

## **Product Launch Announcement: Technical Rescuer Fundamentals**

The recent Coroner's Inquest has highlighted the need for standardized curriculum for NFPA training. The Inquest findings are used to generate recommendations to help improve public safety and prevent deaths in similar circumstances. PSHSA attended and will be continuing to work in collaboration with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Ministry of Labour Prevention Office and the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) to take all recommendations and outcomes of the Inquest into consideration as we continue to support the development of standardized curriculum for Fire Services across Ontario. By observing and contributing to the changes needed, PSHSA will work to model the core values of the fire service such as integrity, compassion, courage, teamwork, service and accountability.

**PSHSA is happy to announce that the Technical Rescuer Fundamental's course curriculum and materials are now available for ordering and use as part of your Regional Training Centre/Site or In House training programming.** This course is based on the Job Performance Requirements set out in NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications 2013, Chapter 5. This foundational course enables the participant to set up site operations for rescues; triage, move and stabilize victims for transfer to EMS; conduct ongoing inspection and maintenance of personal protective equipment and rescue equipment; explain the basic fundamentals of ropes and rigging; perform basic rope and rigging tasks.

The content within the course materials is 100% Canadian/Ontario content and includes both knowledge and skill assessments. We would like to thank Mississauga Fire for providing the Subject Matter Expertise to help build this content and Kitchener Fire for supporting the pilot of the course. During the pilot in October, all of the participants passed and were able to receive their qualification through AS&E testing. The course materials that are available include a full colour Participant Workbook, Instructor Manual and Facilitators Kit which includes all special resources required to deliver exercises and run practical skill evolutions. You can preview the participant workbook and instructor materials by visiting <http://www.pshsa.ca/nfpa/>

## **If you are a Regional Training Centre/Site or In House Training Partner that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding**

**You can order materials today.** You should have received an email from [OTP@PSHSA.ca](mailto:OTP@PSHSA.ca) outlining how you can set up your order site which provides all of the details about the course materials including descriptions and pricing for each component. If you have not received this email please contact [OTP@PSHSA.ca](mailto:OTP@PSHSA.ca) and we will be happy to help you with this.

The OAFC is also available to help you with your *Request for the Online Calendar Form* so that the training calendar functionality can continue to be built on the OAFC website. The form outlines the business

requirements for the build of the online registration process. If you require assistance with the form please contact Michelle O'Hara at [michelle.ohara@oafc.on.ca](mailto:michelle.ohara@oafc.on.ca) or 905-426-9865 x222.

### **If you would like to become a Regional Training Centre/Site or In House training Partner in order to use this Standardized Curriculum in your Training Program**

We look forward to helping you become part of this innovative partnership. This partnership is designed to reduce redundancy in training program develop and provide consistent, evidenced based materials for delivery at all Regional Training Centers/sites and Large Municipalities in the Ontario Fire Services. The benefits of becoming a partner include:

- High-quality, Canadian content based technical rescuer training curriculum materials that meet the job performance requirements set out in NFPA 1006 Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications Standard, 2017
- Printing of materials is provided using a cost recovery model
- Materials are maintained and updated annually using evidence based standardized product lifecycle maintenance processes
- The materials were developed by highly trained instructional design experts and fire service technical rescue experts from the Ontario Fire Service

If you are interested in having a conversation about becoming a regional training centre/site or in house training partner please contact Ron Kelusky at [rkelusky@pshsa.ca](mailto:rkelusky@pshsa.ca) or Monica Szabo, Executive Director at [mszabo@pshsa.ca](mailto:mszabo@pshsa.ca) and we would be happy to discuss this with you.

Please visit our website often as we will be launching additional courses in the Fall including Confined Space Rescue and Rope Rescue.

With Warm Regards,



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