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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE  
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AGENCY: WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE COMMISSION TITLE NUMBER: 87

CITE AUTHORITY: 29-3-5

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 6

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICES

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

  
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICES**

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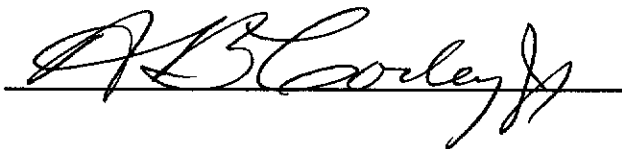
Rules  
Of the West Virginia  
State Fire Commission

Approved by Secretary, Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety



17 July 02  
Date

Approved by State Fire Commission



July 16, 2002  
Date

STATE FIRE COMMISSION  
1207 Quarrier Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Charleston, WV 25301

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule: Notice of Public Hearing or Comment Period; Proposed Rule, and if needed, Emergency and Modified Rule.)*

DATE: July 16, 2002

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No ) West Virginia State Fire Commission  
1207 Quarrier Street, 2nd Floor  
Charleston, WV 25301  
304-558-2191

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: Fire Department Rescue Services

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation 29-3-5

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:  
May 6, 2002

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?  
Notice was sent to each individual fire department in the State per the attached listing  
Each fire department was also sent a copy of the "proposed rule" by Fire Service Extension  
Section of West Virginia University several months before the formal Public Hearing was held.  
Meetings were held at several locations throughout the State for input prior to the Commission  
directing the staff to file the proposed rule and hold a public hearing.

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) *or* Public Comment Period ended:  
June 7, 2002

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

Attached XXXXXXX No comments received \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Date you filed in State Register the agency approved proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing: (be exact)

July 19, 2002

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- f. **Name, title, address and phone/fax/e-mail numbers** of agency person(s) to receive all *written correspondence* regarding this rule: (Please type)

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- g. **IF DIFFERENT FROM ITEM 'f'**, please give **Name, title, address and phone number(s)** of agency person(s) who wrote and/or has responsibility for the contents of this rule: (Please type)

James L. Oldaker, State Fire Commissioner

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3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation:

- a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided.

May 6, 2002

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to receive any comments with regard to the contents of the rule and if the rule should be promulgated by the Fire Commission

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b. Date of hearing or comment period:

June 7, 2002

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor?

July 19, 2002

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons:

Attached public hearing transcript, list of those who attended, response to commer

**Brief Summary of the Proposed Rule:**

These rules identify different types and kinds of rescue services that may be provided by fire departments, define recognized levels of rescue service, and require certain types of training for firefighters in fire departments who choose to perform any or all of the types and kinds of rescue services described herein. Additionally, these rules require departments who choose to perform rescue services to notify the WV State Fire Commission of the type and level of rescue service they elect to provide. Finally, these rules provide dates upon which the training requirements must be met for those fire departments that elect to perform rescue of any type.

**Statement of Circumstances which require this Rule:**

In the WV Fire Prevention and Control Act (§29-3-1), the West Virginia Legislature found that (a) A significant part of the population of this state needs improved fire prevention and control; (b) The establishment and maintenance of a coordination program for fire prevention and control for the entire state is necessary to promulgate the safety and well-being of the citizens and residents of this state; (c) Adequate fire prevention and control are not likely to become a reality unless certain administrative functions and procedures are enacted by law; and (d) Fire prevention and control are a public purpose and a responsibility of government for which public money may be spent.

The WV State Fire Commission, in carrying out its legislated duties recognizes that improved fire prevention and control also includes services provided by fire departments in their response to assist citizens of West Virginia. Finding that a significant number of rescues of state citizens were and are performed by fire departments under the control of the State Fire Commission and that there existed neither regulations to prescribe the types and kinds of rescues to performed by fire departments within the state nor to prescribe the minimum levels of training required of fire departments performing those rescues, the Fire Commission developed these rules to meet the recognized deficiencies. Accordingly, these rules are proposed under the Fire Commission's legislated authority to promulgate rules for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code.

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APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICES

Type of Rule: XXXX Legislative    \_\_\_\_\_ Interpretive    \_\_\_\_\_ Procedural

Agency: WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE COMMISSION

Address: 1207 QUARRIER STREET, SECOND FLOOR, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
25301

1. Effect of Proposed rule:

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</b>	65000		68000	72000	77000
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	30000		33000	35000	38000
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	25000		25000	25000	25000
<b>REPAIRS &amp; ALTERATIONS</b>					
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>					
<b>OTHER</b>	10000		10000	12000	14000

2. Explanation of Above Estimates:  
cost for one position to implement this rule and assure compliance by the 400 plus fire department in the state

3. Objectives of These Rules:  
Rule is intended to insure adequate provisions of fire department rescue services to the citizens of West Virginia; to meet the needs and goals set out in WV Code 29-3-2; and to provide clear direction to the fire departments in West Virginia

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4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

- A. Economic Impact on State Government:  
Costs as previously identified with no identifiable source of revenue to cover the costs except of that received from General Revenue appropriations.
  
- B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens: Presume that in order to meet the requirements there will be necessary expenses involved for training, equipment, etc by each individual department
  
- C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.  
As the level of service is raised to meet the requirements, it could be expected that funds would have to be obtained by the departments through local taxes, fees, levies, donations, etc.

Date: 2 MAY 2002

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative:



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**Title 87**  
**West Virginia State Fire Commission Legislative Rules**  
**Series 6**  
**Fire Department Rescue Services**

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§ 1. General.

1.1. Scope.-- This rule is intended to insure adequate provision of fire department rescue services to the citizens of West Virginia; to meet the needs and goals set out in W.Va. Code § 29-3-2; and to provide clear direction to fire department rescue services in West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code § 29-3-5.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5. Applicability. -- This rule applies to all persons or entities and recognized as a fire department by the West Virginia state fire commission. Nothing in this rule shall require a fire department to provide rescue services as part of its mission. However, fire departments choosing to provide any or all forms of rescue identified in this rule shall choose the level of service to be provided by their organization and shall report their choice to the West Virginia state fire commission as prescribed by this rule.

1.6. Enforcement. -- This rule is enforced by the West Virginia State Fire Commission through the West Virginia State Fire Marshal.

§ 2. Definitions.

2.1. Emergency Medical Service (EMS). -- The organization(s) responsible for the care and transport of sick and injured persons to an appropriate emergency care facility.

2.2. Extrication. -- The removal of trapped victims from a vehicle or machinery.

2.3. Fire Department Rescue Service. -- The fire department rescue team designated to rescue victims from physical danger.

2.4. Incident Command System (ICS). -- The combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure with responsibility for the management of assigned resources to effectively accomplish stated objectives pertaining to an incident or training exercise.

2.5. Medical Surveillance. -- The regular and periodic taking and recording of rescue team members= vital signs (temperature, pulse, blood pressure, respirations) prior to, during, and following a rescue activity.

2.5. Rapid Intervention Team. -- At least two members available for rescue of a member or a team if the need arises.

2.6. Recovery. -- Activities and programs designed to return the entity to an acceptable condition.

2.7. Recovery Mode. -- Level of operational urgency where there is no chance of rescuing a victim alive.

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2.8. Rescue. -- Those activities directed at locating endangered persons at an emergency incident, removing those persons from danger, treating the injured, and providing for transport to an appropriate health care facility.

2.9. Rescue Incident. -- An emergency incident that primarily involves the rescue of persons subject to physical danger and that could include the provision of emergency medical care, but not necessarily.

### § 3. Minimum Requirements for Fire Department Rescue Services.

3.1. Minimum requirements. - - All fire department rescue services shall meet the following minimum requirements:

3.1.a. Each member of the rescue service shall be provided with, and trained to use properly, the personal protective equipment and rescue equipment necessary for making rescues from positions of danger according to his or her designated level of competency;

3.1.b. Each member of the rescue service shall be trained to perform the assigned rescue duties corresponding to his or her designated level of competency;

3.1.c. Each member of the rescue service shall practice making rescues by means of simulated rescue operations in which they remove dummies, mannequins, or persons from actual or representative dangerous locations;

3.1.d. Each member of the rescue service shall be certified in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or other equivalent course of study;

3.1.e. The rescue service shall be capable of responding in a timely manner to a rescue summons;

3.1.f. Each member of the rescue service shall be properly equipped, trained, and capable of functioning appropriately to perform rescues within the area for which they are responsible at their designated level of competency; and

3.1.g. Each member of the rescue service shall be aware of the hazards they could confront when called on to perform rescue within the area for which they are responsible;

3.2. Responsibility. -- The fire department shall establish levels of operational capability needed to conduct operations at technical rescue incidents safely and effectively based on hazard analysis, risk assessment, training level of personnel, and availability of internal and external resources.

3.3. Operational Levels. - - The fire department shall establish written standard operating procedures consistent with one of the following operational levels:

3.3.a. Awareness. This level represents the minimum capability of a responder who, in the course of his or her regular job duties, could be called upon to respond to, or could be the first on the scene of, a technical rescue incident. This level can involve search, rescue, and recovery operations. Members of a team at this level are generally not considered rescuers;

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3.3.b. Operations. This level represents the capability of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to safely and effectively support and participate in a technical rescue incident. This level can involve search, rescue, and recovery operations, but usually operations are carried out under the supervision of technician-level personnel; or

3.3.c. Technician. This level represents the capability of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to safely and effectively coordinate, perform, and supervise a technical rescue incident. This level can involve search, rescue, and recovery operations.

3.4. Operational Procedures. - - The fire department shall establish operational procedures to ensure that technical rescue operations are performed in a safe manner consistent with the identified level of operational capability. Additionally, the same techniques used in a rescue operation shall be considered appropriate for training, body recovery, evidence search, and other operations with a level of urgency commensurate with the risk/benefit analysis.

3.4.a. Operational Limitations. - - Operational procedures shall not exceed the identified level of capability established in 3.3.

3.4.b. Medical Care. - - Medical care shall be provided for victims of rescue operations once removed from the hazard area and shall be, as a minimum, at the basic life support (BLS) level.

3.5. Minimum Training. - - The fire department shall provide for training in the responsibilities that are commensurate with the identified operational capability of each member. The minimum training for all rescue service members shall be at the awareness level. Members expected to perform at a higher operational level shall be trained to that level.

3.6 Continuing Education. - - The fire department shall provide for the necessary continuing education to maintain all requirements of the organization's identified level of capability.

3.7. Documentation. - - The fire department shall be responsible for the documentation of all required training. This documentation shall be maintained and available for inspection by the West Virginia State Fire Commission, the West Virginia State Fire Marshal, or their authorized representatives, individual team members and their authorized representatives.

3.8. Specific Rescue Incident Requirements. - - Prior to operating at a technical rescue incident, an organization shall meet the requirements of this subsection along with one or more of the appropriate requirements in the remaining subsections for the specific technical rescue incident.

3.9. Evacuation of Endangered Rescuers. - - The fire department shall ensure that there is a standard operating procedure to evacuate members from an area and account for their safety when an imminent hazard condition is discovered. This procedure shall include a method to notify all members in the affected area immediately by any effective means including audible warning devices, visual signals, and radio signals.

3.10. Equipment.

3.10.a. Operational Equipment. - - The fire department shall ensure that equipment commensurate with the respective operational capabilities for safe and effective operations at technical rescue incidents and training exercises is provided.

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3.10.b. Training. -- Training shall be provided to ensure that all equipment is used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

3.10.c. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). -- The fire department shall ensure that the appropriate protective clothing and equipment to provide protection from those hazards to which personnel are exposed or could be exposed is provided. Such protective equipment shall be appropriate to the tasks that are expected to be performed during technical rescue incidents and training exercises.

3.10.c.1. Personnel shall be trained in the care, use, inspection, maintenance, and limitations of the protective clothing and equipment assigned or available for their use.

3.10.c.2. The fire department shall ensure that all personnel wear and use appropriate personal protective equipment while working in known or suspected hazardous areas during technical rescue incidents and training exercises.

3.10.c.3. The fire department shall ensure that fresh-air breathing apparatus in the form of supplied air respirators or self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) are available when required for technical rescue operations. All apparatus shall be worn in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. An adequate supply source providing a minimum of Grade D breathing air shall be provided for all fresh-air breathing apparatus. Supplied air respirators shall be used in conjunction with a self-contained breathing air supply capable of providing enough air for egress in the event of a primary air supply failure.

### 3.11. Safety.

3.11.a. All personnel shall receive training related to the hazards and risks associated with technical rescue operations.

3.11.b. All personnel shall receive training for conducting rescue operations in a safe and effective manner while using appropriate PPE.

3.11.c. Where members are operating in positions or performing functions at an incident or training exercise that pose a high potential risk for injury, members qualified in basic life support shall be standing by.

3.11.d. Safety Officer. -- At technical rescue training exercises and in actual operations, the incident commander shall assign a safety officer with the specific knowledge and responsibility for the identification, the evaluation, and, when possible, the correction of hazardous conditions and unsafe practices. The safety officer shall be readily identifiable at all incidents.

### 3.12. Incident Management System.

3.12.a. The fire department shall utilize an incident management system when involved in emergency operations. All members involved in emergency operations shall be familiar with the system.

3.12.b. The fire department shall utilize an incident personnel accountability system.

## § 4. Rescue Categories and Operational Levels.

4.1. Structural Collapse. -- Organizations operating at structural collapse incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

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4.1.a. Awareness-level functions at structural collapse incidents. -- Functions at this level shall include the following:

4.1.a.1. Size-up of existing and potential conditions at structural collapse incidents;

4.1.a.2. Identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective structural collapse search and rescue operations;

4.1.a.3. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out the emergency response system for structural collapse incidents;

4.1.a.4. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out site control and scene management;

4.1.a.5. Recognition of general hazards associated with structural collapse incidents including the recognition of applicable construction types and categories and the expected behaviors of components and materials in a structural collapse;

4.1.a.6. Identification of five types of collapse patterns and potential victim locations;

4.1.a.7. Recognition of the potential for secondary collapse;

4.1.a.8. Development and implementation of procedures for conducting visual and verbal searches at structural collapse incidents, while using appropriate methods for the specific type of collapse;

4.1.a.9. Development and implementation of procedures for the recognition and implementation of the FEMA Task Force Search and Rescue Marking System, Building Marking System (structure/hazard evaluation), and Structure Marking System (structure identification within a geographic area); and

4.1.a.10. Development and implementation of procedures for the removal of readily accessible victims from structural collapse incidents;

4.1.b. Operations. -- Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all awareness-level requirements specified in section 4.1.a. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate safely and effectively at structural collapse incidents involving the collapse or failure of light-frame ordinary construction and unreinforced and reinforced masonry construction.

4.1.b.1. Operations-level functions at structural collapse incidents for light-frame ordinary construction and reinforced and unreinforced masonry construction shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.1.b.1.a. Procedures for recognizing unique collapse or failure hazards;

4.1.b.1.b. Procedures for search operations intended to locate victims trapped inside and beneath collapse debris;

4.1.b.1.c. Procedures for accessing victims trapped inside and beneath collapse debris;

4.1.b.1.d. Procedures for performing extrication operations involving packaging, treating, and removing victims trapped within and beneath collapse debris; and

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### 4.1.b.1.e. Procedures for stabilizing the structure.

4.1.c. Technician. -- Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.1.a and 4.1.b. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate safely and effectively at structural collapse incidents involving the collapse or failure of concrete tilt-up, reinforced concrete, and steel construction.

4.1.c.1. Technician-level functions at structural collapse incidents for concrete tilt-up, reinforced concrete, and steel construction shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.1.c.1.a. Procedures for recognizing unique collapse or failure hazards;

4.1.c.1.b. Procedures for search operations intended to locate victims trapped inside and beneath collapse debris;

4.1.c.1.c. Procedures for accessing victims trapped inside and beneath collapse debris;

4.1.c.1.d. Procedures for performing extrication operations involving packaging, treating, and removing victims trapped within and beneath collapse debris; and

4.1.c.1.e. Procedures for stabilizing the structure.

4.2. Rope Rescue. -- Organizations operating at rope rescue incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this regulation.

