

NFPA Fire Protection Association - 1006

NFPA Technical Rescuer 2013 Guide to Certification

The following information contains excerpts from NFPA 1006. The DPSST Fire Certification Program has provided an overview for the applicant to use in conjunction with the application process.

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Note to Reader

On August 11, 2014, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 Technical Rescuer Task Force convened at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) at the direction of the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) to discuss and review the 2013 standard. The Task Force was well represented from all areas of the Oregon fire service and the members had adequate time to prepare for the evaluation of the current standard.

The Task Force reviewed current standards for certification and determined it would be in the best interest of the Oregon fire service to adopt into Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) the 2013 Edition of NFPA 1006. As a result of this implementation, changes occurred that impact the Oregon fire service related to certification procedures.

In an effort to better explain the process, the Task Force worked in concert with DPSST to create this guide to assist in the process of understanding the impacts and changes.

Updates to the 2013 Standard

The 2008 Edition of 1006 had NFPA Rope Rescue and NFPA Surface Water Rescue sectioned into Level I, the “awareness” portion, and Level II, the “operations” portion. The applicant was required to complete and be certified at Level I before they could be approved for Level II certification. The 2013 edition of NFPA Technical Rescuer combined the two levels of NFPA Rope Rescue and NFPA Surface Water Rescue to create one level of certification each. The operation and awareness level are now both included in one certification rather than two separate levels of certification. The Task Books for both NFPA Rope Rescue and NFPA Surface Water Rescue have been updated to include both Levels I and II into one.

The 2008 NFPA Technical Rescuer standard of NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue has now been separated into two levels of certification in the 2013 standard: NFPA Vehicle Rescue (Chapter 10) and NFPA Machinery Rescue (Chapter 19). Separate Task Books must be completed for each before applying for certification. Those already certified in NFPA Vehicle & Machinery rescue have met the intent of the standard and will retain these certifications. NFPA Vehicle Rescue and NFPA Machinery Rescue certificates will not be issued to those who already hold the NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue certificates. Any applications received for these fire service professionals will be denied.

The Edition of 2013 also sees one additional level of certification: NFPA Technical Rescuer. NFPA Technical Rescuer is the only level of certification in which the sole requirement for certification is completing the Task Book.

As in the 2008 Edition, NFPA Swiftwater Rescue continues to require the applicant be certified in NFPA Rope Rescue and NFPA Surface Water Rescue prior to applying for certification. Additionally, NFPA Dive Rescue and NFPA Surf Rescue both require the applicant be certified in NFPA Surface Water Rescue prior to applying for certification.

The following are the NFPA Technical Rescuer, Edition of 2013 levels of certification:

- NFPA Technical Rescuer (Chapters 4 and 5) **NEW**
- NFPA Rope Rescue (Chapter 6)
- NFPA Confined Space Rescue (Chapter 7)
- NFPA Trench Rescue (Chapter 8)
- NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue (Chapter 9)
- NFPA Vehicle Rescue (Chapter 10) **Previously combined with NFPA Machinery Rescue**
- NFPA Surface Water Rescue (Chapter 11)
- NFPA Swiftwater Rescue (Chapter 12)
- NFPA Dive Rescue (Chapter 13)
- NFPA Surf Rescue (Chapter 15)
- NFPA Machinery Rescue (Chapter 19) **Previously combined with NFPA Vehicle Rescue**



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *Will DPSST reprint certifications to reflect the new standards of certification?*

A: **No.** Historically, DPSST has not reprinted certificates when a change in standard has occurred. However, the Task Force and DPSST created an NFPA Technical Rescuer Certification Equivalency Chart (page 5 of this guide) that illustrates a crosswalk for fire service professionals as a reference.

Q: *Will there be a “Historical Recognition” period?*

A: **Yes.** The Task Force and DPSST have determined that those certified as NFPA Rope Rescue Level I and/or a NFPA Surface Water Rescue Level I will have one year in correlation with OAR to complete Level II in order to apply for certification to receive the new certification(s). For those who do not pursue Level II, their Level I certifications will become inactive at the end of the Maintenance Re-Certification cycle in 2018. They will have to complete the full training required in order to receive NFPA Rope Rescue and NFPA Surface Water Rescue under the new standard.

Q: *How will this appear on my Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot?*

A: Maintenance Re-Certification Forms/SnapShot records will continue to show certifications awarded at the time. The local jurisdiction and DPSST will follow the NFPA Technical Rescuer Certification Equivalency Chart (see page 5) to determine the fire service professional’s equivalent certification(s).

