confined Space Rescue
NFPA Trench Rescue	NFPA Trench Rescue	NFPA Trench Rescue
NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue	NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue	NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue
NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue	Now two separate levels of certification	Now two separate levels of certification
N/A	NFPA Vehicle Rescue	NFPA Vehicle Rescue
NFPA Surface Water Rescue – Level I	NFPA Surface Water Rescue	NFPA Surface Water Rescue
NFPA Surface Water Rescue – Level II		
NFPA Swiftwater Rescue	NFPA Swiftwater Rescue	NFPA Swiftwater Rescue
NFPA Dive Rescue	NFPA Dive Rescue	NFPA Dive Rescue
NFPA Surf Rescue	NFPA Surf Rescue	NFPA Surf Rescue
N/A	NFPA Machinery Rescue	NFPA Machinery Rescue
N/A	N/A	NFPA Watercraft Rescue

Revised Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR)

***NOTE TO READER:** Excerpts are specific to OAR for NFPA Technical Rescue, therefore the numbering system will appear out of sync. These revised changes were reviewed by the Task Force, the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) and approved by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board). The proposed changes went through the public comment period from January 1st through 21st and approved as permanent on February 1, 2017.*

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(32) “NFPA Confined Space Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.2, 7.1.1 through 7.1.6, 7.2.1 through 7.2.18 and 7.3.1 through 7.3.6.

(33) “NFPA Dive Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 18.1.1 through 18.1.4, 18.2.1 through 18.2.8 and 18.3.1 through 18.3.10.

(53) “NFPA Machinery Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.2, 12.1.1 through 12.1.4, 12.2.1 through 12.2.11 and 12.3.1 through 12.3.5.

(56) “NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.1.1 through 5.1.7 and 5.2.1 through 5.2.27.

(57) “NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.3.1 through 5.3.6.

(58) “NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.2, 6.1.1 through 6.1.8, 6.2.1 through 6.2.16 and 6.3.1 through 6.3.16.

(59) “NFPA Surf Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 20.1.1 through 20.1.4, 20.2.1 through 20.2.5 and 20.3.1 through 20.3.3.

(60) “NFPA Surface Water Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 16.1.1 through 16.1.4, 16.2.1 through 16.2.14 and 16.3.1 through 16.3.4.

(61) “NFPA Swiftwater Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 10.1, 10.2.1 through 10.2.5, 10.3.1 through 10.3.3, 16.2.1 through 16.2.13, 16.3.1 through 16.3.4 and 17.1.1 through 17.1.4.

(62) “NFPA Tower Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 4.1.1 through 4.1.5, 4.2.1 through 4.2.10, 4.3.1 through 4.3.5, and 5.2.

(63) “NFPA Trench Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.2, 11.1.1 through 11.1.5, 11.2.1 through 11.2.5 and 11.3.1 through 11.3.6.

(64) “NFPA Vehicle Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 sections 5.2, 8.1.1 through 8.1.4, 8.2.1 through 8.2.9 and 8.3.1 through 8.3.6.

(65) "NFPA Watercraft Rescue" means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, 21.1.1 through 21.1.8, 21.2.1 through 21.2.18, and 21.3.1 through 21.3.12.

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(x) The provisions of the 2017 Edition of NFPA 1006 entitled "Standards for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications" are adopted subject to the following modifications:

(A) For certification in NFPA Confined Space Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 7.1.1 through 7.1.6, 7.2.1 through 7.2.18 and 7.3.1 through 7.3.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Confined Space Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(B) For certification in NFPA Dive Rescue, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 18.1.1 through 18.1.4, 18.2.1 through 18.2.8 and 18.3.1 through 18.3.10.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Dive Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(C) For certification in NFPA Machinery Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 12.1.1 through 12.1.4, 12.2.1 through 12.2.11 and 12.3.1 through 12.3.5.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Machinery Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(D) For certification in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 5.1.1 through 5.1.7 and 5.2.1 through 5.2.27.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(E) For certification in NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level, the candidate must be certified in NFPA

Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 5.3.1 through 5.3.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(F) For certification in NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 6.1.1 through 6.1.8, 6.2.1 through 6.2.16 and 6.3.1 through 6.3.16.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(G) For certification in NFPA Surf Rescue, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 20.1.1 through 20.1.4, 20.2.1 through 20.2.5 and 20.3.1 through 20.3.3.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Surf Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(H) For certification in NFPA Surface Water Rescue, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 16.1.1 through 16.1.4, 16.2.1 through 16.2.14 and 16.3.1 through 16.3.4.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Surface Water Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(I) For certification in NFPA Swiftwater Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Surface Water Rescue and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 10.1, 10.2.1 through 10.2.5, 10.3.1 through 10.3.3 and 17.1.1 through 17.1.4.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Swiftwater Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(J) For certification in NFPA Tower Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 4.1.1 through

4.1.5, 4.2.1 through 4.2.10 and 4.3.1 through 4.3.5.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Tower Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(K) For certification in NFPA Trench Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 11.1.1 through 11.1.5, 11.2.1 through 11.2.5 and 11.3.1 through 11.3.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Trench Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(L) For certification in NFPA Vehicle Rescue, the candidate must be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 8.1.1 through 8.1.4, 8.2.1 through 8.2.9 and 8.3.1 through 8.3.6.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Vehicle Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(M) For certification in NFPA Watercraft Rescue, the candidate must complete the job performance requirements defined in sections 21.1.1 through 21.1.8, 21.2.1 through 21.2.18 and 21.3.1 through 21.3.12.

