Technical Rescuer: Water Rescue

Special Notes:
The new “Water Rescue” course has replaced the previous “Surface Water Rescue” certification.
Water Rescue includes and covers the JPRs for both surface water (NFPA 1006, Chapter 11) and swift water (NFPA 1006, Chapter 12).
The major difference in the two programs is that Water Rescue course has five modules and Surface Water Rescue had eight. Here are the five modules in the new Water Rescue course:
1. Rescue Operations for the Water Rescuer
2. Rescue Techniques
3. Watercraft Operations
4. Air Transport Operations
5. Water-bound Victim Rescue
Surf Rescue and Ice Rescue Operations have been removed from the course.

General Class Requirements:
The sponsoring agency must have a minimum of seven (7) instructor candidates to hold qualification course and cap the course with a maximum of fifteen (15) instructor candidates.

Prerequisites for Students:
- Candidate must be certified a minimum of five (5) years in the area of TR: Water Rescue
- Candidate must ALSO be certified in the area of TR: Ropes (no minimum year requirement).
- Documentation of required certification (transcripts are acceptable).
- Approval of Sponsoring Agency.

Student Requirements for Qualification in TR: Water Rescue:
Candidate must teach assigned enabling objectives taken from throughout the subject which the participants are qualifying to teach. These objectives will be assigned on the first day of the qualification course. Respective subject matter can be found and downloaded at: http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/FireAndRescueCommission/FR_instructor_lessonplans_tr.asp

Each participant will perform a teach-back to the pool of qualifying participants.

Each participant will also be required to demonstrate competency in an assigned practical component of the specialty subject.
Participants will be evaluated by an OSFM Fire/Rescue training specialist, along with at least one TR Ropes Qualified Instructor (peer reviewer).

**Delivery Agency Requirements:**
Delivery agency will be required to select one (1) qualified instructor as a peer reviewer for seven (7) participants. Two (2) qualified instructors will be needed for peer review if the class size is fifteen (15) participants. The peer review instructor(s) shall be qualified a minimum of two (2) years in the respective qualification course subject. Each peer review instructor(s) name will be approved by the OSFM Fire/Rescue training specialist prior to the qualification course.

**Required Equipment:**
All materials and resources needed to conduct practical evolutions are to be acquired and available prior to the practical demonstration portion of the qualification. Practical involving high risk maneuvers must be employed in an environment with all safety precautions properly set up, demonstrated, and monitored during demonstration.

For a list of needed materials for this qualification course, contact Vincent Marks: Vincent.Marks@ncdoi.gov, or Shannon Orndorff: Shannon.Orndorff@ncdoi.gov

**Grading:**
- Written test will be 100 questions. A grade of 80% is required to achieve qualification status.
- No more than 20 questions will come from NFPA 1006 Chapter 5 (General).
- Written test will be given at the site of the Qualification course.
- Practical skills will be graded according to the candidate’s demonstration and knowledge of their assigned skill.

**Additional Information:**
- Reciprocity will not be considered for instructor qualification.
- No Educational Methodology upgrade required.
- No requirement to submit teaching hours to the Commission.
- Requalification is required every five years, or as the applicable standard is revised

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