

About the Presenter

John McKently has been the School Administrator and Lead Instructor at CMC Rescue since 1995. Currently serving as CMC's School Director, he also teaches rope, confined space, tactical rappelling, and other specialized courses such as rescue for stage and arena riggers. Prior to his employment with CMC, McKently was Sr. VP in charge of Facilities at a mid-size bank. He has served with Montrose SAR for over 30 years, where he was Team Captain for seven years before being promoted to Commander. He has over 1600 rescue operations to his credit. In addition to his work at CMC, he is rated as a Senior Fire Instructor by the California State Fire Training and as Mine Rescue Instructor by MSHA. He occasionally teaches Search Management for California OES and "has no life".

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Bruce Parker is Senior Lead Instructor at CMC Rescue School, a position he has held for 11 years. For the four years prior to his work at CMC he taught rescue for another training company. He is responsible for course development and compliance towards applicable standards and teaches rope rescue, confined space, tower rescue, and other specialized courses. Bruce is extremely concerned with rescuer and victim safety and has worked to develop or improve many products manufactured by CMC. He is a MSHA Mine Rescue Instructor and a State of California Senior Fire Instructor. Through ASTM Bruce has written several standards relating to SAR. He has been a member of the Montrose SAR team for 26 years, serving in all ranks up to Captain and has finally made it back to the bottom where the work is done.

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Cedric Smith has been the Engineering Technician at CMC Rescue since January 2003. He works closely with the Product Development Committee and is involved with product development, testing, and certification. Prior to his employment with CMC he resided in Nova Scotia where he served for 5 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Meteghan Fire Department as well as a member of Clare Municipal SAR. Cedric attended Seneca College in Toronto, Ontario, where he received a diploma in Fire Engineering Technology. While residing in Ontario he taught rescue courses for a recognized outdoor adventure company in the fields of Technical Rope, Swiftwater, and Ice Rescue. Cedric is a Certified Rope Access Technician (SPRAT) and is a member of Santa Barbara County SAR. Being an avid rock climber, there is nothing that Cedric would rather do than spend a day on the ropes.