



NFPA Technical Rescue DPSST Applicant Guide to Certification

This guide is provided to the Oregon fire service as an overview for overview on applying for the DPSST certification of NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications, 2021 Edition.

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Task Force Overview

On July 7, 2021 and September 30, 2021 the NFPA Technical Rescue Task Force convened virtually at the direction of the Fire Policy Committee (FPC) to review and discuss the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications, 2021 Edition. At the time, the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) for fire related to NFPA Technical Rescue referred to the 2017 Edition of the NFPA standard. After reviews and recommendations of the Task Force and FPC, a Public Comment period in which no negative comments were received, and final approval by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (Board), the 2021 Edition has now been adopted into OAR as of February 1, 2022.

The Task Force emphasized the importance of maintaining a minimum national standard for safety, liability, and consistency purposes. Some of the Technical Rescuer levels of certification remain much the same with some semantical changes to the overall standard, while a few levels of certification have been significantly updated. This guide touches on those changes, but as always please feel free to speak with Fire Program staff if you have any questions.



NOTES TO APPLICANT

Changes to Certification Requirements

The following chart depicts the 2017 certifications and their new equivalencies under the 2021 Edition of NFPA 1006 now in OAR.

2017 EDITION CERTIFICATIONS	2021 EDITION CERTIFICATION EQUIVALENCY
NFPA Tower Rescue	NFPA Tower Rescue
NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations	NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations
NFPA Rope Rescue - Technician	NFPA Rope Rescue - Technician
NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue	NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue
NFPA Confined Space Rescue	NFPA Confined Space Rescue
NFPA Vehicle Rescue	NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Operations
	NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Technician
	NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue
NFPA Trench Rescue	NFPA Trench Rescue
NFPA Machinery Rescue	NFPA Machinery Rescue
NFPA Surface Water Rescue	NFPA Surface Water Rescue
NFPA Swiftwater Rescue	NFPA Swiftwater Rescue
NFPA Dive Rescue	NFPA Dive Rescue
NFPA Surf Rescue	NFPA Surf Rescue
NFPA Watercraft Rescue	NFPA Watercraft Rescue

Key Points to Remember in the 2017 vs 2021 Editions of NFPA 1006

- As in the 2017 Edition, NFPA Rope Rescue is still two levels of certification: NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations and NFPA Rope Rescue - Technician. More details on NFPA Rope Rescue on page 3.
- In 2017, NFPA Rope Rescue - Operations was a prerequisite level of certification for several levels within the NFPA Technical Rescue standard. This is no longer the case. NFPA Rope Rescue is now only a prerequisite level of certification for NFPA Rope Rescue - Technician and NFPA Confined Space Rescue.
- NFPA Vehicle Rescue is now three levels of certification: NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Operations, NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Technician, and NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue
- Anyone with an open NFPA Vehicle Rescue Task Book must finish it within one year and apply for certification to obtain NFPA Vehicle Rescue (the deadline for this is February 2023).
- Anyone with an NFPA Vehicle Rescue certification will be seen as having the equivalent of NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Operations, NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle - Technician, and NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue certifications. More details on NFPA Vehicle Rescue on page 3.

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NFPA Rope Rescue Remains Split into NFPA Rope Rescue Operations and Technician

The Task Force decided to keep NFPA Rope Rescue split into two levels as it was beginning in 2017: NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations and NFPA Rope Rescue – Technician. This was a decision made by the 2017 Task Force due to NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations being a prerequisite certification for the majority of the other technical rescue certifications. The 2021 Edition does see the removal of the NFPA Rope Rescue – Operations as a prerequisite for several levels of certification, but the Task Force wanted to keep these levels split out for consistency purposes as well as for the few levels of certification in which it is a prerequisite.

NFPA Vehicle Rescue Major Updates: Now Three Levels of Certification

The 2021 Edition of NFPA 1006 contains two levels of what was previously known as NFPA Vehicle Rescue: NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue and NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue. Additionally, the Task Force made the suggestion to split NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue into two certifications: NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle – Operations Level and NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue – Technician Level. The Task Force believed if the certifications are broken up such as this, departments will be able to have a one day Operations class which can lead to an NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle – Operations Level certification. If they choose to further develop their skills, those certified individuals would be able to take a second day class that can lead to their NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle – Technician Level certification. Additionally, a two day (or more) course covering both Operations and Technician Levels would qualify the applicant for both certifications. It was their determination that volunteer departments would benefit from these levels being split out because the Operations Level will be an easier, quicker, basic level for them to obtain and lessen their liability than having no Vehicle Rescue certifications. The Task Force determined that the previous NFPA Vehicle Rescue certification would be the equivalent of the combined NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle – Operations Level, NFPA Common Passenger – Technician Level, and NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue certifications. With this equivalency, no new certifications in these three levels will be issued to those already certified in NFPA Vehicle Rescue. Fire service professionals with open NFPA Vehicle Rescue Task Books will have a one year period of time to complete those Task Books and apply for NFPA Vehicle Rescue certification before DPSST will no longer issue that certification.

