

Death by Rescue: Managing Crush Injuries

Rescue is the most important component of Technical Rescue. It implies the removal of a LIVE victim, which requires a built-in, comprehensive medical program. In many cases, the absence of a medical component and rapid, advanced patient care results in adverse effects and/or death. While programs stress the highly technical aspects of scene stabilization and victim disentanglement, only a few emphasize the vital patient care and packaging required to maximize patient outcome. This two-hour virtual presentation will focus on “bridging the gap” between Rescue and Medical in complex technical rescue situations in order to avoid the proverbial “death by rescue.”

Attendance is open to all active South Carolina fire, police, EMS, and dispatch personnel.

This class is approved by DHEC for 2 hours of Continuing Education Units.

Registration Information

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Virtual Event: Attendees will receive an access link prior to the event.

Registration Fee: \$5 (Agencies will receive an invoice for “no show” students.)

Registration: 8653-24w01 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=79923>

Note: When completing your registration, you will be prompted to enter your Fire Department name. Click to search, and select the appropriate agency. If your agency is not listed, contact amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov.

About the Presenter

Doug Hexel is a career Fire Officer, Urban Search and Rescue Specialist, and Paramedic. He also serves as a Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Instructor for New York State and teaches at conferences around the country, primarily focusing on “bridging the gap” between Fire and EMS in Technical Rescue.

Doug is a New York State Fire Instructor; Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC); holds Technician Level certifications in Rope, Confined Space, Trench, Swiftwater, and Collapse Rescue; and has completed FEMA’s Medical Team Specialist course.



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