4.2.1. Awareness. -- Awareness-level functions shall include the following:

4.2.1.a. Size-up of existing and potential conditions where rope rescue operations will be performed;

4.2.1.b. Identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective rope rescue operations;

4.2.1.c. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out the emergency response system where rescue is required;

4.2.1.d. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out site control and scene management;

4.2.1.e. Recognition of general hazards associated with rope rescue and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general rescue area; and

4.2.1.f. Development and implementation of procedures for the identification and utilization of personal protective equipment assigned for use at a rope rescue incident.

4.2.2. Operations. -- Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all requirements specified in sections 4.2.1.

4.2.2.a. Operations-level functions shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.2.2.a.1. Procedures for the selection, construction, and use of rope-based mechanical advantage systems;

4.2.2.a.2. Procedures for establishing the need, selecting the proper equipment, and placing edge protection;

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4.2.2.a.3. Procedures for the safe construction and use of single-point and multipoint anchor systems within the scope of the organization's training;

4.2.2.a.4. Procedures for the safe selection, construction, and use of an appropriate belay system;

4.2.2.a.5. Procedures for selection, construction, and use of a lowering system within the scope of the organization's training;

4.2.2.a.6. Procedures for properly tying any knots used by the rope rescue team;

4.2.2.a.7. Procedures for assuring safety in rope rescue operations;

4.2.2.a.8. Procedures for appropriately packaging a patient in a litter;

4.2.2.a.9. Procedures for the selection, use, and maintenance of proper rope rescue equipment and rope rescue systems;

4.2.2.a.10. Procedures for selection, construction, and use of a raising system in the low-angle environment;

4.2.2.a.11. Procedures for safely ascending and descending a fixed rope within the scope of the organization's training; and

4.2.2.a.12. Procedures for using litter attendants in the low-angle environment.

4.2.3. Technician. -- Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet all requirements specified in sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2. Technician-level functions shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.2.3.a. Procedures for the safe construction and use of load distributing anchor systems;

4.2.3.b. Procedures for the selection, construction, and use of a high-line rope system within the scope of the organization's training;

4.2.3.c. Procedures for the selection, construction, and use of a rope-based raising system in a high-angle environment within the scope of the organization's training;

4.2.3.d. Procedures for passing knots through a rope rescue system; and

4.2.3.e. Procedures for using litter attendants in the high-angle environment.

4.3. Confined Space. -- Organizations operating at confined space incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this regulation.

4.3.1. Awareness. -- Organizations operating at the awareness level shall be responsible for performing certain nonentry rescue (retrieval) operations. Awareness-level functions for confined space rescue incidents shall include the following:

4.3.1.a. Size-up of existing and potential conditions;

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- 4.3.1.b. Initiation of contact and establishment of communications with victims where possible;
- 4.3.1.c. Recognition and identification of the hazards associated with nonentry confined space emergencies;
- 4.3.1.d. Recognition of confined spaces;
- 4.3.1.e. Procedures to perform a nonentry retrieval;
- 4.3.1.f. Procedures for implementing the emergency response system for confined space emergencies; and
- 4.3.1.g. Procedures for implementing site control and scene management.

4.3.2. Operations. -- Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.3.1. The organization at this level shall be responsible for the development and training of a confined space rescue team consistent with the requirements of this section. Operations-level functions for confined space rescue operations shall include the following:

- 4.3.2.a. Procedures for protecting personnel from hazards within the confined space;
- 4.3.2.b. Continued size-up of existing and potential conditions;
- 4.3.2.c. Procedures for assuring that personnel are capable of appropriately managing the physical and psychological challenges that effect rescuers entering confined spaces;
- 4.3.2.d. Identification of the duties of the rescue entrant(s) and back-up rescue entrant(s), rescue attendant, and rescue team leader;
- 4.3.2.e. Procedures to monitor continuously, or at frequent intervals, the atmosphere in all parts of the space to be entered and to monitor for, in the following order, oxygen content, flammability (LEL/ LFL), and toxicity;
- 4.3.2.f. Procedures for entry-type rescues into confined spaces meeting all of the following specific qualifying characteristics:
  - 4.3.2.f.1. The internal configuration of the space is clear and unobstructed so retrieval systems can be utilized for rescuers without possibility of entanglement;
  - 4.3.2.f.2. The victim can be easily seen from the outside of the space's primary access opening;
  - 4.3.2.f.3. Rescuers can pass easily through the access/egress opening(s) with room to spare when PPE is worn in the manner recommended by the manufacturer;
  - 4.3.2.f.4. The space can accommodate two or more rescuers in addition to the victim; and
  - 4.3.2.f.5. All hazards in and around the confined space have been identified, isolated, and controlled.

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4.3.2.g. Procedures for the safe and effective use of victim packaging devices that could be employed in confined space rescue;

4.3.2.h. Procedures for the transfer of victim information including location, surroundings, condition when found, present condition, and other information pertinent to emergency medical services ;

4.3.2.i. Procedures for planning and implementing an appropriate confined space rescue operation; and

4.3.2.j. Procedures for selection, construction, and use of a rope lowering and raising system in the high-angle environment.

4.3.3. Technician. Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2. The organization at this level shall be responsible for the development and training of a confined space rescue team consistent with the requirements of this section. Technician-level functions for confined space rescue operations shall include the following:

4.3.3.a. Continued size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.3.3.b. Procedures to assure that rescue team members shall take part in a medical surveillance program;

4.3.3.c. Planning response for entry-type confined space rescues in hazardous environments; and

4.3.3.d. Implementation of the planned response.

4.4. Vehicle and Machinery. -- Organizations operating at vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this regulation.

4.4.1. Awareness. -- Awareness-level functions at vehicle and machinery rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.4.1.a. Procedures to conduct a size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.4.1.b. Procedures for the identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective operations;

4.4.1.c. Procedures for implementing the emergency response system for vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents;

4.4.1.d. Procedures for implementing site control and scene management;

4.4.1.e. Recognition of general hazards associated with vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents; and

4.4.1.f. Procedures for the initiation of traffic control.

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4.4.2. Operations. -- Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all the requirements specified in sections 4.4.1. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate safely and effectively at incidents involving persons injured or entrapped in a vehicle or machinery. Operations-level functions at vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

- 4.4.2.a. Procedures to identify probable victim locations and survivability;
- 4.4.2.b. Procedures for making the rescue area safe, including the stabilization and isolation (e.g., lockout/tagout) of all vehicles and/or machinery;
- 4.4.2.c. Procedures to identify, contain, and stop fuel release;
- 4.4.2.d. Procedures for the protection of a victim during extrication/disentanglement;
- 4.4.2.e. Procedures for the packaging of a victim prior to extrication and/or disentanglement;
- 4.4.2.f. Procedures for accessing victims trapped in a vehicle and/or machinery;
- 4.4.2.g. Procedures for performing extrication and disentanglement operations involving packaging, treating, and removing victims trapped in vehicles and/or machinery through the use of hand tools;
- 4.4.2.h. Procedures for the mitigation and management of general and specific hazards (i.e., fires and explosions) associated with vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents;
- 4.4.2.i. Procedures for the procurement and utilization of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective vehicle and/or machinery rescue operations; and
- 4.4.2.j. Procedures for maintaining control of traffic at the scene of vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents.

4.4.3. Technician. -- Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet all the requirements specified in sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate and effectively supervise at vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents. Technician-level functions at vehicle and/or machinery rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

- 4.4.3.a. Procedures for performing extrication and disentanglement operations involving packaging, treating, and removing victims injured and/or trapped in large/heavy vehicles and/or machinery;
- 4.4.3.b. Procedures for the advanced stabilization of unusual vehicle and machinery rescue situations; and
- 4.4.3.c. Procedures for the use of all specialized rescue equipment immediately available and in use by the organization.

4.5. Water Rescue. -- Organizations operating at water incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this regulation.

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4.5.1. Awareness. -- Organizations operating at the awareness level shall meet all the requirements in section 4.5.1. Awareness-level functions at water incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

- 4.5.1.a. Procedures for implementing the assessment phase;
- 4.5.1.b. Procedures for size-up of existing and potential conditions;
- 4.5.1.c. Procedures for the identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective water operations;
- 4.5.1.d. Procedures for implementing the emergency response system for water incidents;
- 4.5.1.e. Procedures for implementing site control and scene management;
- 4.5.1.f. Procedures for recognition of general hazards associated with water incidents and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general rescue area; and
- 4.5.1.g. Procedures to determine rescue versus body recovery.

4.5.2. Operations. -- Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all the requirements specified in section 4.5.1. For the purposes of this regulation, there shall be three separate water-related disciplines for the operations level: dive, ice, and swift water. Organizations operating at the operations level of one or more specific disciplines shall meet the appropriate requirements of this regulation as they relate to the specific discipline as well as the specific requirements of that discipline.

4.5.2.a. For personnel operating in the hazard zone, the minimum personal protective equipment (PPE) provided shall include the following:

- 4.5.2.a.1. Personal flotation device (PFD);
- 4.5.2.a.2. Thermal protection;
- 4.5.2.a.3. Helmet appropriate for water rescue;
- 4.5.2.a.4. Cutting device;
- 4.5.2.a.5. Whistle; and
- 4.5.2.a.6. Contamination protection (as needed).

4.5.2.b. Operations-level functions at all water incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

- 4.5.2.b.1. Procedures to insure personal safety at water operations;
- 4.5.2.b.2. Procedures to assess water conditions in terms of hazards to the victim and rescuer;

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- 4.5.2.b.3. Procedures to separate, isolate, secure, and interview witnesses;
  - 4.5.2.b.4. Procedures to determine the method of victim entrapment;
  - 4.5.2.b.5. Procedures to evaluate the progress of the planned response to ensure the objectives are being met safely, effectively, and efficiently;
  - 4.5.2.b.6. Procedures to safely and effectively conduct shore-based rescue operations;
  - 4.5.2.b.7. Procedures using throw bags;
  - 4.5.2.b.8. Procedures to supply assistance with rigging and mechanical advantage systems to technician-level personnel;
  - 4.5.2.b.9. Procedures to deploy, operate, and recover any watercraft used by the organization;
  - 4.5.2.b.10. Procedures for survival swimming and self-rescue;
  - 4.5.2.b.11. Procedures for identifying and managing heat and cold stress to the rescuer while utilizing PPE;
  - 4.5.2.b.12. Procedures for the safe and effective use of victim packaging devices that could be employed by the organization for water rescue;
  - 4.5.2.b.13. Procedures for the transfer of victim information including location, surroundings, condition when found, present condition, and other information pertinent to emergency medical services;
  - 4.5.2.b.14. Procedures for boat-assisted and boat-based operations if boats are used by the organization;
  - 4.5.2.b.15. A plan to meet operational objectives;
  - 4.5.2.b.16. Procedures for rapid extrication of accessible victims; and
  - 4.5.2.b.17. Procedures for surface water-based search operations.
- 4.5.2.c. Dive. Operations-level functions at dive incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:
- 4.5.2.c.1. Procedures for the recognition of the unique hazards associated with dive operations;
  - 4.5.2.c.2. Procedures for serving as surface support personnel;
  - 4.5.2.c.3. Procedures for the identification of water characteristics;
  - 4.5.2.c.4. Procedures for the operation of surface support equipment used in water operations;
  - 4.5.2.c.5. Procedures for procuring the necessary equipment to perform dive operations;

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4.5.2.c.6. Procedures for the safe entry and recovery of divers from the water; and

4.5.2.c.7. Procedures for participating in safe dive operations in any climate the organization can encounter.

4.5.2.d. Ice. Operations-level functions at ice rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.5.2.d.1. Procedures for the recognition of the unique hazards associated with ice rescue operations;

4.5.2.d.2. Procedures for the identification of water and ice characteristics;

4.5.2.d.3. Procedures for the operation of surface support equipment used in water/ice rescue operations;

4.5.2.d.4. Procedures for procuring the necessary equipment to perform ice rescue operations;

4.5.2.d.5. Procedures to recognize and deal with a victim's hypothermia; and

4.5.2.d.6. Procedures for the safe entry of divers into the water through an ice hole, if ice diving is performed by the organization.

4.5.2.e. Swift Water. Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all the operations-level requirements specified in section 3 of this standard. Operations-level functions at swift water rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.5.2.e.1. Procedures to assess moving water conditions, characteristics, and features in terms of hazards to the victim and rescuer;

4.5.2.e.2. Procedures to determine the method of victim entrapment;

4.5.2.e.3. Procedures for using tag lines and tension diagonals (zip lines); and

4.5.2.e.4. Procedures for self-rescue and survival swimming in swift water.

4.5.3. Technician. - - Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet all the requirements specified in 4.5.1 through 4.5.2. Organizations operating at the technician level of one or more specific disciplines shall meet the requirements as they relate to the specific discipline as well as the specific requirements of that discipline.

4.5.3.a. Personnel operating within an organization at the technician level shall possess a level of skill and comfort appropriate to the required task.

4.5.3.b. Technician-level functions at all water rescues shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.5.3.b.1. Procedures required to plan a response within the capabilities of available resources;

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4.5.3.b.2. Procedures to implement a planned response consistent with the organization's capabilities;

4.5.3.b.3. Procedures for conducting both boat-assisted and boat-based rescues; and

4.5.3.b.4. Procedures to conduct an Ago@ rescue.

4.5.3.c. Technician level dive rescue. At the entry level and for any specialties utilized by an organization at the technician level, the department shall ensure provision of certification by a nationally recognized dive training agency. The curriculum for such certification shall be oriented toward the needs and operational requirements of public safety diving.

4.5.3.c.1. Annual fundamental SCUBA skill reviews shall be conducted to maintain public safety diver capability.

4.5.3.c.2. Technician-level functions at dive incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.5.3.c.2.a. Procedures for skin and SCUBA diving, including the use of any associated equipment;

4.5.3.c.2.b. Procedures for the application of physics and physiology as they relate to the underwater environment;

4.5.3.c.2.c. Procedures for the safe use of dive tables;

4.5.3.c.2.d. Procedures for dealing with the various underwater environments with which the rescue diver could come into contact;

4.5.3.c.2.e. Procedures for avoiding and dealing with underwater plants and animals;

4.5.3.c.2.f. Procedures for the safe conduct and supervision of dive operations;

4.5.3.c.2.g. Procedures for the use of relevant search theory and techniques;

4.5.3.c.2.h. Procedures for the identification and management of dive-related maladies including air embolism and decompression sickness;

4.5.3.c.2.i. Procedures for recognizing and managing the impact of near-drowning in cold water; and

4.5.3.c.2.j. Procedures for effective underwater communication.

4.5.3.d. Technician Level Ice Rescue. Technician-level functions at ice rescue incidents shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.5.3.d.1. Procedures for self-rescue unique to ice rescue;

4.5.3.d.2. Procedures for reach, throw, row, and go technique rescues unique to ice rescue; and

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4.5.3.d.3. Procedures for the use of watercraft, specialty craft, and specialty equipment unique to ice rescue.

4.5.3.e. Technician Level Swift Water Rescue. Technician-level functions at swift water rescues shall include the development and implementation of procedures for the application of rope rescue techniques in the swift water environment.

4.6. Lost Person Search and Rescue. Organizations operating at lost person search and rescue incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

4.6.1. Fire departments involved in a lost person search shall evaluate the effects of severe weather, extreme heights, difficult terrain, high-altitude operations, and other difficult conditions to determine whether their present training program has prepared the organization to operate safely.

4.6.2. Awareness. Members of organizations at the awareness level shall be permitted to assist in support functions on a lost person search and rescue operation but shall not be deployed into the wilderness.

4.6.2.a. Awareness-level functions at a lost person incident shall include the following:

4.6.2.a.1. Conducting a size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.6.2.a.2. Developing and implementing procedures for implementing the emergency response system for search and rescue;

4.6.2.a.3. Implementing site control and scene management;

4.6.2.a.4. Recognizing the general hazards associated with lost person search and rescue incidents;

4.6.2.a.5. Recognizing the type of terrain involved in lost person search and rescue incidents;

4.6.2.a.6. Recognizing the limitations of conventional emergency response skills and equipment in various lost person environments;

4.6.2.a.7. Initiating the collection and recording of information necessary to assist operational personnel in a lost person search and rescue; and

4.6.2.a.8. Identifying and isolating the reporting party(s) and witnesses.

