



WHAT CAN YOUR DEPARTMENT DO TO BE PREPARED FOR A TECH RESCUE RESPONSE?

Suggested Activities

- Define technical rescue and how it differs from your typical rescue or EMS incident.
- Know your response area. Do a technical rescue-specific risk assessment.
- Fire code inspections are a good time to help identify confined space or any other TRT hazards. Identify a way to communicate the information to personnel.
- Partner with other municipal entities (DPW-Water-Wastewater) to identify district hazards.
- Explain the three levels of response to a technical rescue (refer to NFPA 1670, an organizational standard)
 - Awareness
 - Operations
 - Technician
- Understand the role of the first responder at a technical rescue
 - Size-Up
 - Deny Entry (this means responders too!)
 - Focus on non-entry rescue procedures
 - Control Hazards
 - Lockout/Tagout
 - Monitor the Air/Ventilate
 - Recognize the limitations of responders trained to the awareness level
 - Know whom to call for assistance for various types of rescue situations
- Familiarize personnel with your closest TRT
 - Who is your closest TRT?
 - Know *how* to call for the closest TRT
 - Know their level of capability
- Describe the hazards that may be present at each type of rescue
 - Wilderness
 - Vehicle/Machinery Rescue
 - Water
 - Rope
 - Confined Space
 - A grain bin is considered a confined space
 - Trench Collapse
 - Building Collapse