### Region 2 Technical Rescue Team

### Annual Skills Qualification Policy

###### 1.1 Purpose

To establish an annual skills qualification/certification procedure for all Region 2 Technical Rescue Team personnel.

###### 1.2 Applicability

All Region 2 Technical Rescue Team personnel.

###### 1.3 Policy

It is the policy of the Region 2 Technical Rescue Team to conduct all special rescue operations in the safest and most proficient manner possible. To ensure this, all team personnel will be evaluated annually in their ability to understand and perform the required rigging and special rescue skills and techniques.

###### 1.4 Procedure

The skills qualification/certification evaluations shall be conducted on an annual basis of each year.

Each fire agency in the regional team will be responsible for record keeping of their respective members and records shall be available for interested parties. Each fire agency will ensure that records are turned into the Region 2 Technical Rescue Team leaders for annual qualification verification.

The Region 2 Technical Rescue Team Coordinator and assigned Rescue Group Leaders and/or their designee (i.e. Squad Leaders) will evaluate each other separately from the rest of the team. After completion of their evaluations, they will evaluate the remaining members of the team.

The evaluators will conduct the evaluation using a skills check-off list. This list will contain the required skills encompassing all pertinent areas of rigging and technical rescue. The most current edition of R2TRT Operations Manuals will be the foundation for the required skills.

Job performance requirements (JPRs) for the specific certification level are listed in skill sheets, in a format that allows a candidate to be trained and evaluated in the skills of that position.

Successful performance of all tasks, as observed and recorded by a certified Rescue Technician in that discipline, will result in the candidate’s eligibility for qualification.

The following are the required annual qualification/certification skill evaluation disciplines for each member:

* Rescue Systems I & II for Structural Collapse
* Rope Technician
* Confined Space Rescue
* Trench Technician

**1.5How to Evaluate Performance**

These skills are to be tested after the candidate has completed the training program and by using the available equipment provided by the agency.

Each JPR has a corresponding box to the right in which to confirm a candidate’s success in a sequence.

The evaluator shall indicate successful passing by the candidate of each JPR by initialing and dating.

The candidate needs only perform the skill once to be complete.

No coaching, each member must show proficiency in skill.

Members will be allowed two attempts to be successful.

After failing the first attempt, a different evaluator will evaluate the second attempt.

If unable to show proficiency at second attempt, each member will be given 30 days to retest.

If member does not schedule a retest or is not successful during the retest, then a letter will be sent to their respective agency Operations Chief outlining the skills deficiency. The outcome will be determined on a case by case basis, up to and including the member being released from team.

**1.6 Training**

Members will not operate at a level that exceeds their level of training.

Basic life support shall be provided by the fire department at technical rescue incidents/training.

Awareness level training will be provided on rescue operational specialties so members can identify technical rescue situations and notify the appropriate agencies.

All members which will be expected to perform at the Operations level or higher operational level shall be trained to that level.

Continuing education necessary to maintain all requirements of the level of capability shall be provided by the fire department.

**References must be made to NFPA 1006, NFPA 1670, NFPA 1500, and NFPA 1983 for a complete understanding of the listed standard.**