4.6.2.b. Operations. Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet the requirements of section 4.6.1. Additionally, organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

4.6.2.b.1. Operations-level functions shall be under the supervision of personnel from technician-level organizations. The fire department shall establish standard operating procedures that identify the specific environments in which operations-level personnel can safely operate. Outside of these specific environments, personnel from technician-level organizations or special resources shall be utilized.

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4.6.2.b.2. Operations-level functions at a lost person incident shall include the following:

4.6.2.b.2.a. Request of and interface with lost person search and rescue resources;

4.6.2.b.2.b. Provision of the specialized medical care that is unique to the lost person environment;

4.6.2.b.2.c. Personal survival, body management, and preparedness for the specific lost person environments in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.b.2.d. Recognition of the need for, and procedures and equipment for the provision of, environmental protection through clothing systems appropriate for the specific lost person environments in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.b.2.e. Selection, care, and use of appropriately packed and carried personal medical and support equipment;

4.6.2.b.2.f. Ability to travel safely through various lost person environments in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.b.2.g. Land navigation techniques using map and compass as well as any methods of navigation and position reporting utilized by the responding organizations with which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.b.2.h. Procurement of any necessary maps and navigational and topographical information;

4.6.2.b.2.i. Modification of actions and urgency appropriately for a rescue versus a body recovery;

4.6.2.b.2.j. Acquisition of information on current and forecast weather including temperature, precipitation, and winds;

4.6.2.b.2.k. Participation in and support of lost person search operations intended to locate victims whose exact location is unknown;

4.6.2.b.2.l. Access to, as well as extrication of, victims in any specific lost person environments and terrain encountered in the response area;

4.6.2.b.2.m. Utilization, recognition, and identification of all rescue hardware and software used by the responding organizations with which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.b.2.n. Ability to work safely in and around any aircraft, watercraft, and special vehicles used for search and rescue operations; and

4.6.2.b.2.o. Recognition of the team's limitations regarding accessing and/or evacuating a victim.

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4.6.2.c. Technician. Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet the requirements of sections 4.6.2.a. and 4.6.2.b. Additionally, organizations operating at the technician level shall meet the requirements of section 3 of this rule.

4.6.2.c.1. Organizations operating at the technician level shall be capable of performing and supervising lost person technical rescue incidents that involve both search and rescue operations.

4.6.2.c.2. Fire department lost person search and rescue teams at the technician level shall not be required to specialize in all aspects of lost person rescue. The ability of the team to respond at the technician level in one aspect shall not imply the ability to respond at the technician level in all aspects of lost person rescue.

4.6.2.c.3. Technician-level functions at a lost person incident shall include the following:

4.6.2.c.3.a. Acquisition, utilization, and coordination of search and rescue resources with which the rescuer could become involved;

4.6.2.c.3.b. Development of or provision of input to necessary standard operating procedures for anticipated lost person responses;

4.6.2.c.3.c. Performance of search and rescue operations in all lost person search and rescue environments; and

4.6.2.c.3.d. Development of and implementation of an operational plan for search and rescue.

4.7. Trench and Excavation Rescue. Organizations operating at trench and excavation incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

4.7.1. The fire department shall evaluate the effects of severe weather, extremely hazardous trench or excavation situations, and other difficult conditions to determine whether their present training program has prepared the organization to operate safely.

4.7.2. Awareness. Awareness-level functions at trench and excavation emergencies shall include the following:

4.7.2.a. Size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.7.2.b. Identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective trench and excavation emergency operations;

4.7.2.c. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out the emergency response system for trench and excavation emergency incidents;

4.7.2.d. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out site control and scene management;

4.7.2.e. Recognition of general hazards associated with trench and excavation emergency incidents and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general rescue area;

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4.7.2.f. Recognition of typical trench and excavation collapse patterns, the reasons trenches and excavations collapse, and the potential for secondary collapse;

4.7.2.g. Development and implementation of procedures for making a rapid, nonentry extrication of noninjured or minimally injured victim(s); and

4.7.2.h. Recognition of the unique hazards associated with the weight of soil and its associated entrapping characteristics.

4.7.3. Operations. Organizations operating at the operations level shall meet all requirements specified in Section 4.7.2. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate safely and effectively at trench and excavation emergencies, including the collapse or failure of individual, nonintersecting trenches with an initial depth of 8 ft (2.44 m) or less where no severe environmental conditions exist, digging operations do not involve supplemental sheeting and shoring, and only traditional sheeting and shoring are used. Operations-level functions at trench and excavation emergencies shall include the following:

4.7.3.a. Development and implementation of procedures to make an entry into a trench or excavation rescue area;

4.7.3.b. Recognition of unstable areas associated with trench and excavation emergencies and adjacent structures;

4.7.3.c. Development and implementation of procedures to identify probable victim locations and survivability;

4.7.3.d. Development and implementation of procedures for making the rescue area safe, including the identification, construction, application, limitations, and removal of traditional sheeting and shoring using tabulated data and approved engineering practices;

4.7.3.e. Development and implementation of procedures for initiating a one-call utility location service;

4.7.3.f. Identification of soil types using accepted visual or manual tests;

4.7.3.g. Development and implementation of procedures to ventilate the trench or excavation space;

4.7.3.h. Identification and recognition of a bell-bottom excavation (pier hole) and its associated unique hazards;

4.7.3.i. Development and implementation of procedures for placing ground pads and protecting the Alip@ of a trench or excavation;

4.7.3.j. Development and implementation procedures to provide entry and egress paths for entry personnel;

4.7.3.k. Development and implementation procedures for conducting a pre-entry briefing;

4.7.3.l. Development and implementation procedures for record keeping and documentation during entry operations;

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4.7.3.m. Development and implementation of procedures for implementing and utilizing a rapid intervention team (RIT);

4.7.3.n. Development and implementation of procedures for the selection, utilization, and application of shield systems;

4.7.3.o. Development and implementation of procedures for the selection, utilization, and application of sloping and benching systems;

4.7.3.p. Identification of the duties of panel teams, entry teams, and shoring teams;

4.7.3.q. Development and implementation of procedures for assessing the mechanism of entrapment and the method of victim removal; and

4.7.3.r. Development and implementation of procedures for performing extrication.

4.7.4. Technician. Organizations operating at the technician level shall meet all requirements specified in sections 4.7.2 and 4.7.3. Additionally, members shall be capable of hazard recognition, equipment use, and techniques necessary to operate safely and effectively at trench and excavation emergencies, including the collapse or failure of individual or intersecting trenches with an initial depth of more than 8 ft (2.4 m) or where severe environmental conditions exist, digging operations involve supplemental sheeting and shoring, or manufactured trench boxes and/or isolation devices would be used. Technician-level functions at trench and excavation emergencies shall include the development and implementation of the following:

4.7.4.a. Procedures for the identification, construction, application, limitations, and removal of manufactured protective systems using tabulated data and approved engineering practices;

4.7.4.b. Procedures to continuously, or at frequent intervals, monitor the atmosphere in all parts of the trench to be entered. This monitoring shall be done, in the following order, for oxygen content, flammability (LEL/LFL), and toxicity;

4.7.4.c. Procedures for the identification, construction, application, limitations, and removal of supplemental sheeting and shoring systems designed to create approved protective systems;

4.7.4.d. Procedures for the adjustment of protective systems based on digging operations and environmental conditions; and

4.7.4.e. Procedures for rigging and placement of isolation systems.

4.8. Cave Rescue. Organizations operating at cave rescue incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

4.8.1. Fire departments involved in a cave rescue shall evaluate the effects of severe weather, extreme heights, difficult terrain, high-altitude operations, and other difficult conditions to determine whether their present training program has prepared the organization to operate safely.

4.8.2. Awareness. Members of organizations operating at the awareness level shall be permitted to assist in support functions on a cave rescue but shall not be deployed into the cave. Minimal training for members of organizations at the awareness level shall be the National Cave Rescue Commission Orientation to Cave Rescue Class or equivalent. Awareness-level functions at cave rescue emergencies shall include the following:

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4.8.2.a. Size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.8.2.b. Identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective cave rescue emergency operations;

4.8.2.c. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out the emergency response system for cave rescue emergency incidents;

4.8.2.d. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out site control and scene management;

4.8.2.e. Recognition of general hazards associated with cave rescue emergency incidents and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general rescue area;

4.8.2.f. Establishment of command and staging areas; and

4.8.2.g. Recognition of the type of cave and of the unique hazards associated with caves so as to identify the resources that may be required to perform a cave rescue.

4.8.3. Operations. Operations level functions shall be under the supervision of personnel from technician level organizations. The fire department shall establish standard operating procedures that identify the specific cave environments in which operations level personnel can operate safely. Outside of these specific environments, personnel from technician level organizations or special resources shall be utilized. Operations level functions shall include:

4.8.3.a. Procedures for protecting personnel from hazards within the cave;

4.8.3.b. Continued size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.8.3.c. Request of and interface with cave rescue resources;

4.8.3.d. Provision of the specialized medical care that is unique to the cave environment;

4.8.3.e. Personal survival, body management, and preparedness for the specific cave rescue incident in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.8.3.f. Recognition of the need for, and procedures and equipment for the provision of, environmental protection through clothing systems appropriate for the specific cave rescue incident in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.8.3.g. Selection, care, and use of appropriate personal equipment specific to the cave environment such as lighting systems, helmets, and single rope techniques equipment;

4.8.3.h. Ability to travel safely through various cave environments in which the rescuer could become involved;

4.8.3.i. Procurement of any necessary maps relevant to the specific cave rescue incident;

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4.8.3.j. Modifications of actions and urgency appropriate for a rescue versus a body recovery;

4.8.3.k. Acquisition of information on current and forecast weather and its potential effects on the cave rescue operations;

4.8.3.l. Participation in and support of cave rescue operations intended to locate victims whose exact location is unknown;

4.8.3.m. Utilization, recognition, and identification of all rescue hardware and software used by responding organizations with which the rescuer could become involved;

4.8.3.n. Ability to work and travel safely within a cave; and

4.8.3.o. Recognition of the team and rescuers limitations regarding accessing and/or evacuating a victim.

4.8.4. Technician. The organization at this level shall be responsible for the development and training of a cave rescue team consistent with the requirements of this section. Technician-level functions for cave rescue operations shall include the following:

4.8.4.a. Organizations operating at the technician level shall be capable of performing and supervising cave rescue incidents that involve both search and rescue operations.

4.8.4.b. Fire department cave rescue teams at the technician level shall not be required to specialize in all aspects of cave rescue. The ability of the team to respond at the technician level in one aspect shall not imply the ability to respond at the technician level in all aspects of cave rescue.

4.8.4.c. Acquisition, utilization, and coordination of cave rescue resources with which the rescuer could become involved; and

4.8.4.d. Development of and implementation of an operational plan for cave rescue incidents.

4.9. Mine Rescue. Organizations operating at mine rescue incidents shall meet all the requirements specified in section 3 of this rule.

4.9.1. Fire departments involved in a mine rescue shall evaluate the effects of severe weather, extreme heights, difficult terrain, high-altitude operations, and other difficult conditions to determine whether their present training program has prepared the organization to operate safely.

4.9.2. Awareness. Awareness-level functions at mine rescue emergencies shall include the following:

4.9.2.a. Size-up of existing and potential conditions;

4.9.2.b. Identification of the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective mine rescue emergency operations in conjunction with appropriate mining industry and state and federal regulatory agencies;

4.9.2.c. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out the emergency response system for mine rescue emergency incidents;

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4.9.2.d. Development and implementation of procedures for carrying out site control and scene management;

4.9.2.e. Recognition of general hazards associated with mine rescue emergency incidents and the procedures necessary to mitigate these hazards within the general rescue area;

4.9.2.f. Procedures to perform a nonentry retrieval; and

4.9.2.g. Recognition of the unique hazards associated with mines.

4.9.3. Operations and Technician-level functions are those in which a fire department mine rescue team would be expected to conduct any operations beyond the mine opening. Only departments trained in accordance with rules and regulations of and certified by the West Virginia department of miner health and safety and the United States mine safety and health administration may conduct interior mine rescue operations. All departments operating at these levels at mine rescue incidents may only do so after obtaining the applicable certifications issued by the appropriate agency or agencies.

§ 5. Required Training for Rescue Activities. -- The West Virginia State Fire Commission shall be the Authority Having Jurisdiction for the approval and recognition of all Fire Department rescue training and services.

- 5.1 Fire departments may perform rescue services as stipulated in this rule ONLY if their training has been approved by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.2 All current/accumulated training up to and including the operational level will be considered for validation/recognition/approval by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.3 Instructors providing training for fire department rescue services shall be approved by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.4 All rescue training offered by any entity not currently recognized and approved to do so shall be evaluated, at their request, by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee for possible recognition and approval.

§ 6. Implementation. The different levels of rescue operations identified by this rule shall become effective as follows:

6.1. Departments performing rescue at an Awareness level shall have two years from the effective date of this rule to fully meet the requirements of that level of operation;

6.2. Departments performing rescue at an Operations level shall have four years from the effective date of this rule to fully meet the requirements of that level of operation;

6.3. Departments performing rescue at a Technician level shall have five years from the effective date of this rule to fully meet the requirements of that level of operation; and

6.4. After the conclusion of the aforementioned phase-in periods, departments meet the training requirements of the level of operations for the type of rescue that they choose to provide at the time they begin to offer such services.

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§ 7. Notification of Services Provided. -- Not more often than annually, but at an interval to be determined by the West Virginia State Fire Commission, departments shall report to the West Virginia State Fire Marshal, on forms to be prescribed by the state fire commission, those rescue services they provide. Such information shall be used to develop a statewide resource listing of special rescue resources available in times of statewide or multi-jurisdictional emergencies.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 6, 2002

The West Virginia State Fire Commission today filed with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee, the FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE SERVICES.

Copies of the proposed rule are available from the Secretary of States Office, Administrative Law Division at the State Capitol in Charleston, WV. Telephone (304) 558-6000.

A public hearing has been scheduled to receive input from interested parties as well as a comment period to receive written comments.

The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2002, 10:00 AM at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1207 Quarrier Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Charleston, WV 25301

Written comments will be accepted until the close of business (or 1600 hours) on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Charleston Office.

