
	<i>FIRE RESCUE</i> ALBEMARLE COUNTY STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY	
	Subject:	Special Operations Team Membership
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements and responsibilities of members who wish to operate as a part of a designated specialty team in Albemarle County and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Region.

Scope:

This Standard Administrative Policy shall be applicable to all personnel operating within the Albemarle County coordinated and integrated fire and emergency medical service system as defined in Albemarle County Code Chapter 6, Article I, Division I, Section 6-100.

Definitions:

Qualified Trainer- Trainer that meets the minimum qualifications for team membership, has a minimum of 2 years as an active member, and has been endorsed by the team/agency lead.

Regionally Coordinated- Initial certification, annual training, and minimum equipment requirements are established at the system/regional level, but the management of membership and annual training is decentralized.

Regionally Directed- All aspects of the team, including but not limited to, membership, training requirements, and equipment are managed at the system/regional level.

Policy:

1. General Requirements

The following requirements must be met prior to being considered for any specialty team:

- a. Member in good standing with a fire or rescue agency in Albemarle County or the City of Charlottesville
- b. Minimum of 2 years emergency service or other relevant experience
- c. Endorsement of their Chief
- d. This section is not intended to prevent any member from being trained or functioning at the awareness level

2. Team Structure

- a. Regionally Coordinated
 - i. Water Rescue
- b. Regionally Directed
 - i. Hazardous Materials
 - ii. Technical Rescue
 - iii. Rescue Task Force

3. Training Qualifications

- a. Initial Certifications- Minimum certifications are required prior to being considered for a specialty team as outlined in Appendix A-D.
- b. Recommended Training- Team members are encouraged to pursue additional training based on their area of interest and level of expertise.
- c. Preferred Training Agencies- Vendors that provide specialized training are evaluated based on their content, training materials, instructor experience and qualifications, and history. Some agencies have been designated as preferred as outlined in Appendix A-D. Other vendors will be considered on a case by case basis, but in all cases the content must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the reference standard.
- d. Annual Training Requirements (Con-Ed)
 - i. Category 1 – Team coordinated/directed instructor lead training conducted by a qualified trainer
 - ii. Category 2 – Distributive, self-study, or non-team coordinated/directed training approved by the team lead
 - iii. Regional Drills - A team directed regional training drill conducted to assess the capabilities of the team
- e. All training will be documented in the Department's records management system under the appropriate category.
- f. Failure to complete the required annual training will result in being placed on probation for one year.
- g. Failure to complete the training requirements for a consecutive year will result in being removed from the team.

4. Personnel interested in joining a specialty team should contact the Deputy Chief of Operations.

Attachment A

Hazardous Materials Team Requirements	
➤ Initial Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VDEM Hazmat Tech <u>or</u> CDP Hazardous Materials Technician <u>and</u> Hazardous Materials Technologies: Sampling, Monitoring, and Detection <u>or</u> IAFF Hazmat Tech • Federal Resources Hazmat IQ • Environmental Crimes <u>or</u> CDP Hazardous Materials Evidence Collection for CBRNE Incidents
➤ Additional Recommended Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VDEM Hazmat Specialist • VDEM Hazmat Chemistry • Federal Resources- Hazmat IQ Propane • Mult-Rae Tech • PRSIB New Mexico • IRTB New Mexico • CTOS Radiological/Nuclear course for HT. • SERTC- Crude by Rail • SERTC – Highway Emergency Response Specialist • SERTC – Tank car Specialist • NFA – Chemistry for Emergency Response • NFA – Hazardous Materials Incident Management
➤ Preferred Training Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) • FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) • International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) • Federal Resources • Transportation Technology Center Inc. (TTCI) • Center for Rad/Nuc Training (CTOS) • New Mexico Tech (EMRTC) Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center
➤ Annual Continuing Education Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Hours to Include the Following (max of 4 hours Cat 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 hour Dispatch and SOG review ○ 1 hour Hazmat Safety Officer Review ○ 2 hours PPE (Level A, B and C) ○ 3 hours Explosives ○ 6 hours planning, management, research and chemistry ○ 6 hours Monitoring and Detection ○ 5 hours Other (Containers and tactical control) • Regional Drill- Attend a minimum of one drill every other year
➤ Reference Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFPA 472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials

Attachment B

Rescue Task Force Requirements	
➤ Initial Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMT • TECC or AHJ Approved Course • ACPD Tactical Movement Training • PPE Training (Ballistic Gear)
➤ Additional Recommended Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local live drills • Tabletop exercise
➤ Preferred Training Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAEMT • ACFR • ACPD • VDEM
➤ Annual Continuing Education Requirements	<p>8 Hours to include the following (max of 2 hours Cat 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 hours Movement, tactical environment, communication training, and TECC or equivalent • 2 Hours Review of RTF operations
➤ Reference Standards	

Attachment C

Swift Water Rescue Team Requirements	
➤ Initial Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift Water Rescue (Operations Level) • VA State Boat Operator Course (For Boat Operators Only)
➤ Additional Recommended Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift Water Rescue Advanced Technician • Surface Water 1 and 2 • Rescue from Vehicle in Water • Surface Ice Rescue • Flood Boat Operator
➤ Preferred Training Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) • Virginia Association Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) • Rescue 3 International • Spec Rescue International
➤ Annual Continuing Education Requirements	<p>8 Hours to include the following (max of 2 hours Cat 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrology/floodwater dynamics/incident management • Rope systems • Swimming/in water rescue techniques • Boat operations
➤ Reference Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications • NFPA 1670 Standard for Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents • NFPA 1500 Standard on Occupational Health and Safety • NFPA 1952 Standard on Surface Water Operations, Protective Clothing and Equipment • NFPA 1983 Standard on Life Safety Rope Equipment

Attachment D

Technical Rescue Team Requirements	
➤ Initial Training Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ropes Level 1 and 2 (Technician Level) • Vehicle Level 1 and 2 (Technician Level) • Confined Space Level 1 (Operations Level) • Trench Rescue Level 1 (Operations Level)
➤ Additional Recommended Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confined Space 2 • Trench Rescue 2 • Emergency Building Shoring • Man and Machine • Large Animal Rescue
➤ Preferred Training Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) • Rescue 3 International • VAVRS
➤ Annual Continuing Education Requirements	<p>24 Hours to Include the Following (Max of 4 hours Cat 2)</p> <p>Rope Rescue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascending/descending • MA systems • Raise and lowers systems • High lines/diagonal high lines • Pt packaging and tending/stokes ops • Rigging <p>Vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilization • Lifting • Cutting/spreading/displacing <p>Con Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly entries • Pt packaging • Air monitoring • Air systems/comms systems • Lock out tag out • Line of sight rescues level 1 • Not line of sight rescue level 2 <p>Trench</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straight trench • Deep trench • L and T trench • Whalers <p>Regional Drill- Attend a minimum of one drill every other year</p>

➤ **Reference Standards**

- NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications
- NFPA 1670 Standard on Operations for Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents
- NFPA 1500 Standard on Occupational Health and Safety
- NFPA 1952 Standard on Surface Water Operations, Protective Clothing and Equipment
- NFPA 1983 Standard on Life Safety Rope Equipment
- OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146 Permit Required Confined Spaces