



Technical Rescue Personnel (TRP): SwiftWater Rescue

Instructional JPR Verification Sheet

Full Name: _____ Fire Department: _____

This Instructional JPR Verification Sheet is to be used in conjunction with the Alabama Fire College Swiftwater Rescue Skill Sheets. These skills meet all the requirements of NFPA 1006, Chapter 18, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Personnel Professional Qualifications*, 2021 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:

Size-Up an Incident Skill Sheet SWA – 01

SKILL	The candidate shall size-up an incident
RESOURCES	Given an incident, background information, and applicable reference materials, so that the operational mode is defined, resource availability and response time is considered, types of rescues are determined, the number of victims are identified, the last reported location of all victims is established, witnesses and reporting parties are identified and interviewed, resource needs are assessed, search parameters are identified, and information required to develop an incident action plan is obtained
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Defines operational protocols and identifies search parameters				
2. Identifies the number of victims – CRITICAL POINT				
3. Establishes last reported location of victims				
4. Identifies and interviews witnesses and reporting parties				
5. Assesses resource needs and availability				
6. Demonstrates ability to read specific rescue reference materials				
7. Relays pertinent information to personnel				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/7		Score: __/7	

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**Recognize Incident Hazards and the
Need for Resources
Skill Sheet SWA – 02**

SKILL	The candidate shall recognize incident hazards and recognize the need for technical rescue resources at an operations- or technician-level incident
RESOURCES	Given AHJ guidelines, scene control barriers, PPE, requisite equipment, and available specialized resources, so that all hazards are identified, resource application fits the operational requirements, hazard isolation is considered, risks to rescuers, bystanders, and victims is minimized, rescue time constraints are taken into account, the need for additional resources is identified, the response system is initiated, the scene is secured and rendered safe until additional resources arrive, and awareness-level personnel are incorporated into the operational plan
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 25 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Identifies resource capabilities and limitations				
2. Identifies, evaluates, and isolates incident hazards – CRITICAL POINT				
3. Considers rescue time constraints				
4. Places scene control barriers and ensures scene is secured				
5. Identifies need for additional resources and initiates response system				
6. Incorporates awareness-level personnel into the operational plan				
7. Applies operational protocols appropriately				
8. Selects and uses specific planning forms based on the type of machinery				
9. Determines required safety measures				
Candidate must successfully perform 7/9 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/9		Score: __/9	

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Identify and Support an Incident Skill Sheet SWA – 03

SKILL	The candidate shall identify and support an operations- or technician-level incident
RESOURCES	Given an incident, an assignment, incident action plan, and resources from the tool kit, so that the assignment is carried out, progress is reported to command, environmental concerns are managed, personnel rehabilitation is facilitated, and the incident action plan is supported
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Applies operational protocols				
2. Functions within IMS				
3. Reports task progress to command				
4. Implements and follows an Incident Action Plan				
5. Manages environmental concerns				
6. Facilitates personnel rehabilitation				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/6		Score: __/6	

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**Construct a Rope System for a Swiftwater Rescue
Skill Sheet SWO – 04**

SKILL	The candidate shall construct a rope system so that the movement is controlled, the load is held in place when needed and operating methods do not strain the system
RESOURCES	Given the required rescue personnel, rope equipment, a load to be moved, and personal protective equipment
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Determines incident needs				
2. Selects personnel				
3. Performs a system safety check				
4. Evaluates system components for compromised integrity				
5. Communicates with personnel efficiently				
6. Ensures load movement is controlled - CRITICAL POINT				
7. Ensures load is held in place when movement stops – CRITICAL POINT				
8. Evaluates system for potential problems - CRITICAL POINT				
Candidate must successfully perform 6/8 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/8		Score: __/8	

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**Support Swiftwater Rescue Operations
Skill Sheet SWO – 05**

SKILL	The candidate shall support swiftwater operations in a controlled environment
RESOURCES	Given a designated mission, safety equipment, props, and water body, so that skills are demonstrated in a controlled environment, performance parameters are achieved, hazards are continually assessed, personnel accountability is maintained, and emergency procedures are demonstrated
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Functions as an upstream and/or downstream safety or spotter				
2. Functions as a tender for a “go” rescuer				
3. Achieves performance parameters – CRITICAL POINT				
4. Assesses hazards continually – CRITICAL POINT				
5. Demonstrates emergency procedures – CRITICAL POINT				
Candidate must successfully perform 4/5 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/5		Score: __/5	

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**Assess Moving Water Conditions &
 Hazards
 Skill Sheet SWO – 06**

SKILL	The candidate shall assess moving water conditions, characteristics, features and hazards to the rescuer and victims
RESOURCES	Given an incident scenario and swift water tool kit, so that the flow and conditions are estimated accurately, mechanisms of entrapment are considered, hazards are assessed, the depth and surrounding terrain are evaluated, and findings are documented
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Determines flow and environmental effects on victim and rescuer(s)				
2. Interprets maps and/or charts				
3. Estimates flow and conditions accurately - CRITICAL POINT				
4. Considers mechanisms of entrapment – CRITICAL POINT				
5. Assesses hazards - CRITICAL POINT				
6. Evaluates depth and surrounding terrain – CRITICAL POINT				
7. Documents findings – CRITICAL POINT				
Candidate must successfully perform 5/7 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/7		Score: __/7	

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**Perform a Non-Entry Rescue in a
 Swiftwater/Flooding Environment
 Skill Sheet SWO – 07**