Written comments should be addressed as follows:

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ALBRIGHT VFD	PO BOX 171	ALBRIGHT	26519	OWEN W EVANS	329-3977	VOL	39101	PRESTON
ALDERSON VFD	PO BOX 647	ALDERSON	24910	H.R. McVEY	445-2916	VOL	13110	GREENBRIER
ALMA VFD	GENERAL DELIVERY	ALMA	26320	JIM SLIDER	758-4066	VOL	48101	TYLER
ALUM CREEK VFD	PO BOX 748	ALUM CREEK	25003	JAMES L OLDAKER	756-2011	VOL	22101	LINCOLN
ANAWALT VFD	PO BOX 60	ANAWALT	24808	ROBERT J. PARKS	383-2400	VOL	27101	MCDOWELL
ANMOORE VFD	PO BOX 187	ANMOORE	26323	PAUL HARDMAN	622-5649	VOL	17101	HARRISON
ANSTED FD	PO BOX 419	ANSTED	25812	PAIGE SKAGGS, JR	658-4394	VOL	10101	FAYETTE
ANTHONY CREEK FD	HC 70 BOX N-10	NEOLA	24986	BRENT YOUNG	536-1636	VOL	13111	GREENBRIER
ARMSTRONG CREEK FD	PO BOX 99	POWELLTON	25161	SHANNON ESTEP	442-9157	VOL	10116	FAYETTE
ARNOLDSBURG VFD	PO BOX 71	ARNOLDSBURG	25234	WILLIAM JONES	655-8974	VOL	07102	CALHOUN
ATHENS VFD	P.O. BOX 1179	ATHENS	24712	STANLEY HARVEY	384-7333	VOL	28101	MERCER
AUGUSTA VFD	PO BOX 561	AUGUSTA	26704	GEORGE WEAVER	496-7971	VOL	14101	HAMPSHIRE
AURORA VFD	RT 1 BOX 365	AURORA	26705	CLARK NICKLOW	735-5797	VOL	39102	PRESTON
BACK CREEK VALLEY VFD	1922 BACK CREEK VALLEY	HEDGESVILLE	25427	BRAD BENNETT	229-8992	VOL	02105	BERKELEY
BAIDEN VFD	PO BOX 171	BAIDEN	25608	RICKY CARTER	664-8239	VOL	29106	MINGO
BAKER HEIGHTS VF CO	2229 CHARLESTOWN ROA	MARTINSBURG	25401	BILL SUMMERS	263-7755	VOL	02106	BERKELEY
BALLARD VOLUNTEER FIRE	P.O. BOX 105	BALLARD	24918	JASON S. TURNER	753-4039	VOL	32101	MONROE
BANCROFT COMMUNITY VF	PO BOX 10	BANCROFT	25011	WALLACE HARPER	586-9665	VOL	40101	PUTNAM
BANCS VFD, INC	RT 1 BOX 211-A	NEW MILTON	26411	RANDY TRENT	873-2351	VOL	09106	DODDRIDGE
BANKS DISTRICT FD	PO BOX 158	ROCK CAVE	26234	GARY BONNETT	924-6864	VOL	49104	UPSHUR
BARBOURSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 325	BARBOURSVILLE	25504	PAUL RITCHIE	736-7420	VOL	06102	CABELL
BARRACKVILLE VFD	PO BOX 328	BARRACKVILLE	26559	RANDY MORAN	366-0095	VOL	24101	MARION
BARTOW-FRANK-DURBIN FD	PO BOX 267	DURBIN	26264	GENNIS EGEN	456-4999	VOL	38108	POCAHONTA;
BAXTER VFD	PO BOX 55	BAXTER	26560	DESTRY JONES	278-9779	VOL	24102	MARION

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BAYARD VFD	PO BOX 215	BAYARD	26707	GLENN LLOYD, JR	693-7436	VOL	12101	GRANT
BEAVER VFD	PO BOX 101	BEAVER	25813	TOM OKES	253-8993	VOL	41101	RALEIGH
BECKLEY FD	PO BOX 2514	BECKLEY	25802	ARNOLD BOLEN	256-1780	PAID	41202	RALEIGH
BEDINGTON VFD	775 BEDINGTON RD	MARTINSBURG	25401	ANDY MARTIN	274-2381	VOL	02101	BERKELEY
BEECH BOTTOM VFD	PO BOX 333	BEECH BOTTOM	26030	TERRY STUCK	394-5726	VOL	05101	BROOKE
BEECH CREEK VFD	HC 81 BOX 47	MEADOR	25682	VERLIN T HATFIELD	426-4325	VOL	29110	MINGO
BELINGTON VFD	PO BOX 515	BELINGTON	26250	JAMES P HART	823-1234	VOL	01101	BARBOUR
BELLE VFD	708 E.DUPONT AVE	BELLE	25015	DAVID ARMSTRONG	949-3375	VOL	20105	KANAWHA
BELMONT VFD	PO BOX 352	BELMONT	26134	ROBERT DOTY	665-7401	VOL	37101	PLEASANTS
BENWOOD VFD	PO BOX 71	BENWOOD	26031	MICHAEL SMITH	232-0174	VOL	25101	MARSHALL
BERKELEY SPRINGS VFD	PO BOX 142	BERKELEY SPRINGS	25411	DANIEL UNGER	258-3191	VOL	33101	MORGAN
BERWIND VFD, INC	PO BOX 8	BERWIND	24815	CLAUDE ADAMS, JR	875-2526	VOL	27115	MCDOWELL
BETHANY PIKE VFD	RD 1 BOX 84-A	WELLSBURG	26070	TOM DEGARMO	737-4256	VOL	05102	BROOKE
BETHANY VFD	PO BOX 219	BETHANY	26032	C. SCHWERTFEGER	829-4504	VOL	05103	BROOKE
BETHLEHEM VFD	PO BOX 6305	WHEELING	26003	PAUL F WALTERS	232-1603	VOL	35101	OHIO
BEVERLY VF CO	PO BOX 135	BEVERLY	26253	FRANKLIN E. DANIELS	636-5032	VOL	42101	RANDOLPH
BIG OTTER VFD	PO BOX 162	IVYDALE	25113	GARY H. BUTCHER, JR.	286-5185	VOL	08103	CLAY
BIG WHEELING CRK VFD	PO BOX 3088	ELM GROVE	26003	PETER MILLER	281-9113	VOL	25114	MARSHALL
BIRCH RIVER VFD	PO BOX 307	BIRCH RIVER	26610	ROBERT COTTRILL	649-4075	VOL	34102	NICHOLAS
BLACKSVILLE FD	PO BOX 43	BLACKSVILLE	26521	ROBERT BROOKOVER	432-8282	VOL	31101	MONONGALIA
BLENNERHASSETT FD	PO BOX 33	WASHINGTON	26181	WILLIAM H. FERGUSON	863-3103	VOL	54101	WOOD
BLUE RIDGE MTN VFD	RT 1 BOX 740	HARPERS FERRY	25425	SCOTT KNILL	725-8118	VOL	19105	JEFFERSON
BLUEFIELD FD	PO BOX 4100	BLUEFIELD	24701	GERALD STEELE	327-8652	PAID	28202	MERCER
BLUESTONE VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 71	SPANISHBURG	25922	TIM FARLEY	487-6766	VOL	28102	MERCER
BLUEWELL VFD	BOX 3003 BLUEWELL	BLUEFIELD	24701	TOM A WARDEN, JR	589-5212	VOL	28103	MERCER
BOGGS RUN VFD	584 BOGGS RUN RD	BENWOOD	26031	WILLIAM THOMPSON	233-5020	VOL	25102	MARSHALL
BOOMER VFD	PO BOX 51	BOOMER	25031	MICHAEL SCARBROUG	779-2763	VOL	10107	FAYETTE
BOOTHSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 5086	FAIRMONT	26554	KAROL TIBBS	534-3030	VOL	24115	MARION
BRADLEY-PROSPERITY VFD	PO BOX 331	BRADLEY	25818	BRUCE JAMES	877-2340	VOL	41103	RALEIGH
BRADSHAW VFD, INC	PO BOX 510	BRADSHAW	24817	BOBBY PRUITT	967-5798	VOL	27113	MCDOWELL

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BRAMWELL VFD	PO BOX 184	BRAMWELL	24715	JIM CARVER	248-7161	VOL	28104	MERCER
BRENTON VFD	PO BOX 470	BRENTON	24818	PAUL R. MCNEW	732-6320	VOL	55108	WYOMING
BRIDGEPORT VFD	PO BOX 1310	BRIDGEPORT	26330	KELLY BLACKWELL	842-8251	PT-PD	17302	HARRISON
BROOKHAVEN FD	412 BROOKHAVEN RD	MORGANTOWN	26508	JIMMY LIPSCOMB	296-3551	VOL	31102	MONONGALLA
BRUCETON-BRANDONVILLE	PO BOX 28	BRUCETON MILLS	26525	BILL SPINDLER	379-3171	VOL	39103	PRESTON
BUCKHANNON FD	SOUTH LOCUST ST	BUCKHANNON	26201	LARRY MACKEY	472-2868	PT-PD	49302	UPSHUR
BUFFALO CREEK VFD	PO BOX 9	AMHERSTDALE	25607	DANA WILSON	583-2306	VOL	23110	LOGAN
BUFFALO VFD	PO BOX 367	BUFFALO	25033	CONRAD GAIN	937-3225	VOL	40102	PUTNAM
BUNNERS RIDGE VFD	RT 6 BOX 323-B	FAIRMONT	26554	THOMAS FREDERICK	363-9771	VOL	24103	MARION
BURLINGTON VFD, INC	PO BOX 97	BURLINGTON	26710	RANDY HENDERSON	289-3032	VOL	30102	MINERAL
BURNSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 152	BURNSVILLE	26335	PAUL W BRAGG	853-2518	VOL	04103	BRAXTON
CABIN CREEK VFD	PO BOX 295	ESKDALE	25075	CHRIS WARD	595-5500	VOL	20113	KANAWHA
CAIRO FD	PO BOX 382	CAIRO	26337	RALPH M LAYFIELD	628-3311	VOL	43101	RITCHIE
CAMERON VFD	44 MAIN ST	CAMERON	26033	HARTLEY, LARRY O.	686-2366	VOL	25103	MARSHALL
CANAAN VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 545	DAVIS	26260	KENNETH STURM	866-7450	VOL	47104	TUCKER
CAPON BRIDGE VF CO, INC	PO BOX 168	CAPON BRIDGE	26711	JEFF ANDERSON	856-3268	VOL	14102	HAMPSHIRE
CAPON SPRINGS FD, INC	PO BOX 366	CAPON SPRINGS	26823	GERALD K BRILL	874-3287	VOL	14108	HAMPSHIRE
CAPON VALLEY VF CO	PO BOX 308	WARDENSVILLE	26851	JULIAN HOTT	874-3222	VOL	16101	HARDY
CASS VFD	PO BOX 62	CASS	24927	DAVID MCLAUGHLIN	456-4118	VOL	38106	POCAHONTAS
CEDAR GROVE VFD	PO BOX 262	CEDAR GROVE	25039	JOHN H SMOOT	595-2244	VOL	20106	KANAWHA
CEREDO FD	PO BOX 1119	CEREDO	25507	JOHNNY ROBERTSON	453-4808	VOL	50101	WAYNE
CHAPEL VFD	1855 CHAPEL ROAD	GASSAWAY	26624	GEORGE WINEMILLER	364-8443	VOL	04106	BRAXTON
CHAPMANVILLE VFD	PO BOX 1634	CHAPMANVILLE	25508	SHANNON LANCASTER	855-4543	VOL	23101	LOGAN
CHARLESTON FD	PO BOX 2749	CHARLESTON	25330	RAYMOND STEWART	348-8137	PAID	20205	KANAWHA
CHATTAROY VFD	PO BOX 240	CHATTAROY	25667	MIKE WEDDINGTON	235-2288	VOL	29101	MINGO
CHEAT LAKE VFD	PO BOX 18144	MORGANTOWN	26507	TIMOTHY TRENTINI	594-1223	VOL	31104	MONONGALLA
CHESAPEAKE VFD	12408 MACCORKLE AVE	CHESAPEAKE	25315	STEVEN JOHNSON	949-2332	VOL	20114	KANAWHA
CHESTER VFD	371 CAROLINA AVE	CHESTER	26034	JOHN HISSAM	387-1690	VOL	15101	HANCOCK
CIRCLEVILLE VFD	PO BOX 29	CIRCLEVILLE	26804	CARL LEE WARNER	567-2440	VOL	36102	PENDLETON

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CITIZENS FIRE CO	PO BOX 927	CHARLES TOWN	25414	JOSEPH CEPELKA	725-2814	VOL	19102	JEFFERSON
CLARKSBURG FD	465 W MAIN ST	CLARKSBURG	26301	JOSEPH M. GONZALEZ	624-1669	PAID	17221	HARRISON
CLAY VFD	PO BOX 365	CLAY	25043	FRANK CHILDERS, JR	587-4174	VOL	08101	CLAY
CLEAR CREEK VFD	PO BOX 26	CLEAR CREEK	25044	STOVER, CHRIS	877-2669	VOL	41114	RALEIGH
CLEARVIEW VFD	166 CLEARVIEW AVE	WHEELING	26003	JAMES EBERHARD	277-1230	VOL	35102	OHIO
CLENDENIN VFD, INC	PO BOX 636	CLENDENIN	25045	KEVIN CLENDENIN	548-6711	VOL	20101	KANAWHA
CLINTON DISTRICT VFD	PO BOX 831	MORGANTOWN	26507	DALE R WHITE	291-0742	VOL	31103	MONONGALIA
CLINTONVILLE FD	RT 60 BOX 74-A	CLINTONVILLE	24928	JOHN W BURNS	392-5950	VOL	13190	GREENBRIER
CLOVER-ROANE VFD	3909 CLAY ROAD	SPENCER	25276	JAMES WARD	927-1299	VOL	44106	ROANE
COAL CITY VFD	PO BOX 1207	COAL CITY	25823	DANNY LAMBERT	683-3945	VOL	41105	RALEIGH
COAL MOUNTAIN VFD	PO BOX 46	COAL MOUNTAIN	24823	DANIEL H WALLS	583-7711	VOL	55101	WYOMING
COAL RIVER VFD	PO BOX 248	ARNETT	25007	COX, DWIGHT	934-6641	VOL	41106	RALEIGH
COALTON VFD	PO BOX 201	COALTON	26257	RICHARD GEORGE	636-8112	VOL	42102	RANDOLPH
COALWOOD/CARETTA VFD	HC 31 BOX 105	COALWOOD	24824	DANIEL STEVENSON	297-2345	VOL	27103	MCDOWELL
COLLIERS FD	PO BOX 402	COLLIERS	26035	TIMOTHY HOWELL	797-9646	VOL	05104	BROOKE
COOL SPRINGS VFD	32 FIRE DEPT RD	MORGANTOWN	26508	PATRICK HART	291-3674	VOL	31105	MONONGALIA
CORA VFD	PO BOX 299	CORA	25614	GEORGE HILL	239-3311	VOL	23102	LOGAN
COTTAGEVILLE VFD	PO BOX 115	COTTAGEVILLE	25239	LARRY L MORRISON	372-5959	VOL	18101	JACKSON
COWEN VFD	PO BOX 186	COWEN	26206	RICHARD ROSE	226-3191	VOL	51101	WEBSTER
CRAIGSVILLE-BEAVER-COTT	PO BOX 445	CRAIGSVILLE	26205	TIM BLAKE	742-5409	VOL	34101	NICHOLAS
CULLODEN VFD	PO BOX 505	CULLODEN	25510	MIKE BURGER	743-5391	VOL	06105	CABELL
CYCLONE FD	PO BOX 298	CYCLONE	24827	DANNY THOMPSON	682-6955	VOL	55106	WYOMING
DALLAS VFD	GENERAL DELIVERY	DALLAS	26036	PHILIP ULLOM	547-5499	VOL	25104	MARSHALL
DANESE VFD	PO BOX 66	DANESE	25831	GREG BERRY	438-5312	VOL	10102	FAYETTE
DANVILLE VFD	PO BOX 99	DANVILLE	25053	HOWARD E COOPER	369-0232	VOL	03101	BOONE
DAVIS CREEK/RUTHDALE VF	RT 8 BOX 401	SOUTH CHARLESTON	25309	JEFFREY SNODGRASS	744-5411	VOL	20118	KANAWHA
DAVIS FD	PO BOX 215	DAVIS	26260	ROBERT A QUATTRO	259-5232	VOL	47101	TUCKER
DAVY VFD	PO BOX 218	DAVY	24828	JACKIE AKERS	656-7331	VOL	27104	MCDOWELL
DEERWALK VFD	RT 2 BOX 96	WALKER	26180	PAUL MARSHALL	679-3925	VOL	54102	WOOD

