



PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY

TRENCH RESCUE AWARENESS SKILL STATIONS

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.
- All certification candidates are to be registered within Acadis for the certification test. (You will need to register twice for the certification test, with the test site *and* Acadis)

Skill Stations

NFPA 1006 Trench Rescue Awareness – Chapter 12 (2021 Edition)

Station A	Size Up (1 Evaluator)	Mandatory Station
Station B	Assist Rescue Team: Non-Entry Rescue (1 Evaluator)	Mandatory Station

All skills in the Trench Rescue Awareness Level Skills Menu are Mandatory. All skills in the Trench Rescue Awareness level MUST be passed with 100% of tasks being checked "YES." Any task checked "NO" in a skill station is a failure of that skill.

Minimum PPE for Trench Rescue Testing:

- Helmet/hardhat with chinstrap
- ANSI/ASTM eye protection
- Gloves
- Safety toed footwear



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STATION A – Size Up		Reference NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition), Chapter 12 Mandatory Station: JPRs 12.1.1, 12.1.3, 12.1.4, 12.1.5, 12.1.6	
Test Site	Test Date	Candidate #	Check the Test Type ____ Initial ____ Retest

Evaluator Note: Station scenario will be a single worker that fell into an open trench.

Directions: Given a trench 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 communicated.

Performance Outcome: Pass / Fail is determined by **9 of 9** tasks correctly performed.

No.	Tasks	Yes	No
1	Recognizes incident hazards and initiates isolation procedures		
2	Gathers relevant information from on-scene competent person		
3	Identifies the number of victims, victim condition, and victim location(s)		
4	Performs a size-up and provides an initial report to incoming units		
5	Identifies the type of trench collapse		
6	Attempts/establishes communications with the victim		
7	Initiates hazard control actions in the area around the trench		
8	Requests additional rescue resources		
9	Transfers command to first arriving supervisor		
Please indicate skill outcome		PASS	FAIL

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ **Evaluator #** _____



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STATION B – Assist Rescue Team: Non-Entry Rescue		Reference NFPA 1006 (2021 Edition), Chapter 12 Mandatory Station: JPRs 12.1.2, 12.1.5, 12.1.7	
Test Site	Test Date	Candidate #	Check the Test Type _____ Initial _____ Retest

Evaluator Note: Station scenario will be a single worker that fell into an open trench.

Directions: Given a trench rescue scenario, ground pads, straight ladder, self-rescue tools, and rescue PPE, the candidate will perform a non-entry rescue/victim self-rescue, on a victim located within a trench, so that the victim's self-rescue maneuver is completed in a safe and controlled manner and without further injury to the victim or bystanders.

Performance Outcome: Pass / Fail is determined by **8 of 8** tasks correctly performed.

No.	Tasks	Yes	No
1	Controls access and establishes work zones		
2	Confirms pertinent information with the on-scene job supervisor/foreman		
3	Conducts an incident briefing		
4	Communicates a non-entry/victim self-rescue plan to the job supervisor and victim		
5	Controls hazards prior to non-entry/victim self-rescue operation		
6	Initiates a non-entry/victim self-rescue plan and monitors the process		
7	Continues to monitor hazards until the victim is clear from the trench		
8	Completes assignment in a safe and controlled manner		
Please indicate skill outcome		PASS	FAIL

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Signature: _____ **Evaluator #** _____