



Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy	
Subject:	Technical Rescue Team
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Background:

The Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Department has the responsibility of providing Technical Rescue for the Wintergreen community, and the Counties of Augusta and Nelson.

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the Wintergreen Fire & Rescue Technical Rescue Team (TRT).

Minimum Training:

To join the TRT you shall be a released Squad 1 operator for 6 months and have Vehicle Rescue Operations, Rope Rescue Operations and one or more of the following:

Swift Water Rescue Technician

Confined Space Operations

Trench Rescue Operations

Ground Search and Rescue

or other program approved by the TRT Committee

Initial Competency Evaluations:

Each team member shall complete an initial competency evaluation for each discipline they are trained to operate at. The competency evaluation shall be completed with the TRT Leader, Assistant TRT Leader or designees thereof. This process is required for all members of the TRT during the onboarding process. Onboarding will be conducted once or twice a year.

Yearly Competency Evaluations:

TRT members shall successfully complete a yearly competency evaluation for each discipline they're released to perform. The competency evaluation will be completed with the TRT Leader, Assistant TRT Leader or designee thereof.

Disciplines :

Rope Rescue - Refer to SOG titled Rope Rescue Operations

Water Rescue - Refer to SOG titled Water Rescue

Confined Space Rescue - Refer to SOG titled Confined Space Rescue Operations (coming soon)

Heavy Equipment/ Farm Rescue - Refer to SOG titled Vehicle Extrication

Large Area Search - Refer to SOG titled Search & Rescue

TRT Training :

Three TRT drills will be conducted yearly for various disciplines. TRT members shall attend 2 of the 3 TRT drills conducted each calendar year. If TRT members do not maintain certifications or attend required training they may be considered for dismissal from the TRT.

TRT shift training will be coordinated with the Training Captain and conducted by the TRT Team Leader and/or the Assistant Team Leaders.

TRT training program requests shall follow SAP 05-009 "Request for Training".

Approved training programs and partners listed below.

TRT Command Structure :

The TRT will consist of a Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader. This is not to replace ICS for on scene operations but to provide leadership roles within the TRT.

The Team Leader will oversee the TRT administratively. The team leader will oversee the completion of initial and yearly competency evaluations. The team leader will be appointed by Wintergreen Fire & Rescue Chief or their designee. The Team Leader will onboard and release TRT members, as needed. The Team Leader will report to the Chief of Wintergreen Fire & Rescue.

The Assistant Team Leader will assist the Team Leader administratively. The Assistant Team Leader will perform initial competency evaluations, yearly competency evaluations and schedule TRT shift training for their respective shift.

TRT Committee :

The TRT committee shall not exceed 4 members including the Team Leader and 3 Assistant Team Leaders. The TRT committee is responsible for tasks assigned by the Team Leader or designee. The TRT Committee will review and assist with competency evaluations, SOG amendment & creation, course evaluation and team needs.

Master TRT Requirements:

3 years of Wintergreen FT experience

EVOC Class III

Vehicle Extrication, Operations Level (includes prereqs)

Rope Rescue, Technician Level (includes prereqs)

Successfully complete competency testing at Technician level, annually

Certification in at least one other approved TRT discipline (i.e. swiftwater, search & rescue)

Responds to TRT events, when available

Attends at least 67% of training

Approved Training Programs:

Virginia Department of Fire Programs

Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads

Spec Rescue Training

Mid Atlantic Rescue Training

P.L. Vulcan Training

National Whitewater Center