Task Books

1. ***The Task Force determined it is necessary to validate the Task Books in the form of a signature sheet. Please submit a copy of the completed Signature Page of the Task Book upon applying for certification.*** Failure to do so could result in denial of the application. The remaining pages of the Task Books should be retained at your agency.
2. Task Books must be finalized prior to applying for certification from DPSST.
3. As always, only an actively certified Technical Rescuer in that specialty area may sign off on the Task Book. ‘Requisite Knowledge’ sections may be completed during class and signed by the instructor. ‘Requisite Skills’ sections must be conducted and signed at the candidate’s fire agency

NFPA Technical Rescuer Certification Equivalency Chart

Previous Certification Levels (DPSST)	Updated Certification Levels (DPSST)	OAR DATE
N/A	NFPA Technical Rescuer	TBA
**NFPA Rope Rescue – Level I	NFPA Rope Rescue	
**NFPA Rope Rescue – Level II		
NFPA Confined Space Rescue	NFPA Confined Space Rescue	
NFPA Trench Rescue	NFPA Trench Rescue	
NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue	NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue	
*NFPA Vehicle & Machinery Rescue	*Now two separate levels of certification	
N/A	NFPA Vehicle Rescue	
**NFPA Surface Water Rescue – Level I	NFPA Surface Water Rescue	
**NFPA Surface Water Rescue – Level II		
NFPA Swiftwater Rescue	NFPA Swiftwater Rescue	
NFPA Dive Rescue	NFPA Dive Rescue	
NFPA Surf Rescue	NFPA Surf Rescue	
N/A	*NFPA Machinery Rescue	↓

***NFPA has adopted this as a new stand-alone standard; please refer to NFPA for further information and explanation.**

****Those that hold NFPA Rope Rescue I and NFPA Surface Water I certifications have one year from OAR implementation to apply for NFPA Rope Rescue II and NFPA Surface Water II certification.**

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Definitions

(34) “NFPA Confined Space Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 7, sections 7.1.1 through 7.1.5 and 7.2.1 through 7.2.3.

(35) “NFPA Dive Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, 11, 13, sections 13.1.1 through 13.1.8.

(54) “NFPA Machinery Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006 Chapters 4, 5, and 19, sections 19.1.1 through 19.1.10 and 19.2.1 through 19.2.5.

59) “NFPA Rope Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 6, sections 6.1.3 through 6.1.8 and 6.2.1 through 6.2.8.

(60) “NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 9, sections 9.1.1 through 9.1.13 and 9.2.1 through 9.2.16.

(61) “NFPA Surf Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who had met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 11, section 11.1 and Chapter 15, sections 15.1.1 through 15.1.4 and 15.2.1 through 15.2.3.

(62) “NFPA Surface Water Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 11, section 11.1.1 through 11.1.15 and 11.2.1 through 11.2.4.

(63) “NFPA Swiftwater Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12, sections, 11.1, 11.2, 12.1.1 through 12.1.4 and 12.2.1 through 12.2.2.

(65) “NFPA Technical Rescuer” means a Fire Service Professional who is trained to perform or direct the technical rescue.

(66) “NFPA Trench Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 8, sections 8.1.1 through 8.1.7 and 8.2.1 through 8.2.6.

(67) “NFPA Vehicle Rescue” means a Fire Service Professional who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, Chapters 4, 5, and 10, sections 10.1.1 through 10.1.10 and 10.2.1 through 10.2.5.

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Fire Service Personnel Certification

(1) A fire service professional affiliated with an Oregon fire service agency may be certified by:

(x) The provisions of the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1006 entitled, "Standards for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications" are adopted subject to the following modifications:

(A) Historical Recognition:

(i) Applicants who currently hold active Department NFPA Rope Rescue I and II certifications will be recognized as a NFPA Rope Rescue Technician.

(ii) An individual who holds an active NFPA Rope Rescue I certification and has been working toward an NFPA Rope Rescue II certification may complete certification based on NFPA 1006 until January 1, 2016. No new NFPA Rope Rescue II certifications will issued after January 1, 2016.

(iii) Applicants who currently hold active Department NFPA Surface Water I and II certifications will be recognized as a NFPA Surface Water Rescue Technician.

(iv) An individual who holds an active NFPA Surface Water I certification and has been working toward an NFPA Surface Water II certification may complete certification based on NFPA 1006 until January 1, 2016. No new NFPA Surface Water II certifications will be issued after January 1, 2016.

(v) Applicants who currently hold an active Department NFPA Vehicle and Machinery Rescue certification will be recognized as NFPA Vehicle Rescue and NFPA Machinery Rescue.

(vi) An individual who has fulfilled training competencies in NFPA Vehicle and Machinery Rescue may complete certification based on NFPA 1006 until January 1, 2016. No new NFPA Vehicle and Machinery Rescue certifications will be issued after January 1, 2016.