



PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY

ROPE RESCUE AWARENESS SKILL STATIONS

NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition) Chapter 5

Effective March 1, 2026:

- All certification candidates are required to maintain an active Acadis user portal account. (Acadis portal location = OSFC website/ Training and Certification Portal, or click here: [ENVISAGE Acadis®](#))
- All certification candidates are to be registered with the designated test site and rostered for the certification test.

Skill Stations

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Station A	Size Up (1 Evaluator)	Mandatory Station
Station B	Assist a Rescue Team (1 Evaluator)	Mandatory Station

AT NO TIME will a candidate, evaluator, participant, facility staff, etc., approach any edge where a fall of more than three (3) feet is possible without being attached to a fall protection system or a travel restraint system unless they are attached to the main line and belay line or a twin tensioned system. Failure to follow these instructions will be an automatic failure of the station.

Minimum PPE for Rope Rescue Awareness Testing:

- Helmet/hardhat with chinstrap
- Gloves – to be worn anytime that the candidate is handling moving rope
- Boots
- ANSI Approved Eye Protection



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STATION A – Size Up		Reference NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition), Chapter 5 Mandatory Station: JPRs 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.5	
Test Site	Test Date	Candidate #	Check the Test Type ____ Initial ____ Retest

Evaluator Note: The station scenario will be a single hiker that fell down an embankment and is unresponsive.

Directions: Given a rope rescue incident and background information, the candidate will size up the incident, identify incident hazards, initiate isolation and scene control procedures, and recognize the need for technical rescue resources so that the incident scene is isolated and controlled, additional resource needs are identified and requested, and incident hazards are identified.

Performance Outcome: Pass / Fail is determined by **All** tasks correctly performed.

No.	Tasks	Yes	No
1	Initiates scene control and isolation procedures		
2	Attempts/initiates communications with the victim		
3	Gathers relevant information from bystanders and technical reference materials		
4	Identifies the number of victims, victim condition, and victim location(s)		
5	Performs a size-up and provides an initial report to incoming units		
6	Initiates a search of the area around the scene		
7	Requests additional rescue resources		
8	Transfers command to first arriving supervisor		
Please indicate skill outcome		PASS	FAIL

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ **Evaluator #** _____



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STATION B – Assist a Rescue Team		Reference NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition), Chapter 5 Mandatory Station: JPRs 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.1.5	
Test Site	Test Date	Candidate #	Check the Test Type ____ Initial ____ Retest

Evaluator Note: The station scenario will be operating a simple mechanical advantage haul system at a simulated rescue incident.

Directions: Given a rope rescue scenario, the candidate will assist a rope rescue team in the operation of a simple mechanical advantage haul system.

Performance Outcome: Pass / Fail is determined by **All** tasks correctly performed.

No.	Tasks	Yes	No
1	Confirms assignment with the rescue officer prior to operation		
2	Confirms with the rescue officer that the system was checked and is ready for operation		
3	Operates the haul system in a smooth and controlled manner		
4	Stops the hauling process as directed by the rescue officer		
5	Resets the haul system as directed by the rescue officer		
6	Operates the haul system as directed by the rescue officer		
7	Completes assignment in a safe and controlled manner		
Please indicate skill outcome		PASS	FAIL

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____

Evaluator # _____