

## ACCEPTANCE OF THARRP TRAINING AGENCIES & COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

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**ADM 3**

- Purpose:** To provide consistent and fair credit for candidates/organizations with diverse but educationally equivalent backgrounds/training agencies through the recognition of previous certified training. (**Note:** This does not impact any current THARRP instructors.)
- Scope:** This covers the application of equivalencies within the framework of the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program required to complete the training to qualify as a Technical High Angle Rope and Tower Rescue Instructor. This also covers tower crane update training for funded instructors after they have completed 3 years in the THARR Program.
- Guidelines:** The following shall be used to determine the acceptability of training that would be viewed as relatively equivalent to courses within the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program.

### **Training Agencies**

The training shall have been provided by an agency that has been certified by the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Steering Committee, on an annual basis, that they provide Technical High Angle Rope and Tower Rescue training to the current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.

**Note:** The Fire Chief is responsible for ensuring all training agencies and their representatives, employees and contractors are registered with Work Safe BC.

### **For Acceptance of THARRP Training**

The Fire Chief will ensure that agencies delivering training meet current NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 Standards. **To submit prior training records, the fire department must log in to their THARRP Portal account, then navigate to Instructor management > Prior Training** and upload either a copy of the training certificate OR a filled-out *Fire Chief's Training Equivalency Sign-off Sheet* (See ADM3 pages 2 and 3) for review and acceptance by the *BCCSA THARR Program Representative*.

### **For Acceptance of Instructor Level Courses**

Instructors shall meet a minimum of NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications or other applicable training as accepted by the THARRP Steering Committee.

### **For Acceptance of Tower Crane Update Training**

Where a funded instructor has fulfilled their three year commitment **after completing training**, a department may elect to send the instructor to another Tower Crane training course for skills update.

**Update training is not mandatory.**

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Forms

- Fire Chief's Training Equivalency Sign-off Sheet

**TECHNICAL HIGH ANGLE ROPE RESCUE PROGRAM**  
**Fire Chief's Sign-off Sheet**

The following checklist must be completed by the Fire Chief who's Fire Department is funded by THARRP and submitted to the *BCCSA THARR Program Representative* with requests for reimbursement of training.

**NOTE: This checklist applies to training through qualified in-house trainers or third party training agencies as listed in TRG1 of these Standard Operating Procedures. Please check the appropriate box(s) as may apply in this circumstance. Please refer to ADM1 page 3 of 3 for training standards as per Minister's Order.**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**It is important to understand that as of January 2017, NFPA has introduced changes to its Standards including the addition of a Tower Rescue Chapter in NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications. Both NFPA 1670 & 1006 - 2017 Editions are now delineated as: Awareness, Operations and Technician Levels. THARRP students must be trained to NFPA 1670 & 1006-2017 Standards in Rope and Tower Rescue as per Minister's Order, in order to be reimbursed for training through the THARR Program.**

**NFPA 1670 - 2017 Edition**

Requirements for the Organization (fire department)

**ROPE RESCUE**

Awareness   
Operations   
Technician

**TOWER RESCUE**

Awareness   
Operations   
Technician

**NFPA 1006 - 2017 Edition**

Requirements for the Individual (firefighter)

**ROPE RESCUE**

Awareness   
Operations   
Technician

**TOWER RESCUE**

Awareness   
Operations   
Technician

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**Name of Training Agency**

**Fire Dept** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire Chief** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fire Chief** \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE) (PLEASE PRINT NAME)

***All Standard Operating Guidelines have been reviewed and approved by the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Steering Committee.***