

SURFACE WATER RESCUE TECHNICIAN
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Please clearly indicate which level(s) you are testing for by marking your selection with an “X”:

- Surface Water Level I Surface Water Level II Surface Water Level I & II

SECTION I

<p>FEMA Student Identification Number (FEMA SID#): To register or view your FEMA SID, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Enter your 10-digit FEMA SID#</i></p>
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Suffix	SSN# (last 4-digits only)
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
Date of Birth	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Email Address	
Affiliation (Fire Dept./Organization)		Title/Rank	Date Hired/Joined	
Fire Dept/Organization Address	City	State	Zip Code	County

Please Read and Check One:

- I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Rescue Technician – Surface Water certification test. I have no conditions which preclude me from safely or effectively performing all functions and tasks (practical skills and written test) for the level at which I am seeking national certification.
- I read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Rescue Technician – Surface Water certification test. I will submit a request for accommodation for the written national certification test. I understand I MUST contact the Certification Program Manager no later than twenty-one days prior to the scheduled certification exam.

Disclosure of your social security number is required. Your social security number is being solicited pursuant to Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904* and Section 7384 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 *et seq.* The Office of the State Fire Commissioner/ Pennsylvania State Fire Academy collects these numbers only for tracking, processing of certifications, and verification purposes; information is only shared where required to do so for and is not sold, bartered, rented or otherwise distributed.

By signing and dating this document, I certify that the information contained in this application and any attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and submitted as true and correct in accordance with the OSFC/PSFA certification testing policy and in accordance with Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904*, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

[Click Here to View Candidate Handbook](#)

Signature of Candidate _____
Date

Test Site Official Use Only - Test Site: _____		Test Site Number: _____	
Date Application Received at Test Site: _____		Date Application Approved: _____	
Candidate Number: _____ Written Exam Results: ___ PASS ___ FAIL Skills Exam Results: ___ PASS ___ FAIL			

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SECTION II

Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 Health and Safety, Part V of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code reads:

“A person convicted of violating 18 Pa. C. S. § 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses) or any similar offense under Federal or State law shall be prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this Commonwealth and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter under Subchapter F of Chapter 73 (relating to State Fire Commissioner).”

All individuals making application for certification testing must provide documentation of a background check. Proof of a non-conviction MUST consist of *either* of the following:

1. An official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information) indicating no arson convictions.

OR

2. By dating and signing of the following statement by the person swearing to the following:

“I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa. C.S 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or State law. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine of at least \$1,000.00”

Name of Candidate (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date

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SECTION III - Please Read and Complete all information:

A candidate should meet the requirements of NFPA 1582, *Standard on Medical Requirements for Firefighters and information for Fire Department Physicians* prior to physical testing to ensure their ability to safely perform the required tasks.

During your participation in certification testing, in the event of injury/illness are you protected by an insurance carrier providing hospitalization and/or Workmen's Compensation? YES___ NO___

Liability Waiver

I, the undersigned, have hospitalization insurance and do hereby release the following individuals and organizations from any and all liabilities or causes of action for any injuries or illness incurred during or after my participation in the Voluntary Certification Program Test sponsored by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner/Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and hosted by the

(Name of Test Site)

The release covers all the aforementioned individuals and agencies as well as their agents, employees, or volunteers participating in this event.

This release covers all injuries or illnesses occurring during or as a result of the activities engaged in by the undersigned during the Voluntary Certification examination including any injuries which might result from physical abuse from third party participants or other individuals in or around the area where the examination is being conducted.

This release is intended to release all injuries, damages, or law suits to the undersigned person and property, whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, patent or latent which the undersigned may have against the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Host Entity, or its agents as listed above. The undersigned understands and acknowledges the significance and consequence of such specific intentions to release all claims, and hereby assumes full responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur from the above-mentioned event.

By signing and dating of this document **I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that **I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS** of this waiver, and that **I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SAID CONTENTS** of the release, and that **I HAVE SIGNED INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND.**

Candidate Name (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date

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SECTION IV

It is understood that the candidate registered on this form has done so with the full knowledge, consent, and approval of the named organization on page one of this application; and is protected by an insurance carrier or the organization. Furthermore, I attest that the candidate meets the requirements noted in Section III of this application. Participation approved by:

Name of Chief Officer (please type)	Daytime Phone	Email
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Signature of Chief Officer	Title	Date
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SECTION V

REQUIREMENT: NFPA 1006 (2013 Ed) Section 4.2 Hazardous Materials Incident and Contact Control

Candidates **MUST** be trained or certified at the Hazardous Materials Operations Level in accordance with NFPA 1072 (2017 Edition) Chapter 5 (Core Competencies) and Chapter 6, (Mission-Specific) section 6.2 (Personal Protective Equipment) and section 6.6 (Product Control), **OR** NFPA 470 (2022 Edition), Chapter 7 (Core Competencies) and Chapter 9, (Mission-Specific) section 9.2 (Personal Protective Equipment) and section 9.6 (Product Control).

Attach a copy of one of the following recognized certificates. Training certificates **MUST** be from the PSFA approved Jones & Bartlett curriculum.

