

I am an MSHA instructor and a mine rescue trainer. I believe that proper mine rescue training is essential.

Mine Rescue teams should be trained in each individual mine that they are required to provide coverage for. I know this will entail more training time for voluntary teams. The pay-off would come in a shorter time spent on reconnaissance and a better working knowledge of the mine in general.

They are trained to go in under adverse conditions and establish a fresh air base then continue reconnaissance of the mine. They should not be sitting outside waiting for conditions to improve. Lives are on the line, and time is of the utmost importance. Allow them do what they are trained to do.

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