



## **Job Performance Review**

## **ATFD Special Operations Group for Technical Rescue**

## **Individual Level Competency**

### **JPR Title**

ATFD Special Operations Group for Technical Rescue

### **JPR Number**

JPR-TR-13

### **Reference**

NFPA 1670 – Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents

NFPA 1006 – Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications

IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting

ATFD Standards of Cover and Risk Analysis

### **Performance Criteria**

Firefighter is able to articulate the organizational structure of the ATFD Special Operations Group for Technical Rescue and the general resources associated with this unit.

Firefighter is able to effectively communicate how this unit would deploy in support of the requesting agency as well as internally as a unit of the ATFD.

### **Time Parameters**

General communication based competency.

### **Safety Precautions**

N/A

### **Special Operations Group for Technical Rescue Overview**

The A.T.F.D. Special Operations Group is a unit within the Fire Department who have completed specialized training and developed competency to initiate operations for a technical rescue. These operations may involve confined space rescue operations, trench rescue operations, collapse, as well as vehicle and machinery rescue operations.

The members of this group are trained to the operations level as outlined in NFPA 1670 - Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents. Many members have also attained certification to NFPA 1006 – Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications.

The group leaders are currently identified as follows:

Mike Jones – Abington Fire Company

Keith Maslin – Weldon Fire Company

Richard Jones – Abington Fire Company

Kevin Johnson – Weldon Fire Company  
Jonathan Gerhard – Weldon Fire Company  
Mike Sabia – Abington Fire Company  
Chris Strange – Weldon Fire Company

Two Safety Officers have been identified to support the group as follows:

Jim Dougherty – Edge Hill Fire Company  
Bob Woodard – Abington Fire Company

**Equipment Cache:**

The equipment to support special operations and technical rescue oriented evolutions are carried on the following apparatus:

Rescue 300  
Special Operations 100 – Equipment Trailer  
Ladder 100  
Air 300  
Special Operations 101 – Support and Rehab Trailer

**Group Deployment:**

Upon request for deployment of the Special Operations Group, a township wide dispatch will be initiated by the Montgomery County Communications Center.

For an incident within Abington Township, the district company along with Rescue 300 will already be on the scene. An apparatus from each of the companies not yet involved will respond as a manpower resource and stage at the Abington Township Public Safety Training Facility to secure and engage the equipment trailer for response. Once fully staged and engaged with the trailer, the units will respond as a group to the scene.

For an incident located beyond Abington Township in which the Special Operations Group is requested, all apparatus will respond and stage at the Abington Township Public Safety Training Facility for a group response with the equipment trailer – Special Operations 100.

For certain types of incidents beyond Abington Township, it may be appropriate for Rescue 300 and Ladder 100 to respond directly to the scene versus staging at the training facility, such as a confined space rescue, as the necessary equipment for initiating such a rescue is carried on this apparatus. This decision is to be determined by the Team Leader in charge.

**Group Incident Management System:**

For any incident, the Special Operations Group will fall in to an operational sector of the incident scene and be accountable to the Incident Management System already established for the scene.

**Firehouse Software Evaluator Notes**

Link to “General Training in the Rescue Section” of FHS

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