- Hazardous Materials Operations Level training **OR**
- Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher training **OR**
- Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responder National Certification (ProBoard or IFSAC)

NOTE: The certificate (training, refresher training, or certification) **MUST** be current and dated within one (1) year of the certification application and **MUST** meet the requirements of NFPA 1072 (2017) **OR** NFPA 470 (2022).

REQUIREMENT: NFPA 1006 (2013) JPR 4.3 Rescue Technician General Requirements

To qualify at the Rope Rescue Technician Level, the candidate **MUST** be certified and shall perform all job performance requirements in Chapter 5 of the NFPA 1006 standard.

- Certification (state or training agency issued Pro-Board or IFSAC) Certificate **OR**
- Official Transcript from approved educational training agency showing successful completion of certification **OR**
- Rescue Technician (Specialty) National (IFSAC or Pro Board) certification.

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REQUIREMENT: NFPA 1006 (2013 Ed) Section 4.2 Emergency Medical Care

The following is a list of approved courses that meet the requirements of Chapter 6, Section 6.2.1. Each candidate **MUST** show, at minimum, an approved CPR/AED card/certificate **AND** an approved emergency medical training card/certificate. A cognitive and skills assessment for both the CPR and First Aid training courses **MUST** be completed as part of your course, including **ALL** written exams or optional written exams if applicable. All CPR courses **MUST** include Adult, Child, and Infant CPR.

Please assure the following:

- Check the EMS certification / medical training, **AND** CPR training you possess are listed below;
- Indicate issue and expiration date (i.e., Exp. Date) in the boxes provided;
- Attach copies of your course certificate or card for CPR and Medical Training. Your certificate or card **MUST** be signed where applicable in order to be valid. Copies **MUST** include front and back where applicable.
- If submitting an eCard or eCertificate, the copy provided **MUST** have an interpretable QR code or number, certificate ID, or authorization number.

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APPROVED EMS CERTIFICATIONS/MEDICAL TRAINING COURSES

AHA – Heartsaver First Aid	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ARC – Emergency Medical Response	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ASHI – Emergency Medical Response	Issued:		Exp. Date	
National Ski Patrol – Outdoor Emergency Care	Issued:		Exp. Date	
NSC –Basic Life Support: Healthcare & Professional Rescuers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
NSC – First Aid Taking Action – Advanced Training	Issued:		Exp. Date	
AAOS – Emergency Care & Safety Institute Emergency Medical Responder	Issued:		Exp. Date	
PA DOH – Emergency Medical Responder	Issued:		Exp. Date	
PA DOH – EMT OR Advanced EMT	Issued:		Exp. Date	
PA DOH – EMT Paramedic	Issued:		Exp. Date	
PA DOH – Healthcare Professional	Issued:		Exp. Date	

APPROVED CPR COURSES

AHA – Heartsaver CPR (Adult/Child/Infant)	Issued:		Exp. Date	
AHA – BLS Provider OR BLS for Healthcare Provider	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ARC – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ARC – CPR/AED for Healthcare Providers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ARC – CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ARC – CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
ASHI – Basic Life Support BLS for Healthcare Providers and Professional Rescuers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
NSC – Basic Life Support Healthcare & Professional Rescuer	Issued:		Exp. Date	
AAOS – Emergency Care & Safety Institute Health-Care Provider CPR (Professional)	Issued:		Exp. Date	
EMS Safety Services, Inc. – BLS for Healthcare Providers	Issued:		Exp. Date	
Pro Trainings, LLC – Pro CPR Healthcare Provider CPR	Issued:		Exp. Date	
Geisinger CPR Program	Issued:		Exp. Date	
Military Training Network Resuscitative Medicine & Training Program BLS for Healthcare Providers	Issued:		Exp. Date	

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NOTE: If you are testing for Surface Water Technician Level II independent of Level I, please provide the following information.

REQUIREMENT: Surface Water Rescue Technician Level I NFPA 1006 (2013 Ed), JPR 7.2

To certify at the Surface Water Rescue Technician Level II, the candidate must be certified at the General Requirements Level *and* the Surface Water Rescue Technician Level I.

Please provide your certification number *and* attach a copy of your Surface Water Rescue Technician I certification certificate.

Surface Water Rescue Technician I Certificate Number (2008 or 2013 edition): _____

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Prerequisite Verification Form

Candidate Name: _____

My signature below indicates that I read and understand the requirements of this program, Surface Water Rescue Technician Level I and/or II; furthermore, I meet the prerequisites established by the Standard or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

- _____ I am 18 years of age or older;
- _____ I signed the Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 form or have provided an official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91;
- _____ I signed the application;
- _____ I had a chief officer sign Section IV of this application;
- _____ I attached a copy of my approved, current Hazardous Materials Operations Course or Operations Refresher Training Certificate (Jones & Bartlett curriculum);
- _____ I attached a current, signed cards or certificates that fulfill the CPR and Medical Training Requirements;
- _____ I attached proof of General Requirements Certification;
- _____ I attached a copy of my Surface Water Rescue Technician Level I Certification (if applicable).

Testing Assistance

- _____ I am physically capable of completing the practical skill exercises.
- _____ I am able to read and comprehend the written test and related materials.
- _____ I **will not** be submitting a request for accommodation for National Certification exam;

OR

- _____ I **will** be submitting a request for accommodation for the National Certification exam. I understand that I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than three weeks (21 days) prior to the certification exam.

Candidate Name (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date