

RESCUE TECHNICIAN: CAVE RESCUE I/II

SKILL SHEET PACKAGE

Based on *NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications*, 2013 Edition.



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RT: Cave I/II

Instructional JPR Verification Sheet

Full Name: _____ Fire Department: _____

This Instructional JPR Verification Sheet is to be used in conjunction with the Alabama Fire College RT: Cave Rescue I/II Skill Sheets. These skills meet all the requirements of NFPA 1006, *Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications*, 2013 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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Course Location:		Course Dates:
Instructor Printed Name:		Instructor Signature:
Candidate Printed Name:		Candidate Signature:



Establish & Maintain Entrance Control

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.1

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 01

Given perimeter markings that can be recognized and understood by others, the candidate shall establish and maintain entrance control, communicating perimeter boundaries to Incident Command, allowing access to the rescue scene only to authorized personnel, and identifying and securing all known entrances.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:	P	F	P	F
1. Establishes entrance control using appropriate perimeter markings				
2. Positions traffic control devices				
3. Identifies and mitigates existing or potential hazards				
4. Communicates perimeter boundaries to Incident Command				
5. Does not allow access to unauthorized personnel				
6. Identifies and secures all known entrances				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/6		Score: __/6	
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Implement Cave Rescue Support

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 02

Given an assignment and available resources, the candidate shall implement cave rescue support operations: provide adequate lighting, manage environmental concerns, facilitate rehabilitation of personnel, and facilitate operational objectives.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps		Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:		P	F	P	F
1. Evaluates existing and potential needs for support operations					
2. Provides adequate lighting					
3. Identifies and manages environmental concerns					
4. Appropriately locates, sets-up, and facilitates rehabilitation for personnel					
Candidate must successfully perform 3/4 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS		Score: __/4		Score: __/4	
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Select PPE & Provisions for Cave Rescue

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 03

Given a scenario and the following supplies: lights, food, water, batteries, hypothermic protection, self-rescue equipment, personal medical kit, life-support equipment, and a low-profile durable carrying container, the candidate must select personal protective equipment and provisions to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 24 hours for extended cave rescue search, recovery and extraction operations, including water rescue.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Identifies and selects necessary supplies, equipment, and container				
2. Packs equipment in a way that allows for efficient movement and maneuverability throughout the cave environment.				
3. Evaluates and selects proper PPE for the cave environment				
4. Follows manufacturers' recommendations				
5. Dons and doffs equipment in an expedient manner				
6. Evaluates and meets needs for self-rescue				
7. Identifies capabilities and needs for personal escape equipment				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/7		Score: __/7	
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Maneuver & Establish Communications in the Cave Environment



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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 04

Given personal protective equipment, established routes, cave rescue tool kit, size-up information, and a cave map, the candidate must maneuver in the cave rescue environment, negotiating obstacles and maintaining situational awareness while establishing and maintaining communications between IC and the initial response team, search team, medical in-cave team, rigging teams, evacuation teams, communication teams, and patient transport teams.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:	P	F	P	F
1. Safely sizes up, assesses hazards and maneuvers in the cave environment				
2. Uses topo and cave maps and established routes to negotiate				
3. Selects proper PPE for the cave environment				
4. Identifies surface and cave movement				
5. Establishes and maintains communications between teams				
6. Demonstrates ability to install, operate, and repair field phones and become familiar with low-frequency cave radios				
7. Maintains communication logs				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/7		Score: __/7	
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Ascending a Single Rope

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 05

The candidate must use single-rope technique to ascend 100 ft (30.5m) in free space, given an anchored fixed rope system, using at least two gripping points of attachment at or above the waist and a quick attachment safety device; demonstrate stopping at any point on the fixed rope and resting suspended by his/her harness, then converting to a descent system; completes an edge transition; demonstrate a level of proficiency and fitness allowing the rescuer to continue assigned operations immediately following the ascent. **The candidate must also be attached to an independent safety line for this training evolution.**

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Selects equipment and PPE appropriate for the length of ascent				
2. Secures harness to ascending system and the fixed line				
3. Self-starts and climbs 100 ft. (30.5m) using at least 2 gripping points of attachment and a quick attachment safety device				
4. Maneuvers around environmental and system-specific obstacles				
5. Demonstrates stopping and resting while suspended by a harness				
6. Demonstrates safely changing to a descent system while suspended				
7. Demonstrates fitness and proficiency necessary to continue assigned operations immediately after climb and descent				
8. Completes an edge transition				
Candidate must successfully perform 6/8 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/8		Score: __/8	

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Responds, Manages & Packages a Patient

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.7, 18.2.11, 18.2.12

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 06

Given a known patient location and scenario with established routes, a cave tool kit, basic life support kit, and access to a variety of patient packaging devices, candidate must respond as part of an initial response team; demonstrate the ability to construct a fixed-line system, initiate, and manage patient care; select and communicate patient packing considerations to minimize further injury and give the best profile for removal; package the patient for removal; identify and notify the rigging team of evacuation obstacles

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Responds to the patient using an appropriate system to mark the route				
2. Develops patient care plan and action plan				
3. Communicates logistical needs to Incident Command				
4. Performs ongoing patient assessment and long-term medical care				
5. Treats for hypothermia				
6. Stabilizes traumatic injuries before extraction begins				
7. Immobilizes the patient's spine and packages the patient for a long extraction				
8. Demonstrates packaging the patient in a harness or low profile device				
9. Supports respiratory efforts and performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation as required				
Candidate must successfully perform 7/9 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/9		Score: __/9	

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Conduct a Search in the Cave Environment

