

PA Joint Rescue Program Fact Sheet

Facts about the New PA Joint Rescue Program

The program now consists of two courses, Awareness level (NVRA) at 24 hours and Operations level (NVRO) at 20 hours. This new rescue curriculum is based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1670 and 1006 standards and has a published textbook and a student practical skills book to document activity within each level.

The student textbook is the Jones & Bartlett: "Vehicle Extrication: Levels I & II Principles and Practice". Students are required to have the book for class to read and study the information presented and do self assessments throughout the course. The course is designed so students receive the maximum hands-on training throughout the course. Course Minimum Standards on Accreditation (MSAs) can be accessed on the OFSC website at www.ofsc.pa.gov under the State Fire Academy Document Link.

EMS Continuing Education Credits

Both courses are approved for PA Department of Health EMS Continuing Education Credits.

NVRA—EMS course # 007878 1 hr .Med/Trauma and 23hrs. Other

NVRO—EMS course # 007879 17hrs. Med/Trauma and 3hrs. Other

Implementation of Program:

Program implementation begins January 1, 2016 which will allow currently enrolled students to complete and take the state rescue technician certification if they wish. There is no bridge course (program) between the current and the new program. Effective July 1, 2016, the older courses will no longer be scheduled.

State Certification—Vehicle Rescue Technician

State Vehicle Rescue Technician Certification can be taken at the conclusion of the NVRO course. Successful students will receive their State Vehicle Rescue Technician Certification certificate.

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Old Program	New Program
3 Courses = 48 hours	2 Courses = 44 hours
No Publisher supported textbook/instructional materials	Publisher supported Textbook and Instructional Materials
24 hours or less of practical lab total for all 3 courses	12 hrs. Practical Lab in Awareness Course 12 hrs. Practical Lab n Operations Course
No classroom activities	Classroom activities incorporated with lecture to reinforce educational concepts.
No Student Skills Book	Student Skills Book

