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Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

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Course Title: Pennsylvania Basic Vehicle Rescue

Course Code: BVRC

Length of Course: 48 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 28/20

Prerequisites: None (Students must meet eligibility requirements as set by PSFA and PA Department of Health) **Minimum Age: 18 years as of opening day of class.**

Referenced Texts: "Pennsylvania Basic Vehicle Rescue" IG

Course Goal: This course will prepare a student to safely and successfully disentangle and remove a patient from a vehicle accident in such a manner as to facilitate the administration of proper pre-hospital emergency medical care.

Description of Course: This module contains all materials necessary to meet the needs of fire, rescue and ambulance services currently providing for vehicle rescue operations on our highways. While not teaching patient care, i.e. medical treatment, this program will provide those rescue personnel with no formal medical training with a strong orientation to patient related rescue. The Vehicle Rescue Training Module places emphasis upon the development of knowledge and skills to be used by rescue personnel to achieve a safe and efficient vehicle rescue operation.

Description of Methodology to be used: The Basic Vehicle Rescue Practices Module mixes classroom lectures, discussions and demonstrations with field demonstrations and hands-on training. Much of the course is devoted to closely supervised skill practice sessions and situational rescue problem solving which calls upon the student to apply classroom knowledge and field practiced skills to effect a wide variety of rescues. This course must be conducted and administered in compliance with the policies and procedures set forth by the State Fire Academy and Department of Health.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Students must equip themselves with personal protective equipment and other equipment as identified in the IG for Basic Vehicle Rescue

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: The requirements listed in the referenced text must be supplied and available.

Course Outline: The outline for this course shall be that contained in the referenced text and approved by the State Fire Academy and Department of Health for the training and certification of Basic Vehicle Rescue Technicians.

SPECIAL NOTES Minimum enrollment: 10 students; maximum enrollment: 30 students. Based on the Instructor Guide, completion of all practical skill objectives will require multiple skill practice stations, with few if any students "observing" or idle during the practical activity. Therefore, the student-instructor ratio of 5 to 1 must be maintained during all practical exercises ***based on the total student enrollment of the class.*** The equipment and facilities requirements in the Instructor guide are essential to completing the course objectives and ***must*** be supplied.

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Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): A written final exam and skills competency evaluation per the procedures specified by the referenced text, State Fire Academy and Department of Health, successful completion of which results in joint certification as a Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician by the State Fire Academy and Department of Health. The written examination must be administered by a representative of the ETA, the State Fire Academy, a Certification Field Test Site, or the State Health Department (including regional councils). Test proctor must *not* have been directly involved in instructing the course.

Course Objectives (specific): Objectives shall be those listed for each lesson in the Pennsylvania Basic Vehicle Rescue Curriculum..

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