

**Florida Association for Search and Rescue
Rescue Working Group
January 20, 2010
Minutes**

Location: Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Time: 0800 – 0900 Hours

Attendance: Teams: 102, 104, 312, 315, 421, 524, 528, 532, 634, 635, 747 and 749. Task Force: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

Call to Order: 0900 Hours

Agenda Changes: Add discussion on Swift Water Operations

Approval of July 17, 2009 Minutes: Approved

Old Business

Type II, Technical Rescue Team Member Operation Level Certification – Scott Chappell reported that a few teams have delivered operations level training to new team members. Scott's goal for 2010 is to have all technical rescue teams able to provide operations level certification to their own members.

Pro-Board Certification – Scott Chappell advise that Susan Schell will discuss Pro-Board certification at the FSFC Updates meeting at 1500 hours room 103 AB. He did state that Pro-Board is available, but not required.

Type II, TRT Cache List – Todd Livingston reported that he will move the Type II cache forward. He stated the FASAR has approved the request and that two more committees must provide their approval before it is the standard.

Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) – Scott Chappell explained that all of the TRT Type II teams had an ORE and that nine teams received a letter from the State that advise they did not meet the requirements and would need to have a re-evaluation. At this time the nine teams have been re-evaluated and have met the requirements.

Type II, TRT Train the Trainer Course – The Rescue Working Group stressed the need for the State to offer the TtT course. Scott Chappell reported that he was waiting until the 2008 team funding was available before scheduling this course. Those in attendance agreed to this strategy.

Type II, TRT Leadership Course - The Rescue Working Group stressed the need for the State to offer the Leadership course. Scott reported he was using the same strategy as the Train the Trainer course.

Will the Type II, TRTs be required to complete any type of team evaluation for 2010 – Scott Chappell reported that there would be no required operational readiness evaluation for 2010. He suggested that State may go to a tri-annual schedule that included a self evaluation in year one, a State provided evaluation in year two, and reevaluations as required in year three.

Future funding for the Type II, TRTs – Scott Chappell stated that there was \$9,000 in funding becoming available to the Type II TRTs. This funding was from 2008. He expected that the funding will available within the next six months. In addition to the 2008 funding, Scott reported that there will be an additional \$9,000 from 2010 funding. This funding may be available by year's end, but he did not give a specific date. Julie Downey asked if the funding could be used for exercises or just training. Scott stated he would find out and advise the teams.

GPS Training: Julie Downey asked if there were any GPS training events occurring in the State or were becoming available. Todd Livingston reported that he was working on this and land navigation training. Todd did not have a date when a class would be offered. Scott Chappell stated that he was working on a program from Texas A&M titled Wide Area Search Program. He too did not have a date for training, but advised he would continue to work on this program.

Swift Water Rescue Operations: John VanMatre asked if there were any swift water rescue operations training available. Scott Chappell reported that he would continue to make swift water training available when the opportunity presented itself. Ken Craft stated that there was an awareness level course available for approximately \$40 per person. Ken said he would advise Bill Moyer for distribution.

Funding Pool: Scott Chappell asked if there would be support for the State to offer the teams a funding pool; where the teams would have the State retain and manage their funding. The State would then provide to the teams what ever training may be needed or requested. There was considerable discussion with Scott stating that he would send out additional information in the near future that would better describe the funding pool.

A few questions that Scott will answer are listed below:

What would the funding pool provide; tuition, travel, lodging, food, back fill and overtime?

Is the funding pool optional?

Would teams that did not utilize to funding pool be penalized in any way?

Thank you: The Rescue Working Group would like to thank Scott Chappell and the State for there assistance over the last six months. In addition we would like to thank Todd Livingston and all the Task Force that assisted the Technical Rescue Teams.

Adjourned: 1000 Hours