

MODULE 5 – FIELD EXERCISE

TERMINAL OBJECTIVE

To successfully complete field exercise and be able to:

- Understand the various types of equipment available to support rescue operations.
- Have the opportunity to practice the standards developed for extrication of victims.
- Apply safety practices during resc operations.
- Work with Instructors on resolving different field problems.
- Work as a Squad to plan and execute various tactics during extrications.

INTRODUCTION

- With the completion of the formal Rescue Specialist training, the Student should now be prepared to perform in a less controlled environment.
- The field exercise will allow the Student to maximize the education presentation in an actual setting.
- Field exercises will be formulated to closely follow the procedures that have been taught.
- Some of the same procedures utilized earlier by the participants should be used during the field exercise.

SAFETY

- Field exercise Instructors must establish, test and adapt each station to ensure its safety. No work will begin at the field exercise site until a host safety officer has briefed all Instructors.
- All special safety precautions dictated by the host safety officer will be printed and presented to the Student group prior to any field exercise. Sufficient time must be given for a question and answer period.

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- Prior to the beginning of any exercise, the exercise facilitator will inform all Instructors regarding the manner and method to use to report any actual emergency. If a true emergency arises, the exercise will be terminated immediately. That station's lead Instructor will report the type of emergency and assistance required to the exercise facilitator.
- Signaling – a whistle or air horn will be available at each exercise station. The following signals will be used:
 - 3 short blasts (1 sec. ea.) – evacuate
 - 1 long blast (3 seconds) – stop/all quit
 - 1 long/1short blast – resume operations

PERSONAL GEAR

- The Instructors and all participants during the field exercise will wear proper protective equipment.
- Students will need the following equipment to participate in the field exercise:
 - Helmet
 - Eye protection
 - Light leather work gloves
 - Helmet light or flash light
 - Ink pen
 - Safety footwear
 - footwear
 - Hearing protection

FIELD EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

- The following distractions/equipment should be available to support realistic working conditions on a disaster work site:
 - Generator(s)
 - Radio traffic noise
 - Jack hammer/drills
 - Air horn (emergency signaling device)
 - Flood lights for night work
 - Smoke generating device
 - People (evaluators and safety officer)

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