

The Importance of Establishing a Well-Defined Career Progression for Technical Rescue Team Members in Accordance with NFPA 1670

Mr. McCullar's Graduate Thesis is written on the topic of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) training in Mississippi. "The Importance of Establishing a Well-Defined Career Progression for Technical Rescue Team Members in Accordance with NFPA 1670" will teach both beginning and intermediate students about the progression of learning in technical rescue. It will emphasize areas of learning where pre-requisite knowledge and training are essential. The concept of the NFPA 1670 training matrix will be introduced.

Documents referenced will include the latest revisions of *NFPA 1006: Standard for Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications 2008* and *NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents 2009*. The presentation will cover how these documents can be used to measure training and shop for training vendors. Issues of distinguishing between the two documents and their application for institutional / course accreditation will be covered.

FEMA's position of *Rescue Specialist* will also be discussed as it pertains to student education and the comprehensive knowledge required to operate safely and successfully in today's disaster environments. The rescue disciplines discussed will include Emergency Medicine, Hazardous Materials, Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue, Surface Water Rescue, Vehicle / Heavy Machinery Extrication, Structural Collapse Rescue, and Wilderness Search and Rescue.

It is the intent of the presenter to generate discussion regarding issues pertaining to NFPA 1670 and 1006. Ideas for components that could enhance these standards will be solicited and discussed.