TASK BOOK INFORMATION

The Task Force determined it is best suited for the NFPA Technical Rescue levels to remain at three evaluator check boxes for the job performance requirements due to the specialized skills of each level of certification. The Task Force also determined only Task Books are acceptable to obtain NFPA 1006 levels of certification without the option of Task Performance Evaluations due to the specialized areas of each level. Also, a newly improved signature page has been added to the beginning of the Task Book. This page is designed for signers who initial tasks within the Task Book, to write their name, certification level related to NFPA Technical Rescuer, and full signature at the beginning of the Task Book so that final Task Book evaluators are aware of everyone who signs the Task Book before submittal of an application for certification to DPSST. This page is designed for a fire service agency only and should be kept on file without having to submit it to DPSST.

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DEFINITIONS

(35) “NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 8, sections 8.1 and 8.2.

(36) “NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level” means a person who is certified as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level and has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 8, section 8.3.

(37) “NFPA Confined Space Rescue” means a person who is certified as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 7.

(38) “NFPA Dive Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 19.

(58) “NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue” means a person who is certified as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level and has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 9.

(61) “NFPA Machinery Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 13.

(64) “NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 5, sections 5.1 and 5.2.

(65) “NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level” means a person who is certified as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level and has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 5, section 5.3.

(66) “NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 6.

(67) “NFPA Surf Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 21.

(68) “NFPA Surface Water Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 17.

(69) “NFPA Swiftwater Rescue” means a person who is certified as NFPA Surface Water Rescue and has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 18.

(70) “NFPA Tower Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 4.

(71) “NFPA Trench Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements

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defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 12.

(72) “NFPA Watercraft Rescue” means a person who has met the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, chapter 22.

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FIRE SERVICE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

(n) The provisions of the 2021 Edition of NFPA 1006 entitled “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications” are adopted subject to the following modifications:

(A) For certification as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level, the candidate must:

(i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 8, sections 8.1 and 8.2; and

(ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(B) For certification as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level, the candidate must:

(i) Be certified as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level;

(ii) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 8, section 8.3; and

(iii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(C) For certification as NFPA Confined Space Rescue, the candidate must:

(i) Be certified as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level;

(ii) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 7; and

(iii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Confined Space Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(D) For certification as NFPA Dive Rescue, the candidate must:

(i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 19; and

(ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Dive Rescue Technician. The

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task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(E) For certification as NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Be certified as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level;
- (ii) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 9; and
- (iii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(F) For certification as NFPA Machinery Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 13; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Machinery Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(G) For certification as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 5, sections 5.1 and 5.2; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(H) For certification as NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level, the candidate must:

- (i) Be certified as NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level;
- (ii) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 5, section 5.3; and
- (iii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(I) For certification as NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 6; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(J) For certification as NFPA Surf Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 21; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Surf Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

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(K) For certification as NFPA Surface Water Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 17; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Surface Water Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(L) For certification as NFPA Swiftwater Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Be certified as NFPA Surface Water Rescue;
- (ii) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 18; and
- (iii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Swiftwater Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(M) For certification as NFPA Tower Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 4; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Tower Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(N) For certification as NFPA Trench Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 12; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Trench Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(O) For certification as NFPA Watercraft Rescue, the candidate must:

- (i) Meet the job performance requirements defined in chapter 22; and
- (ii) Complete a Department–approved task book for the NFPA Watercraft Rescue Technician. The task book must be approved by the Agency Head or Training Officer.

(P) Historical Recognition for NFPA Vehicle Rescue. Any person who holds a DPSST-issued NFPA Vehicle Rescue certification may keep the certification active by completing the certification maintenance requirements. Any person who holds an active DPSST-issued NFPA Vehicle Rescue certification will be recognized as NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level, NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level, and NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue.

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MAINTENANCE

(a) Operations Track. The Operations certification track requires a minimum of 60 hours

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completed annually and includes the following certifications:

NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations Level;

NFPA Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician Level;

NFPA Confined Space Rescue;

NFPA Dive Rescue;

NFPA Heavy Vehicle Rescue;

NFPA Machinery Rescue;

NFPA Rope Rescue Operations Level;

NFPA Rope Rescue Technician Level;

NFPA Structural Collapse Rescue;

NFPA Surf Rescue;

NFPA Surface Water Rescue;

NFPA Swiftwater Rescue;

NFPA Tower Rescue;

NFPA Trench Rescue;

NFPA Watercraft Rescue