



BROOKHAVEN TECHNICAL RESCUE TASK FORCE

SETAUKET – CENTEREACH - SELDEN – PORT JEFFERSON – Mt. SINAI – SUNY SB FIRE RESCUE
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Friday, April 11, 2008

Dear Brother Firefighter and first responder,

In early 1995 dedicated members of the Stony Brook, Setauket, Centereach, Mt. Sinai, Port Jefferson and Wading River Fire Departments took a rigorous 40 plus hour high angle rope and confined space rescue course at the Nassau County Fire Academy. After completing the training, this highly motivated and truly dedicated 100% volunteer group of firefighters became what was known as the Northern Brookhaven Confined Space Rescue Team. Each agency agreed to a written joint mutual aid agreement and began building an equipment cache.

As the team evolved and the equipment cache grew larger so did the National Fire Protection Association standards. The team adopted the new NFPA 1670 and 1006 standards governing Technical Rescue training and professional qualifications.

In February 2000, the Confined Space Rescue Team became what is known today as the Brookhaven Technical Rescue Task Force (BTRTF). The group agreed to meeting and following both NFPA 1670 and 1006 standards. Confined Space Rescue is only one of the seven disciplines of Technical Rescue.

The Brookhaven Technical Rescue Task Force and dedicated members are required to meet Awareness level of all seven disciplines. Each agency must have a minimum of six members trained to Operations Level of a minimum of three disciplines.

Today the Task Force is trained and equipped to handle not only Confined Space Rescues, but also High Angle Rope Rescue, Trench Collapse Rescue, Vehicle and Machinery Extrication, Water and Ice Rescue, Building Collapse Rescue, Emergency Shoring and Wilderness Search as well.

The Brookhaven Technical Rescue Task Force members are 100% volunteer. They are neither paid nor reimbursed for their time spent training, becoming certified or operating at any incidents.

The Task Force agencies train multiple times monthly and as a Task Force at least 12 times annually. Members meeting operations level of all seven disciplines have invested nearly 650 hours of training over and above all other fire and medical training. Most members train monthly with their agency and once monthly with the TF, averaging an additional 60-100 additional hours.

Please find the attached revised BTRTF Response Guideline.

- Page 1 displays and explains levels one and two of our four part response guideline.
- Page 2 displays and explains levels three and four of the response guideline.
- Page 3 offers additional information explaining the BTRTF agencies and contact information for the TF, the TF leader and Liaison
- Page 4 is a condensed version of the response guideline which is ideal for chiefs cars, apparatus and the dispatchers office.

Thanking you in advance for your time and effort with our Response Guideline, *BTRTF*



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Response Guideline

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Level I Minor Incident (other than Collapse and/or Excavation) -

I.e. small rope job¹/machinery entrapment²/elevator incident³/where specialized services may be required/Wilderness Search & Rescue (missing person/s)

- Three NEAREST AVAILABLE Agencies Activated
- Port Jefferson Vol. Ambulance (PJVAC) Activated
- All Units Report to Staging
- Wilderness SAR require ONLY the Activation of Selden, Setauket, Holtsville & SUNY Fire marshals (Trained in WSAR)
- Task Force Leader DiBernardo
- Task Force Liaison Xikis

Level II Minor Collapse Incident – i.e. Possible or Minor Structural

Damage⁴ with Possible Shoring Indicated/elevator emergency⁵ or collapse of elevator car

- Three NEAREST AVAILABLE Agencies Activated
- Port Jefferson Vol. Ambulance (PJVAC) Activated
- Two of Nearest Collapse Rescue Trailers Activated
 - Selden
 - Setauket
 - Mt. Sinai
 - Hagerman
- Task Force Leader DiBernardo
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¹ Small Rope Job-Such as a stairwell lower, victim lowered from a short building, victim raised from lower level such as basement

² Machinery entrapment-person stuck within, under, on top of machinery, such as, not limited to -grinders, mixers, snow blowers, presses

³ Elevator incidents – person or persons stuck in stalled elevator cars, without fire, panic or medical emergency

⁴ Minor structural damage – vehicle into structure, tree into structure, wind damage, storm damage, construction related, structural elements compromised

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Level III Confined Space Rescue/High Angle Rope Rescue

Confined Space – i.e. Person or persons overcome, injured or trapped in a Confined Space - such as, NOT limited to - Well/Tank/Ship Hold/ or as described in OSHA 1910.146 – High Angle Rope - Victims needing removal from elevated areas such as but not limited to, high tension line towers, window washers, glaziers, Bridges, cliffs/bluffs, roof tops/portions of high buildings/elevator shafts/etc.

- Full Activation of All Departments/Agencies/Physicians
- Two of Nearest Collapse Rescue Trailers Activated
 - Selden
 - Setauket
 - Mt. Sinai
 - Hagerman
- Task Force Leader DiBernardo
- Task Force Liaison Xikis
- DMRT EMS Field Physicians Activated & Respond to scene

Level IV Major Incident – i.e. such as, NOT limited to -Building⁶, Trench or Excavation⁷ Collapse – major structural damage/people reported trapped or people confirmed trapped, Explosions, Major Storm Damage, Major Acts of Terrorism, MCI'S, Man-made or Natural Disasters

- Full Activation of All Departments/Agencies/Physicians
- All Departments/Agencies shall report to a designated staging area and Respond to scene from staging
- All Four Collapse Rescue Trailers activated
- Task Force Leader DiBernardo
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⁶ Building Collapse/Partial Building Collapse is portion of or entire structural elements fail causing collapse of structure or portion of

⁷ Trench or Excavation collapse is any cut or hole in the earths surface that is created for construction and work purposes, people trapped, buried, stuck or cannot self extricate themselves from a trench or excavation

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BTRTF Agencies Include:

1. Setauket FD
2. Centereach FD
3. Selden FD
4. Port Jefferson FD
5. Mount Sinai FD
6. Ronkonkoma FD
7. Hagerman FD
8. Port Jeff Volunteer Ambulance Corp
9. Suny Stony Brook Environmental Health & Safety (Fire Marshals)
10. Holtsville FD

- It shall be known that the intention of the BTRTF is to act as an additional tool in the IC's tool box. The BTRTF does NOT assume command nor relieve it. The BTRTF normally is assigned to the Operations officer and works as the rescue group under the host agencies command
- This is a guide to help prevent having ten (10) agencies responding to a minor incident and stripping fire district of specialized personnel
- Man-power issues may dictate otherwise
- Calling for additional teams following the SCTRPP may be required **early** and may be required for all types of incidents.

- Facilitate the use of the following:
 - TF Liaison Bill Xikis – 631.445.4062 (cellular)
email – sfdres4cue@yahoo.com
 - TF Leader Joseph DiBernardo – 631.872.4704 (cellular)
email - jdibernardo@longislandrescue.com
 - Deputy County fire Coordinator for Technical Rescue – FC-28
 - All requests for the BTRTF Leader Joseph DiBernardo shall go through Setauket FD Dispatch At (631) 941-4441 or FRES at (631) 924-5252
 - All requests for the BTRTF Liaison Bill Xikis shall go through the Selden FD dispatcher at (631) 732-1234 or FRES at (631) 924-5252
 - All requests for activation of the BTRTF shall go through SCFRES (631) 924-5252.

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