(i) All applicants for certification must complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Watercraft Rescue Technician.

(ii) The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer before an applicant can qualify for certification.

(N) Historical Recognition for NFPA Rope Rescue. Effective February 1, 2018, no new certifications will be issued for NFPA Rope Rescue. Any person who holds a Department NFPA Rope Rescue certification may keep the certification active by completing the certification maintenance requirements. Any person who holds an active Department NFPA Rope Rescue certification will be recognized as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level.

(O) Historical Recognition for NFPA Technical Rescuer. Effective February 1, 2018, no new certifications will be issued for NFPA Technical Rescuer. All currently active certifications for NFPA Technical Rescuer will lapse after December 31, 2018.

Task Book Information

Task Book Qualification Record Books (Task Book) have been developed for various certification levels within the DPSST system. Each Task Book lists the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) for the specific certification level in a format that allows a candidate to be trained and **evaluated during three (3) sequential sessions (the exception being the one box designated to helicopter landings as determined by the Task Force)**. Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by a qualified and approved evaluator will result in the candidate's eligibility for DPSST certification.

Task Book Signature Page Example and Explanation

NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations Signature Page

A copy of the applicant's training must be included with the DPSST NFPA Technical Rescuer application when applying for **NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations** certification. Only a certified NFPA Technical Rescuer in that specialty area may sign off the Task Book.

Attest: The information contained in this Task Book is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information on this document is subject to penalty under ORS 162.055, et al, and ORS 162.305 and is cause to deny or revoke DPSST fire service professional certification(s).

NFPA Rope Rescue Task Book Assigned To:		
Signature _____	Printed Name _____	DPSST Fire Service # _____
Agency Name _____		Date Initiated _____
Signature of Certified Technician _____	Printed Name of Certified Technician _____	Date Completed _____

Technical Rescuer Evaluators: Each Evaluator must document the following information:

Evaluator: Level of Technical Rescuer certification:			<input type="checkbox"/> Tower	<input type="checkbox"/> Rope - Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Rope - Technician
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural Collapse	<input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Trench	<input type="checkbox"/> Machinery	<input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Swiftwater	<input type="checkbox"/> Dive	<input type="checkbox"/> Surf		
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Evaluator: Level of Technical Rescuer certification:			<input type="checkbox"/> Tower	<input type="checkbox"/> Rope - Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Rope - Technician
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural Collapse	<input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Trench	<input type="checkbox"/> Machinery	<input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft
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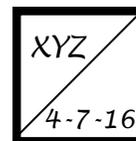
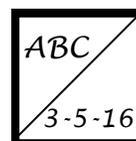
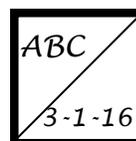
The Task Force determined it is necessary to continue to validate the Task Books in the form of a Signature Page. Any evaluator who signs a JPR within the Task Book must complete an evaluator portion of the Signature Page for verification of an evaluator's certification credentials. Please submit a copy of the completed Signature Page of the Task Book upon applying for certification. Failure to do so could result in denial of the application. The remaining Pages of the Task Books should be retained at your agency.

Task Book Information Continued

To become certified at a specific level, the applicant must successfully complete the job performance requirements in sequence. Before a job performance evaluation can be taken, all requisite knowledge and skills must be satisfied. In addition, all relative task book evaluations must be checked off by the evaluator. When all prescribed requirements have been met, an application for certification will be forwarded to DPSST. As always, only an individual actively certified in that specialty area may sign off on the Task Book.

JPR Evaluation Example

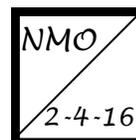
4.2.2 Document the routine tests, inspections, and servicing functions, given maintenance and inspection forms, so that all items are checked for operation and deficiencies are reported.



These skills are the job performance evaluations intended to be completed after the Requisite Knowledge and Requisite Skills have been successfully finished. This section should be accomplished during three separate dates at the firefighter's home department or, if no one at the home department is certified to sign off on the skills, at a neighboring department.

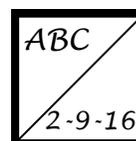


(A) Requisite Knowledge. Departmental requirements for documenting maintenance performed and the importance of keeping accurate records.



The Requisite Knowledge portions of the task book may be done during class and signed off by the instructor. Requisite Knowledge are the only JPR's that are intended to be signed off in class.

(B) Requisite Skills. The ability to use tools and equipment and complete all related departmental forms.



Requisite Skills are intended to be completed at the firefighter's home department or, if no one at the home department is certified to sign off on the skills, at a neighboring department.