

Essex County Technical Rescue Team

Application Package



**Make a Copy and send the
entire package back with
the appropriate signatures**

Any incomplete applications will not be considered

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ESSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

The Essex County Technical Rescue Team is a division of the Essex County Fire Chiefs Association. The region covered is comprised of 85 communities. The team is made up of technically trained fire personnel from across the region.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Essex County Technical Rescue Team (ECTRT) is to assist and coordinate life-saving efforts in the search, extrication, and the safeguarding of trapped or stranded victims during natural, man-made accidents and or disasters. The Essex County Technical Rescue Team will offer support, assistance and cooperation when a technical rescue incident occurs, to all surrounding agencies when requested.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The purpose of The Technical Rescue Team is to provide a nucleus of highly trained special rescue personnel to assist the surrounding agencies with technical knowledge and support too safely and effectively mitigate the following types of incidents:

1. Any situation in which a patient is trapped, buried or experiencing a medical emergency in a trench or excavation.
2. Any situation where a victim is trapped, buried or experiencing a medical emergency in a confined space as defined by OSHA and/or NFPA
3. Any Technical rope rescue situation in which 51% of the load is maintained by the rope system and or any incline over 40 degrees.
4. Any situation in which a patient is trapped, buried or experiencing a medical emergency in a collapsed structure
5. To educate agencies to the dangers of these environments for injury prevention.

ESSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM Team Membership

Orientation and Local Issues Sign Off

1. The employer and the union agree to cooperate in the implementation of the agreement reached by the Essex County Fire Chiefs Association and the PFFM with to the establishment and deployment of regional Essex County Technical Rescue Teams. However, the employer recognizes its obligation to negotiate with their respective union in accordance with MGL 150E the actual implementation of such agreement on bargaining unit members. Without limitation such negotiations shall include the selection of personnel to the team and payment to employees for such responses and training.
2. During the application process for membership on the Essex County Technical Rescue Team, the Director and the Oversight Committee shall insure that respective parties, prior to acceptance of application, has resolved all local issues pertaining to Essex County Technical Rescue Team Membership.
3. In order to be eligible for the Essex County Technical Rescue Team a participant must complete the requirements contained in the application package. No person shall be allowed to apply for team membership without first submitting this application signed by the local fire chief and union president where applicable.

Signatures

Fire Chief _____ Date _____

Union President _____ Date _____

Applicant (Sign) _____ Date _____

Applicant (Print) _____

Return form with team application to:

Essex County Technical
Rescue
152 Park St
North Reading, MA 01864
Attn: (Application Enclosed)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ESSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM MEMBER

Between the team member, _____

Of the _____ Fire Department, hereafter the "Employee" and

Chief _____ of the _____ Fire

Department, hereafter the "Employer"

The parties agree that cooperation is critical to the overall operation of the Essex County Technical Rescue Team. Whereas the operation of each team is dependent on team members being properly trained and having members participate, and whereas Fire Departments have a certain administrative responsibilities.

The undersigned Employer agrees to allow the employee to respond to Technical rescue incidents whether on or off duty, and agrees to allow the employee to attend Technical Rescue drills whether on or off duty.

The employer shall allow the employee to respond to Technical Rescue incidents while on duty. When public safety of the community is affected, the employee shall be allowed to respond once a replacement has arrived. Local S.O.P shall govern procedure.

1. All personnel will be paid their overtime rate for emergency response and training hours by their home departments and reimbursed by The Essex County Technical Rescue Team.
2. When a member is already on duty at their home department they will be allowed to respond for both training and emergency response. The cost of their replacement will be reimbursed from The Essex County Technical Rescue Team. The staffing levels will be unchanged by this response.

The undersigned employee agrees to be available and willing to respond to technical rescue incidents whether on or off duty, and agrees to be available and willing to attend technical rescue drills whether on or off duty.

The Essex County Technical Rescue Team agrees to work at maintaining the continuation of funding for the team; in the event that said funding cannot be maintained, the employee and the employer may choose not to continue participation in the program.

Chief _____ Date _____
(Signature)

Member _____ Date _____
(Signature)

Union President _____ Date _____
(Signature)

Memorandum of Understanding
Between

The Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts

And

The Essex County Technical Rescue Team

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2. When a member is already on duty at their home department they will be allowed to respond for both training and emergency response. The cost of their replacement will be reimbursed from The Essex County Technical Rescue Team. The staffing levels will be unchanged by this response.
3. All personnel will be covered by all applicable laws pertaining to disability and liability as if they were working in their home department, (Example Chapter 41 Section 111F) from the notification to respond or while on detail.
4. In the event of verifiable 111F claim, membership status will be marked IOD and will not count against the member. In no case while team member is on IOD status shall his/her position be taken or filled until claim has been terminated.
5. Any reductions in team size for lack of funding will be done by the Steering Committee with approval from the Oversight Committee. Personnel affected by a reduction will be immediately reinstated as funding becomes available prior to acceptance of any new personnel.
6. The Technical Rescue Director will make periodical reports to an Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will be made up of two representatives from The Essex County Chiefs Association and The District 3 and District 4 Vice Presidents from The Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.
7. In event of Military Activation, the team member must submit a copy of orders and time deployed will not count against the member. In the case of Military Leave status his/her position will be held until their return to active status on their local department.

Essex County Technical Rescue Team Application

(Print Legibly)

Name:

Date of birth:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Current address:

City:

ZIP Code:

E-Mail:

Current employer:

Fire Department:

How long?

Phone:

Fax:

Rank:

EMS Certification (First Responder, EMT, etc.):

Technical Rescue Experience: (Awareness, Operations or Technician) (Provide copy of Certificates)

Rope Rescue (High Angle)

Level

Date of Completion

Confined Space

Level

Date of Completion

Trench Rescue

Level

Date of Completion

Structural Collapse

Level

Date of Completion

Other Experience (Instructor, Construction, Mechanical, Blueprints etc.)

MUTUAL AIDE AGREEMENT

All Technical Rescue Team members will be covered under the mutual aide agreement that all fire departments comply with and the Memorandum of Understanding that is signed by each member and their Chief.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Chief:

Date:

Signature of Union President:

Date:

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| Signature: Essex County Technical Rescue Membership Criteria | |
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| Name: | Date: |

Individuals interested in fulfilling a position on the Essex County Technical Rescue Team must meet the following criteria: (Check All That Apply)

- Have 10 years firefighting experience or be Certified to the FF I/II Level**
- Certificate of completion in NFPA 1670 Technician Level for Rope Rescue**
- Certificate of completion in NFPA 1670 Technician Level Confined Space Rescue**
- Certificate of completion in NFPA 1670 Technician Level Trench Rescue**

All Certificates must be within the last 3 years. (Proof of documented continuing education will be reviewed for acceptance)

Please provide a copy of all certifications listed above.

Signature: _____

Information

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Phase 2: As funding becomes available members will be added until we have a total of 100 members

Candidate must make the prescribed application to the Essex County Technical Rescue Team office for certification and posting for availability for team vacancies. This shall be done to ensure all minimum qualifications are met. Applications will be held on file, and must be updated on an annual basis to ensure continued interest in team membership.

Members that have been terminated for financial reasons shall have the right to first refusal for available openings on the teams that they were operating with prior to termination. These members must complete the prescribed requalification requirements.

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