

**Florida Association for Search and Rescue  
Rescue Working Group  
July 16, 2010  
Minutes**

Location: Sawgrass Marriot Resort & Spa, Ponte Vedra Beach

Time: 0830 – 0930 Hours

Attendance: Teams; 311, 312, 313, 315, 316, 526, 532, 635, 644, 747, 749 and 756  
Task Force; 1, 3 and 6

Call to Order: 0830 Hours

Agenda Changes: None

Approval of January 20, 2010 Minutes: Approved

**Old Business**

Current and future funding for the Type II, TRTs – Scott Chappell reported that the 2009 funding will out shortly. Scott recommended that the Teams move quickly in having the SHSGP Subrecipient Agreement signed and returned to the State. The 2010 funding is will come some time after the 2009 funding. The State's perspective is to use 2009 and 2010 funding to up Team personnel to enable them to certify their own Team members.

What specifically can the funding be used for – The 2009 funding may be used for the following: training tuition, overtime and backfill. What will not be covered: travel, food, equipment, equipment maintenance and supplies.

Lorin Mock spoke on the funding and the TRTs. In his briefing Lorin stated that the old way of submitting and vetting for SHSGP funding has changed. He stated that FASAR has adapted to the new standard and will continue to move their projects forward.

In regard to reimbursement from the 2009 funding for the Type II TRTs Lorin stated that the courses must be GNC approved. If the courses are not GNC approved funding will be denied.

Lorin reported that the 2010 funding for the Type II TRTs will be limited to the requests made by each Team. The goal, again is to have all Teams capable of certifying their own personnel to the operations level.

Type II, TRT Cache List – Jason Fair reported that Kirby Lastinger, John VanMatre and himself will be working on updating the Type I and II TRT cache lists. Jason's committee will be working with Todd Livingston and Ron Roger on this project.

The process to identify Type I, TRTs – Bill Moyer explained Todd Livingston has requested the Rescue Working Group begin to identify the Type I TRTs in the State. The Rescue Working Group asked for time to have the Type I and II cache lists updated before the process begins. Updating the Type I cache will assist greatly in identifying Teams that meet the Type I requirements.

Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) – Scott Chappell advised that the State is not requiring an ORE for 2010. He suggested that State may require a self evaluation for 2011 to be followed by a time for improvement. Scott did report that all the 2008 OREs have been successfully completed by all Teams.

Type II, TRT Train the Trainer Course – Scott Chappell reported that the TtT course was just completed and the State will work to provide additional TtTs in the future.

Type II, TRT Leadership Course – In discussion it was stated that the State would accept S-330 (strike team leader) in place of the TRT Leadership Course. Scott Chappell stated there has been discussion on providing an alternative to the TRT Leadership Course, but he had no details at this time.

Type II, Technical Rescue Team Member Operation Level Certification – Bill Moyer asked Scott Chappell how many Teams have been certifying new Team members themselves. Scott replied that he does not have a count specifically, but that a few Teams have contacted him to report that they were in fact certifying their own Team members.

Pro-Board Certification – Scott Chappell stated that Pro-Board is available for all five operations level courses. If you need more information on the process contact Scott at 352-369-2800.

National Structural Collapse Technician Course – Jeff Strickland reported that he is representing the South Eastern United States on the National Rescue Working Group. In Jeff's presentation he touched on several topics:

He spoke on a Rescue Officer Course. Jeff stated he will work with the State on this project. The thought would be to use the proposed course in place of the TRT Leader Course.

Jeff explained that he is open for possible changes to the SCT curriculum and cache on the National Level. If anyone has an idea or thought please forward it to him for consideration.

Confined Impact Rescue Tool (CIRT) Jeff explained and showed a brief clip on the CIRT. This is a breaching tool that is compact and capable. It is currently being tested in the field. The literature states that it can breach 6-8 inches of concrete in 4-6 minutes.

Jeff reviewed his deployment in Haiti. He reported that their Team had 11 rescue/saves. Of those 11 saves, 10 could have been performed by a Type II TRT.

Adjourn: 0945 Hours