

BENSLEY-BERMUDA VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

STANDARD OPERATING RULE

TOPIC: RESCUE PERSONNEL TRAINING	S.O.R. # 4.2
Approved by: Barry Drumheller, Chief of Operations	Revised: 10/16/06 Replaces: N/A

Purpose: To provide a standard policy for training members to conduct themselves in a safe environment and to provide superior rescue and vehicle extrication service.

Definitions:

Rescue Technician: A Squad member, who having already attained the skills and abilities necessary to provide basic extrication service as evidenced through more than 40 hours of training, has completed additional instruction and practical evolutions such that they are cleared to provide basic extrication service at the Squad.

Rescue Operator: A Squad member, who having already attained the skills and abilities necessary to operate the rescue truck under emergency conditions as evidenced through more than 15 hours of training, has completed additional instruction and practical evolutions such that they are cleared to operate the rescue truck at the Squad.

Rescue Specialist: A Squad member, also a Rescue Operator, who has completed additional study in pre-hospital trauma life support and emergency medical care as evidenced through more than 150 hours of training, and who has performed the task of Rescue Technician on not fewer than 10 training evolutions or incidents, has obtained from the Rescue Officer clearance to provide leadership and training in vehicle rescue and extrication operations.

Policy/Procedure:

1. Requirements for entry into the rescue technician training program:
 - a. Meet general qualifications, as described in these SOR's.
 - b. Provide to the Chief a copy of a current, valid HTR-Vehicle Rescue OR Vehicle Rescue 2000 certification.
 - c. Provide to the Chief a copy of a current, valid Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Awareness certification.
 - d. Provide to the Chief a copy of a current, valid NIMS compliant incident command training certification.
 - e. Provide to the Chief signed form from the Rescue Officer sponsoring your entry into the rescue technician training program.
 - f. Obtain from the Chief written clearance to enter into the rescue technician training program.
 - i. Keep this clearance with you, as rescue specialists may ask for it prior to allowing you to train under them.
 - ii. A copy of this clearance will be kept in your training folder.
2. Steps to complete the rescue technician training program:
 - a. In every step of this process, rescue technician trainee must operate in the principal role for which they will be responsible. At no time will they operate equipment without the close observation and management of their rescue specialist.
 - b. Rescue technician trainee will initially complete a minimum two-hour orientation to the rescue truck and specific rescue equipment.
 - c. Rescue technician trainee will then conduct a series of training evolutions demonstrating proficiency in all areas of rescue operation, including scene

- safety, hand tool usage, ongoing scene size up, crowd control, stabilization, multiple vehicle stabilization, extrication size up, hydraulic tool usage, air powered tool usage, and other tasks as assigned by the Rescue Officer.
- d. Having demonstrated adequacy in all areas and excellence in the areas of crew and scene safety, the rescue technician trainee may be recommended by the Rescue Officer for promotion to rescue technician. The Chief will receive said recommendation and upon due consideration may accept promotion of rescue technician trainee to the position of rescue technician.
3. Requirements for entry into the rescue operator training program:
 - a. Have completed rescue technician training, as found above.
 - b. Have completed ambulance driver training, as found in these certifications.
 - c. Provide to the Chief a copy of a current, valid Emergency Vehicle Operators Course ("EVOC") certification sufficient to the vehicles used for rescue operation.
 - d. Provide to the Chief signed form from the Rescue Officer sponsoring your entry into the rescue operator training program.
 - e. Obtain from the Chief written clearance to enter into the rescue operator training program.
 - i. Keep this clearance with you, as rescue specialists may ask for it prior to allowing you to train under them.
 - ii. A copy of this clearance will be kept in your training folder.
 4. Steps to complete the rescue operator training program:
 - a. In every step of this process, rescue operator trainee must operate in the principal role for which they will be responsible. At no time will they operate equipment without the close observation and management of their rescue specialist.
 - b. Rescue operator trainees will initially complete a minimum two-hour orientation to the rescue truck and specific rescue equipment.
 - c. Rescue operator trainee will then complete a series of evolutions demonstrating the differences between the rescue truck and our other rolling equipment.
 - d. Having demonstrated significant skill in operation and excellence in the areas of crew and scene safety, the rescue operator trainee may be recommended by the Rescue Officer for promotion to rescue operator. The Chief will receive said recommendation and upon due consideration may accept promotion of rescue operator trainee to the position of rescue operator.