

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Kitsap County Technical Rescue Team</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Policies and Guidelines</p>	
Title: 3.3, Rescue Squad Officer, v 1.2	Section/Topic: Position Descriptions	
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Purpose

To establish the position description and minimum training requirements for the position of Rescue Squad Officer with the Kitsap County Technical Rescue Team (KCTRT).

Scope and Applicability

This policy is intended to apply to all personnel assigned to the KCTRT.

Position Description

The Rescue Squad Officer (RSO) is responsible for supervising and directing one or more assigned KCTRT squads in the mitigation of emergency incidents and/or related training. The RSO reports directly to the Rescue Group Supervisor, Task Force Leader, or their designee. This policy is intended to be used in conjunction with WAC 296-305, NFPA 1670, and NFPA 1006.

Rescue Squad Officers shall be appointed by the KCTRT coordinator based on need and qualifications.

This policy is not intended to supersede individual department policy or guidelines, or to alleviate an individual agency's right and responsibility as the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Specific duties of the RSO may include:

- + Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
- + Implementing the rescue component of the task force incident action plan
- + Determining the organizational and logistical needs for the rescue squad(s) and assigned work site
- + Providing periodic progress reports to the assigned supervisor
- + Maintaining records and reports
- + Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- + Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- + Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
- + Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed

Minimum Initial Requirements

Prior to consideration for appointment to the role of RSO, personnel shall meet the following requirements

- + Minimum initial requirements for Rescue Technician (3.1 and 3.2)
- + Rope Rescue Technician (Levels 1 & 2), consistent with NFPA 1006 & NFPA 1670
- + Confined Space Rescue Technician, consistent with NFPA 1006 & 1670
- + Trench Rescue Technician, consistent with NFPA 1006 & 1670
- + Rescue Systems 1
- + Rescue Systems 2
- + ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- + Incident Safety Officer
- + Washington State Fire Officer 1 or equivalent
- + Have experience in structural collapse and rope rescue operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or deployments as a rescue technician

Approval & Appointment Process

Rescue Squad Officers shall be approved and appointed by the KSORT program manager, with the consent of the agency lead group. The process of approval shall consist of:

1. Member completes all minimum initial requirements and submits a letter of interest or request for appointment to their respective agency lead;
2. The member's agency lead will submit the individual's letter to the agency lead group, along with a recommendation to approve or deny appointment, based on the member's attendance, performance, and proficiency;
3. The agency lead group will consider the member's request and, in light of the member's performance and the agency lead's recommendation, will make a recommendation to approve or decline the request
4. Based on input from the agency lead group and the member's respective agency lead, the program manager will make a final decision to approve or decline the request.

Additional Requirements

Within 3 years of appointment, individuals designated as Rescue Group Supervisors shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- + Online portion only, TEEK National US&R Response System Orientation
- + Online portion only, TEEK Enhanced Operations in the Contaminated Environment
- + Online portion only, TEEK Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist

Suggested Additional Training

- + Vehicle & Machinery Rescue Technician, consistent with NFPA 1006 & 1670
- + TEEK Advanced Structural Collapse 3
- + TEEK Advanced Structural Collapse 4
- + TEEK Advanced Structural Collapse 5
- + DHS/FEMA or TEEK US&R Rescue Specialist Certification
- + ICS-400: Advanced ICS for Expanding Incidents