NC FIRE and RESCUE COMMISSION Tower Rescue Practical Skill Scenarios

5 Of 5: Combination Tower-Based and Ground-Based Rescue

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Performance Objective: The tower rescue candidate while functioning as a member of the tower rescue team, and given equipment and tools customary to his/her jurisdiction's response shall safely perform a tower rescue of a suspended victim utilizing a combination tower-based to ground-based skate-block rigging system.

Performance Evaluation: The evaluator shall provide the tower rescue team candidate tools and equipment customary to the jurisdiction, and additional members for the tower rescue team per organizational guidelines.

Instructor statement: The tower rescue candidate while functioning as a leader of the tower rescue team, and given equipment and tools customary to his/her jurisdiction's response shall safely perform a tower rescue of a "simulated" suspended victim at a height of over 125', utilizing initially a tower-based system, then switching to ground-based skate-block lowering system. The rescue of the victim should incorporate at least two lowering operations.

Note: This practical is designed to "*simulate*" a rescue of a victim positioned on a tower above 125'. The victim does not have to be placed on a tower above 125'; however, the practical should incorporate tactics needed for this type of rescue.

Recommended Equipment List: NFPA approved ropes, PPE, and tools and equipment customary to the organization's response guidelines for technical rescue.

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EVALUATOR	DATE

SCORING	YES	ADD
Candidate shall ensure that all rescue team members correctly wear PPE.		5
Candidate shall identify the IC.		5
Candidate shall establish a safety officer.		5
Candidate shall perform a Tower Risk Assessment.		5
Candidate shall create and verbalize a rescue plan.		5
Candidate shall create and verbalize an alternative rescue plan.		5
Candidate shall assign rescuers and assignments.		10
Candidate shall identify equipment needed to safely perform the planned tower rescue.		5
Candidate shall establish communications between rescue members.		5
Candidate shall ensure all rescue climbers utilize fall protection. (climbing lanyard, establish a climb line, etc.)		10
Candidate shall ensure victim is locked off to the tower.		5
Candidate shall ensure a tower-based primary, and belay line have been established.		5
Candidate shall ensure a ground-based skate-block primary line, and a belay line have been established.		10
Candidate shall ensure the victim is lowered the simulated length of the equipment.		5
Candidate shall ensure the victim is locked back into the tower, or on second lowering system at changeover point.		5
Candidate shall lower the victim to the ground in a safe manner.		5
Candidate shall perform a post-incident debriefing.		5

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Total points possible for this evaluation skill:	100	
Total points needed to pass:	70	
Total points scored by the candidate:		