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DELBARTON VFD	PO BOX 103	DELBARTON	25670	DONALD ENDICOTT	475-2530	VOL	29102	MINGO
DIANA VFD	PO BOX 117	DIANA	26217	JERRY F HAMRICK	847-5071	VOL	51103	WEBSTER
DUNBAR FD	907 DUNBAR AVE	DUNBAR	25064	GEORGE BOSSIE	766-0215	PT-PD	20325	KANAWHA
DUNLOW VFD	RT 1 BOX 41	DUNLOW	25511	GARY STROUD	385-4631	VOL	50108	WAYNE
DUVAL DISTRICT VFD	PO BOX 38	GRIFFITHSVILLE	25521	STEVEN HUDSON	524-7108	VOL	22102	LINCOLN
EAST BANK VFD, INC	PO BOX 468	EAST BANK	25067	SHANKLIN, BOBBY	595-1699	VOL	20112	KANAWHA
EAST FORK VFD	HC 73 BOX 3493	DINGESS	25671	JOHN HALL	752-5720	VOL	29108	MINGO
EAST LYNN VFD	PO BOX 357	EAST LYNN	25512	STEVEN VERNICK	849-5601	VOL	50109	WAYNE
EAST RIVER VFD	PO BOX 1456	PRINCETON	24740	NELSON SHORT	487-3539	VOL	28105	MERCER
EAST WOOD VFD	PO BOX 6	DAVISVILLE	26142	ROBB MURPHY	422-4410	VOL	54103	WOOD
ELEANOR VFD, INC	PO BOX 381	ELEANOR	25070	WALTER HALSTEAD	586-9821	VOL	40103	PUTNAM
ELIZABETH-WIRT VFD	PO BOX 114	ELIZABETH	26143	DOUGLAS C HILL	275-6511	VOL	53101	WIRT
ELK DISTRICT FD	PO BOX 33	ELK GARDEN	26717	DAVID TICHNELL	446-5447	VOL	30103	MINERAL
ELKINS FD	216 4TH ST	ELKINS	26241	TACY, MITCH	636-3449	PT-PD	42303	RANDOLPH
ELLAMORE VFD	HC 61 BOX 16-B	COALTON	26257	MARK HOWES	472-2999	VOL	49105	UPSHUR
ELLENBORO VFD	PO BOX 244	ELLENBORO	26346	WILLIAM BAYLESS	869-3244	VOL	43102	RITCHIE
ERBACON VFD	PO BOX 43	ERBACON	26203	PAUL GREEN	226-5342	VOL	51105	WEBSTER
FAIRLEA VFD	PO BOX 5857	FAIRLEA	24902	BRUCE RAMSEY	645-7339	VOL	13145	GREENBRIER
FAIRMONT FD	PO BOX 1428	FAIRMONT	26554	DAVID WIMMER	366-3421	PAID	24204	MARION
FAIRVIEW VFD	PO BOX 120	FAIRVIEW	26570	JESSE TOOTHMAN	449-1904	VOL	24106	MARION
FARMINGTON VFD	PO BOX 520	FARMINGTON	26571	HARRY MARKLEY, JR	825-6927	VOL	24107	MARION
FAYETTEVILLE VFD	PO BOX 812	FAYETTEVILLE	25840	JOHN T VERNON	574-0712	VOL	10103	FAYETTE
FELLOWSVILLE VFD	RT 1 BOX 262	TUNNELTON	26444	GEORGE J WOLFE	892-3947	VOL	39104	PRESTON
FISH CREEK VFD	RD 2 BOX 188-AA	PROCTOR	26055	ROCKY WILLS	455-1050	VOL	25118	MARSHALL
FLATROCK VFD	RT 2 BOX 71-AAA	LEON	25123	CHARLES T SMITH	675-4610	VOL	26106	MASON
FLEMINGTON VFD	PO BOX 231	FLEMINGTON	26347	GEOFF MARSHALL	739-2211	VOL	46101	TAYLOR
FOLLANSBEE VFD	PO BOX 97	FOLLANSBEE	26037	LARRY M REA	527-2345	VOL	05105	BROOKE
FOLSOM VFD	PO BOX 64	FOLSOM	26348	JONES FLUHARTY	334-5782	VOL	52101	WETZEL

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FOREST HILLS VFD	PO BOX 124	FOREST HILLS	24935	MATHEW STALNAKER	466-1080	VOL	45104	SUMMERS
FORK RIDGE VFD	RT 1 BOX 203-A	GLEN EASTON	26039	RALPH McLAUGHLIN	845-3990	VOL	25115	MARSHALL
FORT ASHBY VF CO, INC	PO BOX 1110	FORT ASHBY	26719	DARREN PUFFINBURGE	298-3615	VOL	30104	MINERAL
FORT GAY FD	PO BOX 97	FORT GAY	25514	BART SALMONS	648-5325	VOL	50102	WAYNE
FOUNTAIN VF CO	PO BOX 56	KEYSER	26726	KEVIN SHOEMAKER	788-4071	VOL	30105	MINERAL
FRAME VFD	142 POCA FORK RD	ELKVIEW	25071	RONALD RUSSEL	965-5010	VOL	20135	KANAWHA
FRAMETOWN VFD	PO BOX 401	FRAMETOWN	26623	CHARLES MC CUMBER	364-8460	VOL	04104	BRAXTON
FRANKFORD VFD	BOX 89	FRANKFORD	24938	RALPH W BOONE	497-2860	VOL	13112	GREENBRIER
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY VFD	PO BOX 472	WELLSBURG	26070	LARRY PALMER	737-9851	VOL	05106	BROOKE
FRANKLIN VFD	PO BOX 902	FRANKLIN	26807	PALMER, LARRY C.	358-7911	VOL	36101	PENDLETON
FRIENDSHIP FD	PO BOX 126	HARPERS FERRY	25425	STEPHEN HOUGH	535-2211	VOL	19101	JEFFERSON
FROST VFD	RT 2 BOX 99-A	MARLINTON	24954	LANTY MCCARTY	799-4595	VOL	38105	POCAHONTAS
GANDEVILLE-HARMONY VF	PO BOX 125	GANDEVILLE	25243	RAY SHAFFER	577-6037	VOL	44105	ROANE
GARY FD	PO BOX 310	GARY	24836	RANDOLPH RICHARDS	448-2209	VOL	27105	MCDOWELL
GASSAWAY VFD	105 5TH ST	GASSAWAY	26624	R.A. STALNAKER	364-5262	VOL	04102	BRAXTON
GAULEY BRIDGE FD	PO BOX 640	GAULEY BRIDGE	25085	DAMON RUNYON	632-1810	VOL	10108	FAYETTE
GAULEY RIVER FD	PO BOX 70	BELVA	26656	NATHAN D BUSH	632-1851	VOL	10109	FAYETTE
GHENT VFD	PO BOX 99	GHENT	25843	ERIC GUY	787-3196	VOL	41107	RALEIGH
GILBERT VFD	POST OFFICE BOX 188	GILBERT	25621	JERRY N GRIMMETT	664-3905	VOL	29103	MINGO
GILMER COUNTY FD	PO BOX 255	GLENVILLE	26351	GERALD W DAVIS	462-5216	VOL	11101	GILMER
GLASGOW VFD	PO BOX 190	GLASGOW	25086	ALLEN L FORD	595-4554	VOL	20107	KANAWHA
GLEN DALE VFD	PO BOX 25	GLEN DALE	26038	NORMAN PASTORIUS	845-5515	VOL	25105	MARSHALL
GRAFTON FD	1 W. MAIN ST	GRAFTON	26354	WAYNE BEALL	265-1866	PT-PD	46302	TAYLOR
GRANDVIEW FD	PO BOX 641	NEW MARTINSVILLE	26155	DAVID L GODDARD	455-1317	VOL	52102	WETZEL
GRANT TOWN VFD	PO BOX 28	GRANT TOWN	26574	MATT POSEY	278-7777	VOL	24108	MARION
GRANTSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 44	GRANTSVILLE	26147	JAMES GARRETSON	354-6566	VOL	07101	CALHOUN
GRANVILLE VFD	PO BOX 37	GRANVILLE	26534	GARY E RENNER	599-5190	VOL	31106	MONONGALIA
GREAT CACAPON FIRE COM.	PO BOX 247	GREAT CACAPON	25422	THOMAS STINEBAUGH	258-4327	VOL	33102	MORGAN
GREEN SULPHUR DISTRICT	PO BOX 12	SANDSTONE	25985	TOM W SCOTT	466-2610	VOL	45109	SUMMERS

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GREEN VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 2212	HUNTINGTON	25722	STEPHEN SAUNDERS	696-9459	VOL	06108	CABELL
GREEN VALLEY/GLENWOOD	369 BUCKEYE HOLLOW RD	PRINCETON	24740	RICHARD CUMBOW	425-1655	VOL	28106	MERCER
GREENBRIER VLLY VFD	PO BOX 284	TALCOTT	24981	TIM ULRICH	466-5100	VOL	45103	SUMMERS
GREENWOOD VFD	RT 1 BOX 329	GREENWOOD	26415	GARY TALKINGTON	873-2211	VOL	09102	DODDRIDGE
GUYAN RIVER VFD	RT 2 BOX 309	BRANCHLAND	25506	ARCHIE FRAZIER	778-7023	VOL	22106	LINCOLN
HACKER VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 189	HACKER VALLEY	26222	RONALD QUINN	493-6470	VOL	51104	WEBSTER
HAMLIN VFD	8049 VINE AVE	HAMLIN	25523	VERNON QUINTRELL	824-7444	VOL	22104	LINCOLN
HANDLEY COMMUNITY VFD	PO BOX 87	HANDLEY	25102	PHILLIP MC BRAYER	442-5712	VOL	20109	KANAWHA
HANOVER VFD	PO BOX 628	HANOVER	24839	MACK CLINE	664-3434	VOL	55109	WYOMING
HARMAN VFD	PO BOX 131	HARMAN	26270	J.H.TETER	227-4500	VOL	42104	RANDOLPH
HARRISVILLE FD	612 E. MAIN ST	HARRISVILLE	26362	WILSON WATSON	643-2311	VOL	43103	RITCHIE
HARTS VFD	PO BOX 70	HARTS	25524	CURTIS ADAMS	855-9560	VOL	22103	LINCOLN
HEDGESVILLE VFD	PO BOX 135	HEDGESVILLE	25427	D.E. YOUNG	754-3662	VOL	02102	BERKELEY
HENLAWSON VFD	PO BOX 400	HENLAWSON	25624	HAROLD W WARD	752-4102	VOL	23106	LOGAN
HILLSBORO FD	PO BOX 81	HILLSBORO	24946	JOHN H HILL	653-4636	VOL	38102	POCAHONTA
HINTON FD	322 SUMMERS ST	HINTON	25951	L.RAY PIVONT, JR	466-0360	PT-PD	45301	SUMMERS
HOOKERSVILLE-MUDDLETY	PO BOX 177	SUMMERSVILLE	26651	MCCLUNG, RODNEY	872-0882	VOL	34108	NICHOLAS
HOOVERSON HEIGHTS VFD	PO BOX 305	FOLLANSBEE	26037	ROBERT V CARROLL	527-4339	VOL	05107	BROOKE
HUNDRED FD	PO BOX 256	HUNDRED	26575	RALPH BERRY	775-2384	VOL	52103	WETZEL
HUNTINGTON FD	839 SEVENTH AVE	HUNTINGTON	25701	GREG FULLER	696-5950	PAID	06204	CABELL
HURRICANE VFD	2716 MAIN ST	HURRICANE	25526	FRANK STOVER	562-5663	VOL	40104	PUTNAM
HUTTONSVILLE/MILL CREEK	PO BOX 66	HUTTONSVILLE	26273	RANDALL SNYDER	335-2385	VOL	42105	RANDOLPH
IAEGER VFD	PO BOX 12	IAEGER	24844	PAUL HARE	938-5600	VOL	27106	MCDOWELL
INDEPENDENT FIRE CO #1	PO BOX 925	CHARLES TOWN	25414	EDWIN D SMITH	725-2514	VOL	19104	JEFFERSON
INSTITUTE VFD	PO BOX 192	INSTITUTE	25112	P.A. HIGGINBOTHAM	768-6678	VOL	20124	KANAWHA
JACKSONBURG VFD	PO BOX 61	JACKSONBURG	26377	KEVIN CUNNINGHAM	889-2400	VOL	52104	WETZEL
JACKSON'S MILL FD	RT 1 BOX 213-A	WESTON	26452	DANNY BURNSIDE	269-5158	VOL	21101	LEWIS

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JANE LEW VFD, INC	PO BOX 44	JANE LEW	26378	DAVID LAMB	884-7231	VOL	21102	LEWIS
JEFFERSON VFD, INC	6313 MACCORKLE AVE	JEFFERSON	25177	MARK S FORD	768-0711	VOL	20119	KANAWHA
JOHNSTOWN VFD	RT 2 BOX 224	LOST CREEK	26385	JOHN CHAPMAN	624-9382	VOL	17116	HARRISON
JUMPING BRANCH/NIMITZ VF	BOX 15	JUMPING BRANCH	25969	W.MARK FOX	466-5533	VOL	45102	SUMMERS
JUNIOR COMMUNITY VFD	PO BOX 307	JUNIOR	26275	GREGORY A PEEK	823-1856	VOL	01102	BARBOUR
KENOVA FD	PO BOX 268	KENOVA	25530	STEVE SALYERS	453-1601	PAID	50203	WAYNE
KENOVA VFD	PO BOX 186	KENOVA	25530	MIKE CAINES	453-4153	VOL	50107	WAYNE
KERMIT FD	PO BOX 788	KERMIT	25674	WILBUR PREECE, JR	393-3156	VOL	29104	MINGO
KESLERS CROSS LANES VF	BOX 246	KESLERS CROSS LAN	26675	RANDY TUCKER	872-6999	VOL	34107	NICHOLAS
KEYSER VFD	PO BOX 603	KEYSER	26726	ROBERT DORSEY	788-1371	VOL	30106	MINERAL
KEYSTONE FD	HC 52 BOX 205	KEYSTONE	24852	HAROLD SCOTT	862-3226	VOL	27108	MCDOWELL
KIMBALL VFD	PO BOX 97	KIMBALL	24853	JAMES GIANATO	585-7311	VOL	27107	MCDOWELL
KINGWOOD VFD	PO BOX 74	KINGWOOD	26537	CLIFFORD THOMAS	329-0101	VOL	39105	PRESTON
LAKE VFD	PO BOX 296	LAKE	25121	GEORGE UNDERWOOD	752-0021	VOL	23112	LOGAN
LAKWOOD VFD	2627 SHADYSIDE RD	ST ALBANS	25177	DAVID YOUNG	727-2451	VOL	20120	KANAWHA
LAVALETTE FD	PO BOX 540	LAVALETTE	25535	BOBBY L OVERBY	525-7156	VOL	50104	WAYNE
LAWRENCEVILLE VFD	RD 2 BOX 24	CHESTER	26034	DAVID BOTT	387-2425	VOL	15104	HANCOCK
LEADING CREEK VFD	PO BOX 158	KERENS	26276	CHARLES MOATS	636-7414	VOL	42106	RANDOLPH
LENORE VFD, INC	PO BOX 501	LENORE	25676	BRENT MCELLEN	475-4339	VOL	29107	MINGO
LEON VFD	PO BOX 99	LEON	25123	FRANKIE CHAPMAN	458-1715	VOL	26101	MASON
LESTER VFD	PO BOX 102	LESTER	25865	FRANK MATICS	934-6622	VOL	41108	RALEIGH
LEVELS VFD	PO BOX 12	LEVELS	25431	THOMAS E SWISHER	492-5331	VOL	14103	HAMPSHIRE
LEWISBURG VFD	DRAWER 548	LEWISBURG	24901	WAYNE PENNINGTON	645-3237	VOL	13120	GREENBRIER
LIMESTONE VFD	RD 1 BOX 217	MOUNDSVILLE	26041	RICHARD EARNEST	845-5114	VOL	25106	MARSHALL
LINDSIDE VFD	PO BOX 156	LINDSIDE	24951	RICHARD MILLER	753-9929	VOL	32102	MONROE
LIZEMORE VFD	P.O. BOX 225	LIZEMORE	25125	YOUNG, KENNETH	587-2356	VOL	08104	CLAY
LOGAN COUNTY #2 VFD	PO BOX 448	MAN	25635	JAMES M PORTER	583-2562	VOL	23107	LOGAN
LOGAN FD	219 DINGESS ST	LOGAN	25601	KEVIN L HUTCHINSON(A	752-2777	PT-PD	23303	LOGAN

