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CHAPTER 360-X-19  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED RESCUE TECHNICIAN

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360-X-19-.01 Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Volunteer Fire  
Fighter or Certified Fire Fighter I or have documented proof of  
Hazardous Materials First Responder training at the Awareness  
and Operational Levels, as specified by the current edition of  
the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, Standard

for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

(b) The candidate must have completed a course of instruction equivalent to or exceeding the DOT Medical First Responder.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service as a Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the student to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue, current edition.

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**360-X-19-.01-.01 Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service as a Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the student to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue II, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

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**360-X-19-.02 Certified Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.
2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.
3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service as a Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue.
2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.
3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective. The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Confined Space Rescue, current edition.

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**360-X-19-.03 Certified Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective. The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Trench Rescue, current edition.

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**360-X-19-.04 Certified Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse Rescue. It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective. The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse, current edition.

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**360-X-19-.05 Certified Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective. The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Surface Water Rescue, current edition.

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**360-X-19-.06 Certified Rescue Technician: Vehicle And Machinery Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

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**360-X-19-.07 Certified Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and

Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Dive Rescue, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

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**360-X-19-.08 Certified Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

**History: New Rule:** Filed December 12, 2008; effective January 16, 2009. **Amended:** Filed August 2, 2010; effective September 6, 2010.

**360-X-19-.09 Certified Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Rescue Technician: Rope Rescue I.

(b) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Mine and Tunnel Rescue, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

**History: New Rule:** Filed December 12, 2008; effective January 19, 2009. **Amended:** Filed August 2, 2010; effective September 6, 2010.

**360-X-19-.10 Certified Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter or Certified Fire Fighter I or have documented proof of Hazardous Materials First Responder training at the Awareness and Operational Levels, as specified by the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

(b) The candidate must have completed a course of instruction equivalent to or exceeding the DOT Medical First Responder.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.

2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.

3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1 The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Rescue Boat Operator, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

**History: New Rule:** Filed December 12, 2008; effective January 16, 2009.

**360-X-19-.11 Certified Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue.**

(1) Requirements

(a) The candidate must be a Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter or Certified Fire Fighter I or have documented proof of Hazardous Materials First Responder training at the Awareness and Operational Levels, as specified by the current edition of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472, Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents.

(b) The candidate must have completed a course of instruction equivalent to or exceeding the DOT Medical First Responder.

(c) Examination. There will be an examination for state certification for each level of progression provided by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission.

1. An overall score of 70% is required for the successful completion of this examination.
2. Re-test may be taken after 30 days and within 12 months of course completion.
3. All certification testing, to include re-testing, must be completed within 12 months of the course completion date.

(2) Administration.

(a) Scope. This standard identifies the professional levels of competence required of the Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this standard is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements of professional competence required for service for Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue.

It is not the intent of this standard to restrict any jurisdiction from exceeding these minimum requirements.

(c) General.

1. The candidate shall meet all of the requirements for this standard before being certified as Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue.

2. Each performance objective for the Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue shall be performed swiftly, safely, and with competence. Each objective shall be met in its entirety.

3. It is not required for the objectives to be mastered in the order they appear.

(3) Objective

(a) The objectives of this course are based on the ability of the Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue to demonstrate knowledge and skills as outlined in the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission Teaching Outline for Rescue Technician: Animal Rescue, current edition.

**Author:** Allan C. Rice

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§36-32-1 thru 36-32-12.

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