SKILL	The candidate shall perform a non-entry rescue in a swiftwater and flooding environment
RESOURCES	Given an incident scenario, personal protective equipment, and swiftwater tool kit, so that rescue is accomplished, and adopted policies and safety procedures are followed
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Selects proper PPE according to the water environment				
2. Dons PPE properly				
3. Identifies water hazards upstream and downstream including current and tide				
4. Identifies any other hazards directly related to the specific rescue				
5. Demonstrates appropriate shore-based victim removal techniques				
6. Ensures the non-entry swift water rescue is accomplished - CRITICAL POINT				
7. Follows adopted policies – CRITICAL POINT				
8. Follows all safety procedures - CRITICAL POINT				
Candidate must successfully perform 6/8 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/8		Score: __/8	

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Terminate an Incident Skill Sheet SWO – 08

SKILL	The candidate shall terminate an incident
RESOURCES	Given PPE specific to the incident, isolation barriers, and tool kit, so that rescuers and bystanders are protected and accounted for during termination operations; the party responsible is notified of any modification or damage created during the operational period; documentation of loss or material use is accounted for, scene documentation is performed, scene control is transferred to a responsible party; potential or existing hazards are communicated to that responsible party; debriefing and post-incident analysis and critique are considered, and command is terminated
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS		Test		Retest	
		P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:					
1. Selects and uses task and hazard specific PPE – CRITICAL POINT					
2. Ensures equipment and personnel are decontaminated as necessary					
3. Uses appropriate barrier-protection techniques					
4. Uses proper data collection and recordkeeping/reporting protocols					
5. Transfers scene control to a responsible party and communicates potential or existing hazards to that party					
6. Completes debriefing, post incident analysis, and critique					
Candidate must successfully perform 5/6 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS		Score: __/6		Score: __/6	
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Perform an Entry Rescue in a Swiftwater/Flooding Environment Skill Sheet SWT – 09

SKILL	The candidate shall perform an entry rescue in a swiftwater/flooding environment
RESOURCES	Given an incident scenario, personal protective equipment and swiftwater tool kit, so that rescue is accomplished and adopted policies and safety procedures are followed
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Selects proper PPE according to the water environment				
2. Dons PPE properly				
3. Identifies water hazards upstream and downstream including current and tide				
4. Identifies any other hazards directly related to the specific rescue				
5. Demonstrates appropriate victim removal techniques				
6. Ensures the swift water rescue is accomplished - CRITICAL POINT				
7. Follows adopted policies – CRITICAL POINT				
8. Follows all safety procedures - CRITICAL POINT				
9. Implements a personnel accountability system				
Candidate must successfully perform 7/9 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/9		Score: __/9	

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**Negotiate a Designated Swiftwater
Course
Skill Sheet SWT – 10**

SKILL	The candidate shall negotiate a designated swiftwater course
RESOURCES	Given a course that is representative of the bodies of swift water existing or anticipated within the confines of the AHJ, water rescue personal protective equipment and swim aids as required, so that the specified objective is reached, all performance parameters are achieved, movement is controlled, hazards are continually assessed, distress signals are demonstrated, and rapid intervention for the rescuer has been staged for deployment
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Demonstrates the ability to swim and float in different water conditions with and without flotation aids or swim aids- CRITICAL POINT				
2. Correctly applies water survival skills				
3. Dons and doffs PPE appropriately				
4. Selects and uses appropriate swim aids				
5. Utilizes communication system				
6. Evaluates water conditions to identify entry points and hazards				
7. Negotiates the swift water course to a specified objective - CRITICAL POINT				
8. Controls movement while negotiating the swift water course – CRITICAL POINT				
9. Assesses hazards continually while negotiating the course - CRITICAL POINT				
10. Communicates distress signals – CRITICAL POINT				
11. Confirms rapid intervention team(s) are in place for deployment before entering water – CRITICAL POINT				
12. Implements personnel accountability protocols				
Candidate must successfully perform 9/12 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/12		Score: __/12	

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**Perform a Swiftwater Rescue from a
Rescue Platform
Skill Sheet SWT – 11**

SKILL	The candidate shall perform an entry swiftwater rescue from a rescue platform such as a vessel, boat, watercraft, or other waterborne transportation aid while negotiating a designated swiftwater course
RESOURCES	Given a course that is representative of the bodies of swiftwater existing or anticipated within the geographical confines of the AHJ, water rescue PPE, and swim aids as required, so that the specific objective is reached, all performance parameters are achieved, movement is controlled, hazards are continually assessed, distress signals are communicated, and rapid intervention for the rescuers has been staged for deployment
SCENARIO	Provided by Proctor/Evaluator
TIME	Expected time to complete skill(s) is 20 minutes

PERFORMANCE STEPS	Test		Retest	
	P	F	P	F
Safely performs the following steps:				
1. Selects proper PPE according to the water environment				
2. Dons PPE properly				
3. Enters/exits the waterborne transportation device in a swift water condition properly				
4. Corrects/recovers/moves a capsized waterborne vessel				
5. Assists with safe waterborne transportation operations as a member of a swift water rescue team on a vessel				
6. Implements method for personnel accountability				
7. Demonstrates distress signals				
8. Ensures rapid intervention for the rescuers has been staged for deployment				
9. Demonstrates proper patient packaging and handling techniques				
10. Ensures the swift water rescue is accomplished - CRITICAL POINT				
Candidate must successfully perform 7/10 steps including ALL CRITICAL POINTS	Score: __/10		Score: __/10	

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