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LOST CREEK VFD	PO BOX 94	LOST CREEK	26385	MARK S WILT	745-4004	VOL	17103	HARRISON
LOUDENDALE VFD	RT 2 BOX 266-A	CHARLESTON	25314	FRANK FIZER	343-3481	VOL	20116	KANAWHA
LOUP CREEK VFD	PO BOX 218	PAGE	25152	HAMRICK, TERRY	469-4607	VOL	10115	FAYETTE
LUBECK VFD	PO BOX 258	WASHINGTON	26181	MIKE COTTRILL	863-8722	VOL	54104	WOOD
LUMBERPORT VFD	PO BOX 33	LUMBERPORT	26386	WILBUR F COOK	584-4721	VOL	17104	HARRISON
MABSCOTT FD	PO BOX 176	MABSCOTT	25871	ROBERT DANIEL	253-5654	VOL	41109	RALEIGH
MADISON VFD	255 WASHINGTON AVE	MADISON	25130	GARY TURLEY	369-1021	VOL	03102	BOONE
MAIN HARTS CREEK VFD, IN	RT 1 BOX 420	HARTS	25524	MAVERICK ADAMS	855-4244	VOL	23111	LOGAN
MAIN ISLAND CREEK VFD	PO BOX 570	OMAR	25638	ALLAN PACK	946-2749	VOL	23104	LOGAN
MALDEN VFD	3924 MALDEN DR	MALDEN	25306	WILLIAM PETERSON	925-9093	VOL	20103	KANAWHA
MANNINGTON VFD	206 EAST MAIN ST	MANNINGTON	26582	JOEL MCCANN	986-3251	VOL	24109	MARION
MARLINTON FD	709 SECOND AVE	MARLINTON	24954	DAVID PEACOCK	799-4211	VOL	38103	POCAHONTA;
MARMET COMMUNITY VFD	POST OFFICE DRAWER D	MARMET	25315	JERRY McGHEE	949-5456	VOL	20115	KANAWHA
MARTINSBURG FD	200 N RALEIGH ST	MARTINSBURG	25401	PHIL MARTIN	264-2111	PAID	02201	BERKELEY
MASON VFD	PO BOX 377	MASON	25260	PAUL JOHNSON	773-5832	VOL	26102	MASON
MASONTOWN VFD	PO BOX 58	MASONTOWN	26542	DANIEL LUZIER	864-2828	VOL	39106	PRESTON
MATEWAN FD	PO BOX 27	MATEWAN	25678	MICHAEL PRESTON	426-8212	VOL	29105	MINGO
MATHIAS BAKER VF CO	PO BOX 59	MATHIAS	26812	DELBERT WILKINS	897-5000	VOL	16102	HARDY
MATOAKA VFD	P. O. BOX 370	LASHMEET	24733	MARK COEBURN	467-8385	VOL	28107	MERCER
MAYSVILLE VFD	GENERAL DELIVERY	MAYSVILLE	26833	LARRY WRATCHFORD	749-7731	VOL	12102	GRANT
MCCLELLAN DISTRICT VFD	GENERAL DELIVERY	CENTER POINT	26339	BRIAN ANDERSON	782-2774	VOL	09104	DODDRIDGE
MCDOWELL VFD	PO BOX 90	WELCH	24801	CLARENCE BELCHER	436-6334	VOL	27114	MCDOWELL
MCKINLEYVILLE VFD	RD 1 BOX 142-B	WELLSBURG	26070	JEFFREY JACKFERT	737-3195	VOL	05108	BROOKE
MCMECHEN VFD	811 MARSHALL ST	MCMECHEN	26040	JOHN EIKLEBERRY	232-4650	VOL	25108	MARSHALL
MEADOW BRIDGE VFD	PO BOX 124	MEADOW BRIDGE	25976	BARNEY WADE	484-7117	VOL	10104	FAYETTE
MIDDLEBOURNE/TYLER VFD	PO BOX 67	MIDDLEBOURNE	26149	BRIAN S TAYLOR	758-4344	VOL	48102	TYLER
MIDWAY VFD	PO BOX 441	ALUM BRIDGE	26321	ROY VALENTINE	269-5262	VOL	21105	LEWIS
MILTON VFD, INC	PO BOX 151	MILTON	25541	BRENT TAYLOR	743-6319	VOL	06104	CABELL
MINERAL WELLS VFD	PO BOX 98	MINERAL WELLS	26150	TERRY THOMAS	489-2340	VOL	54106	WOOD

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MONONGAH VFD	PO BOX 9089	MONONGAH	26555	HARLESS MCCOMBS	534-5172	VOL	24110	MARION
MONTCALM VFD, INC	PO BOX 267	MONTCALM	24737	TIMMY QUILLIAM	589-6922	VOL	28108	MERCER
MONTGOMERY FD	816 THIRD AVE	MONTGOMERY	25136	DAVID THOMAS	442-5139	PT-PD	10310	FAYETTE
MOOREFIELD VFD	114 KUYKENDALL LN	MOOREFIELD	26836	RATCLIFF, MARK	538-2928	VOL	16103	HARDY
MORGANTOWN FD	300 SPRUCE ST	MORGANTOWN	26505	DAVID FETTY	284-7480	PAID	31207	MONONGALIA
MORRISVALE VFD	RT 1 BOX 198-A	MORRISVALE	25565	DOUGLAS E ESTEP	524-2122	VOL	03107	BOONE
MOUNDSVILLE CITY FD	804 6TH ST	MOUNDSVILLE	26041	DON DURIG	845-2050	PAID	25210	MARSHALL
MOUNDSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 273	MOUNDSVILLE	26041	NOEL E. CLARKE	845-0110	VOL	25109	MARSHALL
MOUNT GROVE VFD, INC	RT 1 BOX 277	HORSE SHOE RUN	26716	JEFF HARSH	735-3313	VOL	39112	PRESTON
MOUNT HOPE FD	428 MAIN ST	MOUNT HOPE	25880	GEORGE SMITH	877-2488	VOL	10105	FAYETTE
MOUNT OLIVET VFD	P. O. BOX 6895	WHEELING	26003	DAVE HALL	242-5995	VOL	25111	MARSHALL
MOUNT STORM FD	PO BOX 14	MOUNT STORM	26739	RANDALL MINNICK	693-7157	VOL	12103	GRANT
MOZART VFD	25 S. FRAZIER AVE	WHEELING	26003	ROBERT R TRAVIS	232-2016	VOL	35103	OHIO
MT CLARE VFD	PO BOX 8	MT CLARE	26408	TIM MCDONALD	622-9625	VOL	17105	HARRISON
MUDRIVER VFD	PO BOX 12	SPURLOCKVILLE	25565	JOHN LOVEJOY	524-2865	VOL	22107	LINCOLN
MULLENS FD	316 MORAN AVE	MULLENS	25882	RICK RICE	294-6611	VOL	55103	WYOMING
NETTIE FD	PO BOX 194	NETTIE	26681	STEVE O'DELL	846-9538	VOL	34103	NICHOLAS
NEW CREEK VFD, INC	PO BOX 10	NEW CREEK	26743	WILLIAM K. MILLER	788-4041	VOL	30107	MINERAL
NEW CUMBERLAND VFD	PO BOX 1213	NEW CUMBERLAND	26047	BOYLES, BENGI	564-3829	VOL	15102	HANCOCK
NEW HAVEN VFD	PO BOX 805	NEW HAVEN	25265	STEPHEN DUNCAN	882-3444	VOL	26104	MASON
NEW MANCHESTER FD	PO BOX C	NEW MANCHESTER	26056	ROGER STEWART	564-4497	VOL	15105	HANCOCK
NEW MARTINSVILLE FD	400 OHIO ST	NEW MARTINSVILLE	26155	KENT P LONGWELL	455-9115	VOL	52106	WETZEL
NEWBURG VFD	PO BOX 253	NEWBURG	26410	KEVIN CURRY	892-4688	VOL	39107	PRESTON
NEWELL VFD	PO BOX 28	NEWELL	26050	SCOTT WILSON	387-0795	VOL	15103	HANCOCK
NEWTON VFD	PO BOX 684	NEWTON	25266	DELBERT MCKENZIE	565-4866	VOL	44104	ROANE
NITRO FD	PO BOX 308	NITRO	25143	STEPHEN J HARDMAN	755-0701	PT-PD	20318	KANAWHA
NORTH RIVER VALLEY FD	PO BOX 127	RIO	26755	STEPHEN BILLMEYER	496-8421	VOL	14104	HAMPSHIRE
NORTHFORK VFD	PO BOX 374	NORTHFORK	24868	JAMES GRAHAM	862-3661	VOL	27109	MCDOWELL
NUTTALL VFD	PO BOX 69	LOOKOUT	25868	ROGER CRIST	574-3229	VOL	10117	FAYETTE

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NUTTER FORT VFD	PO BOX 8157	NUTTER FORT	26301	TOM ROHRBOUGH	622-5001	VOL	17107	HARRISON
OAK HILL FD	PO BOX 1245	OAK HILL	25901	TIM RICHARDSON	469-9541	PT-PD	10112	FAYETTE
OAKLAND DISTRICT VFD	RD 1 BOX 173-A	NEW CUMBERLAND	26047	DAVID LAUGHLIN	797-1152	VOL	15108	HANCOCK
OAKVALE FD	PO BOX 153	KELLYSVILLE	24732	HARRY VIA	898-7903	VOL	28109	MERCER
OCEANA FD	PO BOX 848	OCEANA	24870	JAMES A DRAKE	682-5741	VOL	55104	WYOMING
OHIO RIVER ROAD VFD	PO BOX 266	LESAGE	25537	DANA TOMES	736-1957	VOL	06106	CABELL
ONA VFD	PO BOX 267	ONA	25545	BLANE EVANS	743-9841	VOL	06107	CABELL
PADEN CITY VFD	PO BOX 245	PADEN CITY	26159	JAMES S RICHMOND	337-9289	VOL	52108	WETZEL
PANTHER VFD	PO BOX 134	PANTHER	24872	BILL CONYERS	938-3003	VOL	27102	MCDOWELL
PARKERSBURG FD	ONE GOVERNMENT SQUA	PARKERSBURG	26101	ED HUPP	424-8470	PAID	54205	WOOD
PARSONS VFD	216 MAIN ST	PARSONS	26287	CHARLES D LLOYD	478-4949	VOL	47102	TUCKER
PATTERSON CREEK FD	RT 3 BOX 305	PATTERSON CREEK	26753	JUSTINE RATCLIFF	738-2253	VOL	30108	MINERAL
PAW PAW VF CO, INC	PO BOX 15	PAW PAW	25434	KENNETH CRITES	947-7644	VOL	33103	MORGAN
PAX VFD	PO BOX 128	PAX	25904	MICHAEL RUTLEDGE	877-6691	VOL	10113	FAYETTE
PENNSBORO VFD	208 KIMBALL AVE	PENNSBORO	26415	FRANCIS BUD SELLERS	659-2211	VOL	43104	RITCHIE
PETERSBURG VFD	49 S. MAIN ST	PETERSBURG	26847	KENNETH CRITES	257-1122	VOL	12104	GRANT
PETERSTOWN VFD	PO BOX 386	PETERSTOWN	24963	KEITH BOGCESS	753-4343	VOL	32103	MONROE
PHILIPPI FD	317 SOUTH MAIN ST	PHILIPPI	26416	JOHN GREEN	457-1234	VOL	01103	BARBOUR
PICKENS VFD	PO BOX 75	PICKENS	26230	JOHN M COLEMAN	924-6637	VOL	42107	RANDOLPH
PINCH VFD	PO BOX 477	PINCH	25156	SONNY WAGONER	965-1657	VOL	20102	KANAWHA
PINE GROVE VFD	PO BOX 111	PINE GROVE	26419	WILLIAM MOORE	889-3353	VOL	52109	WETZEL
PINEVILLE VFD	PO BOX 220	PINEVILLE	24874	RONALD J LAMBERT	732-6588	VOL	55105	WYOMING
PIPESTEM VFD	PO BOX 70	PIPESTEM	25979	LOSEY BENNETT	466-1800	VOL	45105	SUMMERS
POCA VFD	PO BOX 435	POCA	25159	RAY HELMICK	755-5061	VOL	40105	PUTNAM
POINT PLEASANT FD	PO BOX 221	POINT PLEASANT	25550	BRYANT, JEREMY	675-2313	VOL	26103	MASON
POND CREEK VFD	RT 1 BOX 297	BELLEVILLE	26133	HERBERT GALLAND	863-5280	VOL	54111	WOOD
PRATT COMMUNITY VFD	PO BOX 161	PRATT	25162	TIMOTHY W. WALKER	442-5818	VOL	20111	KANAWHA
PRICETOWN VFD	1667 US HWY 33 W	WESTON	26452	JEFF WHITE	269-4667	VOL	21103	LEWIS

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PRICHARD VFD	PO BOX 7	PRICHARD	25555	EDDIE SCOTT	486-5051	VOL	50106	WAYNE
PRINCETON FD	100 COURTHOUSE RD	PRINCETON	24740	RICHARD POWELL	487-5017	PT-PD	28310	MERCER
QUINWOOD VFD	PO BOX 186	QUINWOOD	25981	DWANE L HELLEMS	438-6783	VOL	13101	GREENBRIER
RACINE FD	PO BOX 100	RACINE	25165	ARCHIE E. HUBBARD	837-7482	VOL	03103	BOONE
RAINELLE VFD	318 JAMES RIVER & KANA	RAINELLE	25962	GEORGE R BROOKS	438-5222	VOL	13160	GREENBRIER
RAND VFD	5308 CHURCH DR	RAND	25306	BILL WHITE	925-1064	VOL	20104	KANAWHA
RAVENSWOOD VFD	333 VIRGINIA ST	RAVENSWOOD	26164	TERRY DRENNEN	273-9251	VOL	18102	JACKSON
RAYSAL VFD	PO BOX 153	RAYSAL	24879	JESSE KEENE	967-7484	VOL	27110	MCDOWELL
READER FD	PO BOX 400	READER	26167	DONEL E BARKER	386-4666	VOL	52110	WETZEL
REEDSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 248	REEDSVILLE	26547	TERRY COCHRAN	864-6741	VOL	39108	PRESTON
REEDY FD	PO BOX 33	REEDY	26270	GEORGE CALLOW	927-3040	VOL	44102	ROANE
RENICK VFD	PO BOX 55	RENICK	24966	TRACY CALLISON	497-2525	VOL	13170	GREENBRIER
REYNOLDSVILLE VF CO	PO BOX 122	REYNOLDSVILLE	26422	MICHAEL GALLO	623-3754	VOL	17108	HARRISON
RHODELL VFD	PO BOX 201	RHODELL	25915	JERRY MILLER	683-3420	VOL	41110	RALEIGH
RICHWOOD VFD	10 WHITE AVE	RICHWOOD	26261	JOHN GREER	846-4826	VOL	34104	NICHOLAS
RIDGELEY VFD	PO BOX 619	RIDGELEY	26753	ROBERT SHIPLEY	738-8888	VOL	30109	MINERAL
RIPLEY VFD, INC	PO BOX 454	RIPLEY	25271	RICHARD H. GOBBLE II	372-9271	VOL	18103	JACKSON
RIVER ROAD VFD	1701 RIVER RD	MORGANTOWN	26501	PETER F SHUMILOFF	983-2000	VOL	31109	MONONGALIA
RIVESVILLE VFD	PO BOX 529	RIVESVILLE	26588	WILLIAM SATTERFIELD	278-7840	VOL	24111	MARION
ROBERTS RIDGE VFD	RD 2 BOX 224-A	MOUNDSVILLE	26041	ROB JONES	845-8188	VOL	25116	MARSHALL
RODERFIELD VFD	PO BOX 226	RODERFIELD	24881	MICHAEL GUELLA	436-3304	VOL	27111	MCDOWELL
ROMNEY VFD	PO BOX 970	ROMNEY	26757	GEORGE WILLIAMS	822-5141	VOL	14105	HAMPSHIRE
RONCEVERTE VFD	722 RONCEVERTE AVENUE	RONCEVERTE	24970	CHRIS RAMSEY	647-5233	VOL	13140	GREENBRIER
ROWLESBURG VFD	PO BOX 97	ROWLESBURG	26425	TERRY GOFF	454-9551	VOL	39109	PRESTON
RT 34 VFD	PO BOX 39	RED HOUSE	25168	FRANKLIN FLOWERS	586-9938	VOL	40107	PUTNAM
RUPERT VFD	PO BOX 54	RUPERT	25984	DALTON E ELMORE	392-5819	VOL	13150	GREENBRIER
SAINT ALBANS FD	51 SIXTH AVE	ST ALBANS	25177	STEPHEN PARSONS	727-2254	PT-PD	20324	KANAWHA

