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Course Title: Basic Rescue Practices (Dept. of Health) (DHBR)

Length of Course: 68 Hours

Lecture/Lab Breakdown: 24/44

Prerequisites: None (Student must meet eligibility requirements as set by PA Department of Health - see page 11 of Referenced Text)

Referenced Texts: "Basic Rescue Practices - Instructor Lesson Plans"; Highway Safety Center, School of Continuing Education, Indiana University of PA, 1983.

Course Goal: This course will give the student the knowledge and skills necessary, at the basic level, to function as a rescue squad member and to prepare the student for more advanced training modules.

Description of Course: The Basic Rescue Practices Module is part of a comprehensive rescue training program designed to prepare fire, rescue and emergency medical service personnel for the rigors of providing safe and efficient rescue operations in Pennsylvania. This module is designed as an entry level instructional unit which will introduce the student to the basic skills and knowledge required of the rescue service. The module stresses the importance of personal safety of the rescuer at all times.

Description of Methodology to be used: (Brief) The Basic Rescue Practices Module mixes classroom lectures, discussions and demonstrations with field demonstrations and hands-on training. To meet the needs of high skill proficiency on the part of the student, more than sixty percent (60%) 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 Rescue Co-ordinator's Office, PA Department of Health.

Student Equipment/Supply Needs: Students must equip themselves with personal protective equipment and other equipment as listed in pages 11-12 of the referenced text.

Equipment/Audiovisual/Supply requirements: The requirements listed on pages 15-21 of the referenced text must be supplied and available.

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

Competency Evaluation Mechanism (Brief description-attach copy): A written final exam and skills competency evaluation per the procedures specified by the referenced text, State Rescue Co-ordinator's Office and PA Department of Health, successful completion of which results in certification as a Basic Rescue Technician by the PA Department of Health.

Course Objectives (specific): Objectives shall be those listed for each lesson in the referenced text.