

TECHNICAL HIGH ANGLE ROPE RESCUE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ADM 1

Purpose: The Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program (THARRP) prepares fire department personnel in technical rope & tower rescue procedures for workers in distress working at heights (e.g., tower crane operators). THARRP was established in 1991 by the Greater Vancouver Regional District Fire Chiefs, in response to stated needs of industry.

The THARRP program is administered by the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA), and overseen by the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Steering Committee. The committee is comprised of representatives from BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association, BC Fire Chiefs' Association, participating employers, labour, BC Construction Safety Alliance and WorkSafeBC.

The Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program training consists of:

- NFPA 1670 – (Current Edition) Awareness, Operations & Technician Levels for: (Rope & Tower Rescue)
- NFPA 1006 – (Current Edition) Awareness, Operations & Technician
- Instructor Development Training.

Scope: This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) addresses options for training.

Guidelines: **Training:**

The training provided to all funded instructors through THARRP must meet the Technical Rope and Tower Rescue requirements of NFPA 1670 and 1006 current Standards.

For a list of recognized training agencies refer to TRG1.

The Committee has agreed to the following training options to provide Fire Departments flexibility in meeting THARRP training requirements:

Participating fire departments may accomplish THARRP training requirements utilizing:

1. A THARRP recognized training agency (see TRG1 page 1 of 1)
2. An independent contractor selected by the fire department or,
3. Qualified in-house subject matter instructors selected by the fire department.

With all of these options training must be conducted to NFPA 1670 and 1006 current Standards.

THARRP will provide funding to cover actual costs incurred to an amount equivalent to those listed in SOP FIN2. The cost reimbursements will be in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures reviewed annually by the Steering Committee.

Note: Reimbursements of fees through THARRP are only available to funded instructors. Please see FIN2 for details.

Record Keeping: The BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) maintains records of training for all funded instructors in the THARRP Portal (accessible to participating departments and training agencies only).

Candidates who have been designated as prospective funded instructors must provide evidence of training to the BCCSA in order to have it placed into the funded instructor's training record that is maintained as part of the THARRP record. Fire departments must utilize the **Instructor Prior Training** request procedure within the THARRP Portal to submit prior training records.

The THARR Program is reviewed and approved by the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Steering Committee every year.