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SAINT JOSEPH VFD	RT 1 BOX 175	PROCTOR	26055	JAMES MCKINNEY	455-5206	VOL	25117	MARSHALL
SAINT MARYS VFD	PO BOX 215	ST MARYS	26170	CHARLES KNIGHT	684-7122	VOL	37102	PLEASANTS
SALEM VFD	PO BOX 126	SALEM	26426	RICHARD TODD	782-3333	VOL	17109	HARRISON
SALT ROCK VFD, INC	PO BOX 7	SALT ROCK	25559	ERNEST MORRISON	736-9724	VOL	06103	CABELL
SCOTTS RUN VFD	BOX 1148 MASON DIXON H	MAIDSVILLE	26541	DAVE TENNANT	328-5777	VOL	31111	MONONGALLIA
SELBYVILLE VFD	HC 78 BOX 31	SELBYVILLE	26236	CLIFTON SHAW	924-6560	VOL	49106	UPSHUR
SENECA ROCKS VFD	PO BOX 68	SENECA ROCKS	26884	JERRY L BOWERS	567-2242	VOL	36105	PENDLETON
SERVIA VFD	PO BOX 141	DUCK	25063	MARK THOMPSON	364-8111	VOL	04105	BRAXTON
SHARPLES VFD	PO BOX 181	SHARPLES	25183	JEFF BROWNING	369-2630	VOL	23109	LOGAN
SHAVER'S FORK FIRE RESC	PO BOX 374	SNOWSHOE	26209	DRUMMOND FIGG	572-5683	VOL	38104	POCAHONTAS
SHEPHERDSTOWN FD	PO BOX F	SHEPHERDSTOWN	25443	LEON CATROW	876-2311	VOL	19103	JEFFERSON
SHERRARD VFD	R.D. 3, Box 527	WHEELING	26003	CHARLES LEMMON	233-9830	VOL	25112	MARSHALL
SHINNSTON VFD, INC	37 BRIDGE ST	SHINNSTON	26431	JAMES SPADAFORE	592-1851	VOL	17110	HARRISON
SHIRLEY VFD, INC	PO BOX 141	SHIRLEY	26434	HOWARD PRATT	758-2391	VOL	48104	TYLER
SHORT CREEK VFD	PO BOX 713	SHORT CREEK	26058	THOMAS C DAILY	394-5220	VOL	05109	BROOKE
SHORT GAP VFD	RT 2 BOX 146	KEYSER	26726	JAMES BEEMAN	726-4388	VOL	30110	MINERAL
SILVER HILL VFD, INC	HC 60 BOX 261	NEW MARTINSVILLE	26155	DAVID L LONG	775-2925	VOL	52114	WETZEL
SILVERTON VFD	RT 1 BOX 182	RAVENSWOOD	26164	LEE THOMAS	273-9149	VOL	18104	JACKSON
SISSONVILLE VFD	PO BOX 13096	SISSONVILLE	25360	TOM K JOHNSON	984-0674	VOL	20126	KANAWHA
SISTERSVILLE VFD	PO BOX 184	SISTERSVILLE	26175	KENNETH LIPSCOMB	652-7131	VOL	48103	TYLER
SLANESVILLE VFD	PO BOX 58	SLANESVILLE	25444	KENNETH CLARK	496-8411	VOL	14106	HAMPSHIRE
SMITHBURG VFD	PO BOX 22	SMITHBURG	26436	ROLAND KNICELEY	873-1493	VOL	09105	DODDRIDGE
SMITHERS VFD, INC	PO BOX 518	SMITHERS	25186	JOHN A TAYLOR	442-2211	VOL	10106	FAYETTE
SMITHFIELD VFD	PO BOX 58	SMITHFIELD	26437	ROY EDGELL	334-3642	VOL	52112	WETZEL
SMITHVILLE VFD	PO BOX 28	SMITHVILLE	26178	MATT STANLEY	477-3423	VOL	43105	RITCHIE
SMOOT VFD	GENERAL DELIVERY	SMOOT	24977	WHORLEN MARTIN	392-6749	VOL	13195	GREENBRIER
SO.JACKSON CO.VFD	PO BOX 125	KENNA	25248	C.A.PIERSON	372-4106	VOL	18105	JACKSON
SOPHIA AREA VFD	PO BOX 1160	SOPHIA	25921	LAWRENCE HERN	683-3409	VOL	41111	RALEIGH
SOUTH BERKELEY VFD	PO BOX 140	INWOOD	25428	RUSSELL MORGAN	229-5377	VOL	02104	BERKELEY
SOUTH CHARLESTON FD	PO BOX 8597	SOUTH CHARLESTON	25303	CLAUDE W SIGMAN	744-0079	PT-PD	20326	KANAWHA

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SOUTH FORK VFD	PO BOX 297	BRANDYWINE	26802	ANDY BLAND	249-5232	VOL	36104	PENDLETON
SOUTH MORGAN VFD	RT 3 BOX 5015	BERKELEY SPRINGS	25411	MARK A MILLER	258-1271	VOL	33104	MORGAN
SPELTER VFD	PO BOX 176	SPELTER	26438	MARK HARTMAN	622-8256	VOL	17111	HARRISON
SPENCER-ROANE VFD	PO BOX 673	SPENCER	25276	MILLER, ROBERT III	927-1099	VOL	44101	ROANE
SPRINGFIELD VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 99	SPRINGFIELD	26763	BRIAN MALCOLM	822-3007	VOL	14107	HAMPSHIRE
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STONE CHURCH VFD	RT 2 BOX 69-A	ELM GROVE	26003	GARY WHITE	243-1571	VOL	35104	OHIO
STONEWOOD VFD	213 PLAINWOOD AVE	STONEWOOD	26301	DAVID P. PEASAK II	622-1199	VOL	17112	HARRISON
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UPPER TRACT VFD, INC.	HC 62 BOX 74	UPPER TRACT	26866	MIKE ALT	249-6390	VOL	36103	PENDELETON
UPPER WEST FORK VFD	PO BOX 90	CHLOE	25235	RICHARD PERKINS	655-7491	VOL	07104	CALHOUN
VALLEY GROVE VFD	PO BOX 136	VALLEY GROVE	26060	JOHN HARTO, JR	547-0347	VOL	35106	OHIO
VALLEY HEAD VFD	PO BOX 36	VALLEY HEAD	26294	LYLE C WARE	339-4343	VOL	42109	RANDOLPH
VALLEY VFD	PO BOX 63	APPLE GROVE	25502	JENNINGS PAGE	576-2237	VOL	26105	MASON
VALLEY VOLUNTEER FD	1707 PLEASANT VALLEY R	PLEASANT VALLEY	26554	ROGER MUNDELL	363-5599	VOL	24112	MARION
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WARREN DISTRICT VFD	RT 1 BOX 229-B	BUCKHANNON	26201	JOE CARRICO	472-7060	VOL	49107	UPSHUR
WASHINGTON BOTTOM VFD	PO BOX 57	WASHINGTON	26181	THOMAS R SMITH	863-3115	VOL	54108	WOOD
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WEIRTON CITY FD	200 MUNICIPAL PLAZA	WEIRTON	26062	KESSLER COLE	797-8560	PAID	15210	HANCOCK
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1           **EXAMINER SPENCER:**    Good morning.  It is  
2 about five after 10:00 by my clock, so we want to  
3 get started.  My name is Bill Spencer, I'm Vice  
4 Chairman of the West Virginia State Fire Commission,  
5 I will be your hearing Examiner today with regards  
6 to the proposed Rescue Rules.

7           The Rule was filed with the Secretary of  
8 State on May 6th, 2002, and has been available for  
9 public review since that date.  For those of you  
10 wanting to speak, sign in -- did everybody sign in?  
11 We will take those people in the order that they  
12 signed in.

13           The subject that can be addressed is the  
14 purpose of the Rule; no other topics are appropriate  
15 for this hearing.  We would appreciate your speaking  
16 no longer than five to seven minutes per speaker.  
17 Those who wish to submit written comments may then  
18 do so to Mr. Corley for consideration by the Fire  
19 Commission.  Those written comments will be received  
20 up until the close of business today at 4:00 PM.  
21 When you are called on to speak please, we don't  
22 have a podium, but just come up front, please, and

1 give your name and organization and jurisdiction  
2 that you represent. Are there any questions before  
3 we start?

4 (no response)

5 EXAMINER SPENCER: We also have two other  
6 Commission members with us, John Bailey and Jim  
7 Oldaker. Our court reporter for today is John  
8 Berkhouse.

9 Mr. John Vernon?

10 MR. VERNON: My name is John Vernon, I'm  
11 the Chief of the Fayetteville Fire Department, also  
12 the Chairman of the Technical Rescue Committee for  
13 the Fayette County Firefighters Association. I had  
14 submitted written comments at a meeting in Jackson's  
15 Mill some time ago on these regulations. Some of  
16 the comments that I had submitted had to do with  
17 grandfathering in the present classes that have been  
18 taken by most of the fire departments in the state  
19 in relation to these rescue regulations, and what  
20 classes would be grandfathered in specifically.

21 A good example would be on the extrication  
22 rules. Many of the classes that the fire

1 departments have taken in the past meet the  
2 requirements in these rescue regulations. However,  
3 I have not seen anything from WVU Fire Service  
4 Extension on what classes, not only with  
5 extrication, but also with like rope rescue, swift  
6 water awareness or swift water rescue, that type of  
7 thing, could be used that -- all of the hours they  
8 have taken in the past could be used to meet these  
9 requirements. I think that needs to be spelled out  
10 in writing prior to making these regulations law.

11 A couple of other things are the number of  
12 instructors that are approved by WVU at this time to  
13 teach these classes. I have seen a -- sometimes  
14 it's hard to get instructors to teach the classes on  
15 the new -- that are lined out in the new rescue  
16 regulations. We recently had a class canceled at  
17 our county fire school, which caused some  
18 consternation and some problems, because it was  
19 canceled the day before.

20 I've seen many for profit private training  
21 agencies presenting rescue classes in our State,  
22 specifically in my area, as it relates to swift

1 water rescue. They come in, they provide these  
2 types of classes, they are for profit, they are very  
3 expensive, up to hundreds of dollars per student. I  
4 have a problem with the idea that our fire  
5 departments may get to the point that they have to  
6 pay hundreds of dollars per student for each of  
7 these types of classes.

8           We have in the past in our area tried to  
9 get approval for some of the rafting agencies, for  
10 example, that teach swift water. These rafting  
11 agencies I know are teaching the U.S. Navy Seal  
12 teams, but they are not "approved" by WVU Fire  
13 Service Extension. There needs to be some sort of  
14 written guideline where we can have other agencies  
15 approved and some way we can make sure that these  
16 classes are not going to cost our fire departments  
17 hundreds of dollars per student, per type of class;  
18 because in each type of rescue category, you're  
19 looking at approximately three different levels of  
20 awareness, operations, and technician, to get to the  
21 level most fire departments wish to operate at.  
22 Thank you.

1                   **EXAMINER SPENCER:**     Mr. Cruikshank.

2                   **MR. CRUIKSHANK:**     I'm Steven Cruikshank,  
3 Fayette County Fire Services. I speak on behalf of  
4 our 16 departments. We like training; we want to do  
5 training. Our big concern on the regulations is  
6 that we have to have enough instructors approved to  
7 do the training. It does not do any good for the  
8 state to put requirements on it and then say, "We  
9 can't get you the training and we won't approve  
10 other people to get the training." In the swift  
11 water, for the last couple of years we've been  
12 talking to WVU and they said that they would include  
13 people from our county on working out the  
14 regulations and everything on what needed to be  
15 done. The expertise is there. For years -- I  
16 participated in the first swift water training  
17 probably in West Virginia, and I begged for  
18 training; and firemen died, and then all of a sudden  
19 everyone was interested, and we got some of the best  
20 qualified people in eastern United States to come in  
21 and do the training, and it pretty much fell by the  
22 wayside. We do need the training. We need to make

1 it available to people, it needs to be affordable,  
2 we need to get enough instructors, we need to get  
3 the written curriculum. I haven't seen a written  
4 curriculum. If you don't have a written curriculum,  
5 you don't have enough instructors, you just simply  
6 can't put a requirement on people because you can't  
7 deliver it to them. And that's our concern right  
8 now, is that we get enough people -- like I say, if  
9 the Navy Seals would come in to Fayette County and  
10 ask our local people for training, it's kind of  
11 idiotic that, "No, there's only two people in the  
12 state that can do your training." So we need to  
13 have the process in place that we can have  
14 adequately trained instructors, we can approve  
15 courses that are already out there, and approve  
16 people that are available to do the courses.

17           One other thing I want to mention on that  
18 is a concern I have, and I'm not sure how it needs  
19 to be addressed. But people need to understand that  
20 swift water rescue and flood rescue really ought to  
21 be two different categories. The floods of last  
22 year, the floods of this year, having a swift water

1 class on a river is not the proper training to go  
2 and attempt those kinds of rescues. You're talking  
3 about a raging torrent, not on a river, coming down  
4 a hollow where there wasn't a river before, trees  
5 behind you, houses coming down behind you, and a  
6 very dangerous situation. And we need to make some  
7 differentiation or include in that training just  
8 what is possible by this training, what we're doing.

9           The training we're interested in on swift  
10 water, the first basic thing is what not to do, so  
11 we don't get any more firemen killed, as much as  
12 what to do to save other people's lives. And the  
13 swift water, the floodwater type of rescues really  
14 scares me. We were very lucky on July 8th that we  
15 had a great number of raft guides ready to go out on  
16 trips, and they saved lives. And there were  
17 situations where they knew what no to do, but river  
18 experience is something that we cannot put people  
19 through a couple of the weekend classes and say they  
20 are prepared to go down that kind of water; and we  
21 need to make sure that we stress the differences  
22 there when we do it.

1 I think that pretty well covers what I came  
2 to say.

3 EXAMINER SPENCER: Thank you. Tim Blake?

4 MR. BLAKE: My name is Tim Blake, with the  
5 Craigsville Fire Department up in Nicholas County,  
6 also representing the Nicholas County Fireman's  
7 Association. I have only got one question, and I've  
8 asked this question at Jackson's Mill and I never  
9 got an answer, and I'm still waiting on it. My  
10 question is, the other agencies that are not fire  
11 related, are they going to be required to go by  
12 these rescue rules, also? Speaking of -- we have  
13 our dive -- Nicholas County Dive Search and Rescue  
14 Team, we have a land search and rescue team, because  
15 if we're going to have, as far as firemen, up to  
16 these certain criteria for training, will they also?  
17 Because speaking on personal experiences, these are  
18 just Joe Blow hunters, divers that dive every day, I  
19 mean these guys do it, but still yet we have got to  
20 have this certain requirement, should they also have  
21 this requirement, too? That's all I have to say.

22 EXAMINER SPENCER: Thank you. Mr. James

1 Porter, Jr.

2           MR. PORTER:     Good morning, I am James  
3 Porter, representing Number 2 Station in Logan  
4 County. One thing here that I recognize, it says  
5 here -- it says, "These rules identify different  
6 types and kinds of rescue that fire departments and  
7 ones that choose -- " There is no provision in this  
8 rule that protects fire departments that do not  
9 choose to do any of these rules. Say a fire  
10 department does not; do they have any protection in  
11 this rule from liability if they do not have it?  
12 There's no protection in the rule for those who  
13 choose not to specialize, there's no protection for  
14 them, which basically has -- states that -- well, if  
15 a fire department in West Virginia -- if I  
16 understand, 29-3A(1) states that fire departments  
17 are in charge of rescue. If a fire department is  
18 not trench rescue qualified in operations and  
19 awareness and technicians, are these people exempt  
20 from not responding?

21                     Mutual aid for rescue services from a  
22 neighboring county or resources through the Fire

1 Marshal's office for mutual aid. The Rescue Rules  
2 does not provide mutual aid for rescue services in  
3 this rule.