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.9

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 07

Given a specific area identified by the probability of area plan, personal protective equipment, cave rescue tool kit, an assignment, operational protocols, and size-up information, the candidate must follow protocols, determine the mode of operation, and maintain rescuer safety while conducting a search in the cave environment as a search team member and identifying, marking and reporting all victim locations and potential hazards

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps		Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:		P	F	P	F
1. Implements and works within the Incident Management System					
2. Conducts a search within a specific area, applying search techniques and equipment while following operational protocols					
3. Identifies, marks, and reports all victim locations					
4. Identifies and mitigates hazards					
5. Maintains rescuer safety					
Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS		Score: __/5		Score: __/5	
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Extract Victim from Crack & Crevice Entrapment

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.10

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 08

Given extraction tools, stemples, airbags, and a medical kit, the candidate must work as a member of a team to extract a victim from both vertical and horizontal crack and crevice entrapments without creating further harm or exposing rescuers to undue risk.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps		Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:		P	F	P	F
1. Selects and uses appropriate PPE					
2. Constructs an anchor system using stemples and airbags					
3. Demonstrates knowledge of and proper use of equipment and tools provided					
4. Removes the patient from crack or crevice manually or with mechanical advantage without further injury					
5. Identifies need for medical care including compartment syndrome					
6. Maintains rescuer and patient safety					
Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS		Score: __/6		Score: __/6	
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Demonstrate Cave Rescue Rigging

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.13

Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 09

Given rope rescue equipment designed for the cave rescue environment, the candidate must construct and use rope rescue systems as a member of a cave rescue rigging team; identifying natural anchor points, selecting anchoring hardware compatible with available anchor points; considering load factors, constructing an anchor system demonstrating proper technique with stemples, hand and electric drills, selecting and setting bolts and hangers with correct orientation; and attaching/utilizing ascent, descent, lifting, and lowering systems as required.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Identifies and selects safe natural anchor points				
2. Selects proper, compatible anchoring hardware				
3. Constructs an anchor system				
4. Attaches and utilizes ascent, descent, lifting, and lowering systems as needed				
5. Considers load factors when constructing rescue rigging				
6. Demonstrates anchoring techniques using stemples,				
7. Demonstrates operation of hand and electric drills, and selecting and setting bolts and hangers with correct orientation				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/7		Score: __/7	

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Implement Patient Evacuation

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.2.14

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I

Skill Sheet RT:CVI - 10

Given personal protective equipment, rope and related rescue equipment, personnel to operate rescue systems, and a cave rescue tool kit, the candidate must remove all victims from a cave as a member of a patient evacuation team, negotiating internal obstacles and hazards, extricating patients in the selected transfer device and delivering them to the EMS provider.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:	P	F	P	F
1. Selects and uses the appropriate PPE				
2. Selects the appropriate rescue system for removing the patient (Including rope rescue systems for lowering, raising, and/or traversing a given area)				
3. Stages personnel effectively to facilitate extraction				
4. Negotiates hazards and obstacles				
5. Recognizes the need for medical care and medical equipment				
6. Evacuates and delivers all patients to EMS				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/6		Score: __/6	
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Conduct Cave Environment Search

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue II

Skill Sheet RT:CVII - 11

Given a specific area identified by the probability of area plan, personal protective equipment, cave rescue tool kit, an assignment, operational protocols, and size-up information, the candidate must follow protocols, determine the mode of operation, and maintain rescuer safety while conducting a search in the cave environment as a search team member and identifying, marking and reporting all victim locations and potential hazards

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Conducts a size-up, properly interprets the information to evaluate conditions in the cave and rescue area, and identifies general and site-specific hazards				
2. Identifies witnesses, conducts interviews and establishes procedures to re-contact them				
3. Determines number and probable locations of victims				
4. Performs a risk-benefit analysis				
5. Identifies entry, egress, and specialized resource needs				
6. Develops a POA plan utilizing available resources				
7. Determines last known location, activity, and direction of victim's travel				
8. Determines initial direction/pattern of search				
9. Develops an IAP addressing safety and communications				
10. Selects and uses personal protective equipment				
Candidate must successfully perform 7/10 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/10		Score: __/10	

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Coordinate Specialized Resources

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Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue II

Skill Sheet RT:CVII - 12

Given a cave rescue scenario outside the scope of training for a cave technical rescuer, the candidate shall coordinate the use of specialized resources to support incident objectives with respect to the incident management system; identify, avoid, monitor, and control hazards, and maintain rescuer and resource safety

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps		Test		Retest	
Safely performs the following steps:		P	F	P	F
1. Recognizes the need for and appropriately coordinates specialized resources to support incident objectives with respect to NIMS					
2. Correctly identifies, avoids, monitors, and controls hazards					
3. Utilizes the Incident Action Plan					
4. Operates communication equipment to coordinate resources with the Incident Commander					
Candidate must successfully perform 3/4 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS		Score: __/4		Score: __/4	
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Terminate a Cave Rescue Incident

Reference Source: NFPA 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications*, 2013 edition, 18.3.5

Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue II

Skill Sheet RT:CVII - 13

Given isolation barriers, documentation forms, and a cave rescue tool kit, the candidate shall terminate the cave rescue incident; accounting for and removing all personnel from the space, avoiding injuries, denying further entry into the space, and securing the scene.

Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

Performance Steps	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Removes and accounts for all personnel utilizing proper documentation				
2. Avoids injuries				
3. Barriers are utilized and no entry of personnel is allowed				
4. Secures the scene				
5. Applies regulations and protocols, as needed				
6. Completes all reporting documentation of the incident				
Candidate must successfully perform 4/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/6		Score: __/6	

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