



ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

RESCUE TECHNICIAN: CAVE RESCUE I / II

SYLLABUS

FSC 218

40 CLOCK HOURS

Prerequisite(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Pro Board or IFSAC) Certified Rescue Technician: Rope II
Course Description	<p>This course is based on NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications, Chapter 18. The course is designed for those persons who respond to incidents involving the application of special knowledge, skills, and equipment to safely resolve unique or complex rescue situations.</p>
Student Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment orientation • Climbing systems • Emergency response systems and dispatch • Cave environment • Caving safety • Personal equipment • Incident command • Resource management • Press and public relations • Communications • Cave searches • Medical care in a cave environment • Patient packaging • Litter movement • Haul systems • Lowering systems • Litter rigging • Edge safety • Litter and edge attendants • Knot tying • Single rope technique
Required Textbook and Course Materials	<p><u>Alabama Fire College Bookstore</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Textbook Pending</i> <p><u>Personal gear required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sturdy, lugged-sole, lace-up boots • Rugged clothing (NOT turnout gear) • Gloves with leather palms (work gloves) • Rappel rack
Daily Activities and Class Participation	<p>This course will involve discussion, questions and answers on the materials, and case studies. Class participation is expected from all students.</p>
Basis	<p>Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, Administrative Code, Chapter 360-X-19-.08: Requirements for Certified Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue</p>
Certification Requirements	<p>To be issued certification, the candidate will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide documentation of prerequisites. • complete required training hours including skills training. • successfully complete cognitive written exam. • successfully complete practical exam.
Grade Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Examination: Perform to a minimum 70% competency on the examination,

	<p>calculated at 50% of the final score for the course. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Examination (if applicable): Successfully complete a skills/project evaluation to a minimum of 70% competency and successful completion of all critical points. Evaluators will test at least 25% of the skills for each level of skill sheets. Skill sheets will be randomly selected by the AFC Certification Unit for this practical examination. The Practical Examination Portion is calculated at 50% of the final score. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.) <p>Example:</p> <p>Written examination - 70/100 possible points 70 x 50% = 35 points awarded for written exam portion</p> <p>Practical/project - 40/100 possible points 40 x 50% = 20 points awarded for practical portion</p> <p>Total Points = 55 points (student awarded F, score not 70%>)</p>
Accreditation	Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission maintains accreditation with the Pro Board and IFSAC. Each student will automatically receive national registration and certification upon successful completion of all requirements for certification.
Contact Information	<p>Link: Alabama Fire College Website 1-800-241-2467</p> <p>Link: Alabama Fire College Bookstore Website 1-866-984-3545</p>
Academic Misconduct	Academic misconduct or dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, is not permitted in class. Suspected cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Executive Director. Conduct detrimental to the fire service on or off campus will not be tolerated. AFC will investigate any complaints, and if a complaint is valid, the student will be dismissed, and his/her agency will be notified.
Attendance Policy	<p>Attendance will be recorded at every class or lab meeting at the beginning of class and after long breaks for required hours. For a week-long certification course, students are required to attend all sessions to obtain certification. For VA students, it is especially important because they will receive benefits only for those days in attendance.</p> <p>Special Policy: Fire Fighter I/II: Students are expected to attend all classes. Failure to appear in class for a scheduled activity will be considered an absence unless prior permission is received from the instructor. For any absence to be excused and makeup work allowed, it must be accompanied by a written description of extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>No-Show: Students who have registered for a fee-waived or stipend course and fail to withdraw according to Alabama Fire College withdrawal policy will not be allowed to register for another fee-waived or stipend course for a period of one year.</p> <p>Department Delivery: In order to qualify for department delivery courses, students must be an Alabama resident or a member of an Alabama fire department.</p>
Tardiness	Students must adhere to class schedules. Students are required to be punctual for all classes and class activities. Classes will begin promptly at the scheduled time unless specific instructions are given otherwise.
Safety	Safety of the students is the top priority for Alabama Fire College. Students must adhere to safety regulations while attending a class at the Fire College. Safety instructions are posted in every classroom, as well as escape routes and tornado actions.
Quality Enhancement Plan	An evaluation form will be provided for each student at the end of the course. Students may use this evaluation form as a means of communicating their opinion of the overall course, course content, instructor, and facilities.
Course Schedule	<p><i>Suggested course schedule</i></p> <p>Day One: Registration, Response Systems, Rescue Tools, NIMS / ICS / Resource Management, Leadership and Followership, Psychological Considerations, Media and Press Communications, Environment, Safety and Personal Protective Equipment, Medical, Crack and Crevice, Hauls and Lowers / Litter Rigging / Edge Attendant</p>

	<p>Day Two: Single Rope Technique, Knots, Patient Packaging, Litter Movement, Obstacle Course</p> <p>Day Three: Bluff / In-cave Exercises (Hauls and Lower, Crack and Crevice) Bring lunch, water, snacks</p> <p>Day Four: In-cave exercise and evaluation Bring lunch, water, snacks;</p> <p>Day Five: Review; Skills Testing; Survey; and Certification Examination <i>The schedule is subject to change.</i></p>
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