4 Another thing, too, is implementation,  
5 paragraph six, page 22. Implementation is -- you  
6 have got that all fire departments have to be -- it  
7 does not -- it says -- there is no percentage. To  
8 me, fire departments should -- at least half of the  
9 members should be technician qualified in prescribed  
10 rescue services. It's just like fire departments,  
11 there should be a percentage there on page 22,  
12 because I think that the -- not everybody -- you  
13 don't need 100 percent of your people at a  
14 technician level. You may need, to me, 50 percent  
15 of them, then that way those technicians can manage  
16 awareness people and the technician people. I think  
17 there under "Implementation" needs to be rewritten  
18 in these rules. There's no protection there.

19 But, again, the biggest thing on training,  
20 I have nothing on the training, I have nothing on  
21 the guidelines, awareness, whatever; but fire  
22 departments need protection if they don't respond to

1 these calls and they need to be exempt from not  
2 responding if they tell their 911s or dispatch  
3 centers that we have no one qualified for trench  
4 rescue. So there's no exemption for them, because  
5 the -- if they don't do anything or say they go to  
6 their scope of training and the scope of training is  
7 nothing, there's no protection in these rules for  
8 that. And there's nothing that says all fire  
9 departments have to train here in these guidelines;  
10 it doesn't say that. It says, "If fire departments  
11 choose -- " and that's in the summary, and that's  
12 the fourth page in, "If fire departments choose,"  
13 but there is no protection if they don't choose

14 **EXAMINER SPENCER:** Thank you. Mr. Bruce  
15 James?

16 **MR. JAMES:** Bruce James, I'm with Bradley  
17 Prosperity Volunteer Fire Department. I can tell  
18 you that these rescue rules are a good idea, and I  
19 echo everything that's been said here today. We had  
20 two firemen that would have been dead if it was not  
21 for the awareness level. On July 8th, we had a boat  
22 tore up, and we had two people go in the water;

1 because they'd had the awareness class, they were  
2 able to self-rescue themselves. But we've got a  
3 real problem, like everybody has talked about, with  
4 the instructors. You talk about paid companies  
5 coming in, we've already contracted with Rescue  
6 Three to come in and teach our people operations  
7 classes. We have been trying all summer long to get  
8 an operations class, and every time we send our  
9 people to fire school, the school is canceled. Last  
10 weekend, we went to a Fayette County school and the  
11 class was canceled the day before. It cost us  
12 \$10,000 because we canceled bingo for Sunday, so all  
13 of our people could attend fire school.

14           There also needs to be some criteria set  
15 forth for what it takes to be an instructor. And I  
16 agree with the fact that we need a written criteria,  
17 not just because you are somebody's friend. Also,  
18 the Fire Commission needs to see what the problem  
19 is, whether it's at WVU, it's with RESA or where the  
20 problem lies with all of these classes that are  
21 being canceled. I know of three classes that have  
22 been set up that's been canceled in the last month.

1 People are not going to go to fire schools, and they  
2 are not going to try to take these classes if the  
3 classes are canceled at the last minute. Thank you.

4 EXAMINER SPENCER: Thank you. In is there  
5 anyone else?

6 (no response)

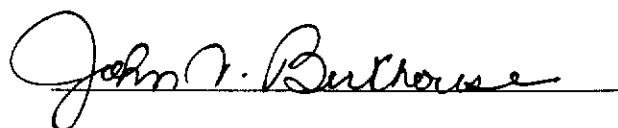
7 EXAMINER SPENCER: Okay. If that's it,  
8 then the hearing will be closed; and, again, written  
9 comments will be received in this office until 4:00  
10 PM this evening. Thank you for attending.

11 (WHEREUPON, the deposition  
12 was concluded at 10:24 a.m.)

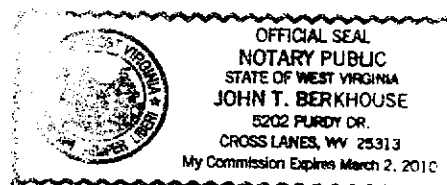
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## Changes to Rescue Rules:

- 5.1 Fire departments may perform rescue services as stipulated in this rule **ONLY** if their training has been approved by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.2 All current/accumulated training up to and including the operational level will be considered for validation/recognition/approval by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.3 Instructors providing training for fire department rescue services shall be approved by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.4 All rescue training offered by any entity not currently recognized and approved to do so shall be evaluated, at their request, by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee for possible recognition and approval.

of the chairman, the vice chairman shall exercise the powers and duties of the chairman.

(b) No business shall be transacted by the state fire commission in the absence of a quorum which shall be six members, one of whom must be the chairman or vice chairman. (1976, c. 51.)

### § 29-3-5. Promulgation of regulations and state fire code.

(a) The state fire commission shall have the power to promulgate, amend and repeal regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a [ §§ 29A-1-1 et seq. ] of this code. Such regulations, amendments or repeals thereof shall be in accordance with standard safe practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection and shall have the force and effect of law in the several counties, municipalities and political subdivisions of the state.

(b) Pursuant to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, the state fire commission, by the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven, shall promulgate comprehensive regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion to be known as the state fire code. Regulations embodied in the state fire code shall be in accordance with standard safe practice as embodied in widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection and shall have the force and effect of law in the several counties, municipalities and political subdivisions of the state. Whenever any other state law, county or municipal ordinance or regulation of any fire codes published by the national protection association: Provided, That such rules shall be effective as emergency rules when so promulgated until acted upon by the Legislature: Provided, however, That the state fire marshal shall provide compliance alternatives for historic structures as provided for in section five [ § 29-1-5 ], article one of this chapter, which compliance alternatives shall take into account the historic integrity of said historic structures; and shall coordinate with the director of the archives and history division the application of the rules and regulations of that division.

(c) In interpretation and application, the state fire code shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion: Provided, That the state fire marshal shall provide compliance alternatives for historic structures and sites as provided for in section five [ § 29-1-5 ], article one of this chapter, which compliance alternatives shall take into account the historic integrity of said historic structures and sites. Whenever any other state law, county or municipal ordinance or regulation of any agency thereof is more stringent or imposes a higher standard than is required by the state fire code, the provisions of such state law, county or municipal ordinance or regulation of any agency thereof shall govern, provided they are not inconsistent with the laws of West Virginia and are not contrary to recognized standards and good engineering practices. In any question, the decision of the state fire commission determines the

relative priority of any such state law, county or municipal ordinance or regulation of any agency thereof and determines compliance with state fire regulations by officials of the state, counties, municipalities and political subdivisions of the state. (1976, c. 51; 1988, c. 94.)

**Cross references.** — Building and housing codes, §§ 7-1-3n, 8-12-13, and 29-3-5b.

**ALR references.** — Validity, construction, and application of the Uniform Fire Code, 46 ALR5th 479.

**Incorporation of national codes.** — The state fire commission may incorporate by reference national codes promulgated by nongovernmental associations if said codes constitute "widely recognized standards of good practice for fire prevention and fire protection" and if the state fire code which contains these national codes is on file with the secretary of state and with the county clerks of all counties in this state. Op. Att'y Gen., Aug. 12, 1977.

But it may not incorporate by reference future changes and revisions in national codes incorporated by reference in the state fire code. Op. Att'y Gen., Aug. 12, 1977.

**Old rules valid unless future changes incorporated.** — Old rules and regulations issued by the state fire marshal are valid if they were promulgated in accordance with statutory procedure in effect at the time said rules and regulations were issued. However, any rules and regulations that were incorporated by reference as future changes or revisions and which were not promulgated in accordance with proper statutory procedures are null and void. Op. Att'y Gen., Aug. 12, 1977.

**Fire escape extending over sidewalk in municipality.** — In construing former § 29-3-

20, which authorized the state fire marshal and other named officers to order installation of fire escapes and necessary exits, it was held that such section did not impair the dominion of a city over its sidewalk, and a fire marshal could not order the erection of a fire escape which extended over the sidewalk against the consent of the municipality. *Dorsey v. Williamson*, 102 W. Va. 210, 135 S.E. 6 (1926).

**Authority of county court (now county commission) as to derelict and abandoned buildings.** — As to authority of county court (now county commission) to destroy or compel the destruction and removal of derelict and abandoned buildings on the ground that they are a public nuisance, see 51 Op. Att'y Gen. 236 (1965).

**Unenforceable directive.** — For opinion holding directive of state fire marshal ordering "immediate evacuation" of all or parts of buildings occupied by ten fraternity and five sorority houses situated in Morgantown, West Virginia, unenforceable, see 52 Op. Att'y Gen. 538 (1967).

**Applied** in *Teller v. McCoy*, 162 W. Va. 367, 253 S.E.2d 114 (1978).

**Quoted** in *Redden v. Comer*, 200 W. Va. 209, 488 S.E.2d 484 (1997).

**Cited** in *Cooper v. Gwinn*, 171 W. Va. 245, 298 S.E.2d 781 (1981); *State ex rel. State Line Sparkler of W. Va., Ltd. v. Teach*, 187 W. Va. 271, 418 S.E.2d 585 (1992).

### § 29-3-5a. Hazardous substance emergency response training programs.

(a) Within one hundred twenty days of the effective date of this section, the state fire commission shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter twenty-nine-a [§§ 29A-1-1 et seq.] of this code establishing criteria for qualified training programs in hazardous substance emergency response activities and procedures for such qualified training programs to be certified by the state fire marshal.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "hazardous substance" means any hazardous substance as defined in chapter eighty-eight, Acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five any "chemical substances and materials" listed in the rules promulgated by the commissioner of labor pursuant to section eighteen [§ 21-3-18], article three, chapter twenty-one of this code, and any "hazardous waste" as defined in section three [§ 22-18-3], article eighteen, chapter twenty-two of this code. (1986, c. 86; 1994, c. 61.)

duces tecum, to take testimony and to administer oaths to any witness in any proceeding or examination instituted before it or conducted by it with reference to any matter within its jurisdiction. In all hearings or proceedings before the state fire commission the evidence of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence may be required at any designated place of hearing; and in case of disobedience to a subpoena or other process the state fire commission or any party to the proceedings before the commission may invoke the aid of any circuit court in requiring the evidence and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books and documents. Any such court, in case of refusal to obey the subpoena issued to any person subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall issue an order requiring such person to appear before the state fire commission and produce all books and papers, if so ordered, and give evidence touching the matter in question. (1976, c. 51.)

§ 29-3-8.

Repealed by Acts 1992, c. 194.

**Editor's notes.** — Former § 29-3-8 (enacted by Acts 1976, c. 51 and amended by Acts 1984, c. 80), concerning the office of the state fire administrator, was repealed by Acts 1992, c. 194.

**§ 29-3-9. Powers, duties and authority of state fire commission and state fire marshal.**

(a) The state fire commission may employ personnel, fix their compensation and, within funds available to do so, incur expenses as necessary in the performance of the duties of its office.

(b) The state fire commission is responsible for fire programs within this state, including the state fire marshal's office, training, uniform standards and certification, finance and planning and fire prevention.

(c) All state and area training and education in fire service shall be coordinated by the state fire commission. The state fire marshal shall ensure that these programs are operated throughout the state at a level consistent with needs identified by the commissioner.

(d) The state fire commission shall develop minimum training levels for firefighters, minimum levels of equipment needed to protect life and property within fire service areas, minimum performance standards the departments must meet in response times, communications, minimum levels of water flow and pressure and other performance measures as considered necessary to meet the overall goals of improved fire prevention and control. The state fire commission may make recommendations to the state insurance commissioner regarding town classifications for fire insurance rates.

(e) The formation of any new fire department, including volunteer fire departments, requires the concurrence of the state fire commission. The state fire commission shall develop a method of certification which can be applied to all fire departments and volunteer fire departments.

(f) The state fire commission shall develop a plan for fire prevention and control which shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas: Manpower needs; location of training centers; location of fire prevention and

control units; communications; fire-fighting facilities; water sources; vehicular needs; public education and information; public participation; standardization in record keeping; evaluation of personnel; reporting of fire hazards; programs on mutual aid; location of public safety agencies; outline of fire prevention programs; and accessibility of fire prevention information.

(g) The state fire commission shall establish fire protection areas and at such times as funds are available shall establish field offices for inspection, planning and certification.

(h) The state fire marshal may accept, on behalf of the state fire commission, gifts, grants, court ordered civil forfeiture proceedings and bequests of funds or property from individuals, foundations, corporations, the federal government, governmental agencies and other organizations or institutions. The state fire marshal, acting on behalf of the state fire commission, may enter into, sign and execute any agreements and do and perform any acts that may be necessary, useful, desirable or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this article. Moneys from gifts, grants, civil forfeiture proceedings and bequests received by the state fire marshal shall be deposited into the special account set forth in subsection (c), section twelve-b [§ 29-3-12b(c)] of this article, and the state fire marshal, with the approval of the state fire commission, has the authority to make expenditures of, or use of any tangible property, in order to effectuate the purposes of this article. (1976, c. 51; 1992, c. 194; 1995, c. 114.)

Quoted in *Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Dep't. v. State ex rel. State Human Rights Comm'n*, 172 W. Va. 627, 309 S.E.2d 342 (1983).

**§ 29-3-10. State fire marshal's office transferred to state fire commission; powers and duties of state insurance commissioner with respect to fire marshal terminated; operation of commission prior to adoption of code.**

The state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's office, heretofore existing in this code, are hereby continued in all respects except that all powers and duties exercised by the state insurance commissioner with respect to the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's office are terminated and all such powers and duties are hereby transferred to and vested in the state fire commission except as provided otherwise in this article. Until the adoption of a state fire code by the state fire commission, the state fire marshal shall operate under the authority of this article and the authority of the rules and regulations heretofore promulgated by the state fire marshal. (1976, c. 51.)

**§ 29-3-11. Appointment of state fire marshal; term of office; removal; salary; qualifications; responsibilities; employees; equipment.**

(a) The state fire commission shall appoint a state fire marshal in accor-



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## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMISSION RESPONSES PROPOSED FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE RULES

A public hearing was held on June 7, 2002 to receive comments concerning the proposed rules. The comments and Commission responses are summarized below. Some revisions to this rule were necessitated by these comments.

Comment: Recognition or "grandfathering" of existing training needs to be spelled out in writing before making these regulations law.

Response: Revising section 5 of proposed rules to establish system for recognition of existing training certifications.

Comment: Not enough approved instructors to teach rescue training classes.

Response: Revising section 5 of proposed rules to improve instructor certification system.

Comment: There needs to be a written guideline to approve other agencies to teach rescue training so that costs are kept to a minimum.

Response: Revising section 5 of the proposed rules to establish system of approval for other entities to deliver rescue training.

Comment: Swift water rescue and flood rescue should be two different categories.

Response: Will be considered for future training development. Not currently separated in national standards.

Comment: There should be a percentage listed for compliance in the implementation section.

Response: The proposed rule applies only those personnel that are performing rescue services, the Department should determine the level of compliance that it chooses to provide.

Comment: Departments should be exempt from not responding if they do not have anyone qualified for rescue.

Response: Nothing in the proposed rules prohibits Fire Departments from responding to rescue incidents. The rules only determine the levels of training that should be met by those personnel actually performing rescue certain services. Departments are not prohibited by this rule from responding and establishing safety zones and requesting additional resources needed to effectively

mitigate a technical rescue incident, therefore an exemption would serve no purpose.

Comment: There needs to be some criteria set forth for what it takes to be an instructor.

Response: Revising section 5 of the proposed rules to establish system to improve instructor certification.

Comment: Are other agencies that are not fire department related required to go by these rescue rules also.

Response: The West Virginia State Fire Commission has no statutory authority to establish requirements for non-fire department affiliated agencies.

Changes to Rescue Rules:

- 5.1 Fire departments may perform rescue services as stipulated in this rule ONLY if their training has been approved by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.2 All current/accumulated training up to and including the operational level will be considered for validation/recognition/approval by the State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.3 Instructors providing training for fire department rescue services shall be approved by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee.
- 5.4 All rescue training offered by any entity not currently recognized and approved to do so shall be evaluated, at their request, by the West Virginia State Fire Commission or its designee for possible recognition and approval.