



General Rescuer Skills Challenge

Purpose

The General Rescuer Course is the foundation training for all the RESET technical rescue courses. RESET recognizes that several individuals within our region have prior experience and training, and already possess the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's) at a General Rescuer level. Therefore, a skills challenge has been developed to allow these rescuers an opportunity to bypass the required RESET General Rescuer Course by demonstrating these required KSA's. The General Rescuer Skills Challenge consists of both written and practical exams outlined in the General Rescuers Skills Challenge Task Book. The candidate will be given ONE opportunity to successfully complete the written and practical exams. Successful completion of the Skills Challenge will allow an individual to bypass the General Rescuer course. Unsuccessful completion will require the individual to attend a General Rescuer class prior to any additional RESET technical rescue training

Scope

The knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's) evaluated in the General Rescuer Skills Challenge follows the Job Performance Requirements (JPR) outlined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 – Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, 2008 edition. All of RESET's technical rescue training follows NFPA 1006, to keep the KSA's consistent with a national standard.

Assumptions

It is assumed that rescuers participating in the General Rescuer Skills Challenge already have the KSA's required to pass the General Rescuer class. Therefore, during the testing, there will be no training offered to remediate challengers. The General Rescuer Curriculum, General Rescuer Skills Challenge Task Book, and videos demonstrating the skills are available on the RESET website (www.r-e-s-e-t.com).

Pre-requisites

In order to qualify for the General Rescuer skills challenge, a training officer and/or Chief Officer must submit the GR Skills Challenge Form Letter located on the RESET website. As identified in this letter, the rescuer and their home agency are required to provide documentation of a minimum of 40 hours of technical rescue training. It is highly recommended this training be consistent with the Job Performance Requirements in chapter 5 (General Requirements) of NFPA 1006-Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications 2008 edition. Any questions about a challenger's previous training and if it qualifies them for the skills challenge will be addressed by the RESET Rope Curriculum Committee and forwarded to the Tech Rescue Advisory Board. It should be understood that the techniques taught by other organizations might not be consistent with the techniques taught by RESET. Both organizations may meet a JPR using completely different techniques. Challengers must become familiar with the RESET Curriculum and Task Books.

Process

The Skills Challenge will be a one-day event. The cost for each challenger will be a non-refundable \$100. The GR Skills Challenge Form Letter with supporting certificate and tuition will be collected on the date of the skills challenge. Challengers will be given one attempt on a written exam and a total of 6 attempts for the 5 skills (only one skill can be retested). More information about the testing process can be found in the Task Book. Currently there are two challenge dates scheduled. There will be a maximum of 20 candidates for each scheduled date.

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