

26. Technical Rescue Response

Measure / Indicator Description:	Responsibility:	2006 %	2007 %	2008 %	2009 %
Percent compliance with establishing and performing an annual review of an Interlocal Agreement between Participating Zone 11 Agencies in the delivery of technical rescue response as part of the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Task Force.	Chief Eastman	100	100	100	
Percent compliance in attending and participating in regularly scheduled meetings of the Zone 11 Chiefs, at which this program is jointly administered.	Chief Eastman Chief Andrews	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with the appointment of District representative(s) to the Technical Rescue Joint Board, Technical Rescue Training Committee, and Zone 11 Meetings.	Chief Andrews Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with training all uniformed members to the competencies of NFPA 1670 - <i>Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents.</i>	Chief Clinton Chief Provenzano	75	75	90	
Percent compliance with training a minimum of sixteen (16) members to the competencies of NFPA 1006 - <i>Standard for Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications.</i>	Chief Provenzano Chief Clinton	75	95	100	
Percent compliance with training those members serving as Incident Command Officers to NFPA 1670 - <i>Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents.</i>	Chief Clinton	25	25	25	
Percent compliance with providing annual training for each level of responder in accordance with NFPA 1006, NFPA 1670, OSHA, and other state and local standards.	Chief Clinton Chief Provenzano	25	75	90	
Percent compliance with assuring those members serving on the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Response Team attend annually a minimum of four (4) Team or Zone Training Sessions required by Zone 11.	Chief Provenzano Chief Clinton	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with maintaining an effective technical rescue response unit equipped to meet the thirty (30) minute package requirements per Snohomish County Protocols.	Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Percent compliance with performing inspection and testing of all equipment according to the manufacturer's recommendations and NFPA 1936 - <i>Standard on Powered Rescue Tools.</i>	Chief Provenzano	100	100	100	
Overall Percent Compliance by Year:		80%	87%	91%	

What does this measure tell us?

NFPA 1006 - *Standard for Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications* and NFPA 1670 - *Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents* establishes the minimum requirements to assure a safe and effective response to technical rescue incidents. This standard identifies the competencies for each of the technical rescue disciplines. In Washington State, fire department personnel are, as a minimum, to be trained to the First Responder Operations Level. Those personnel serving on the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Task Force shall meet the competencies for Technical Rescue - Technician Level. Those personnel serving as an Incident Commander at a technical rescue incident shall have the necessary competencies in accordance with NFPA 1670. This measure further outlines those components and job tasks necessary to maintain an effective Technical Rescue Response Program within our own agency as well as a participating member of the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Task Force.

Goal being measured:

Pursue Traditional and Non-traditional Effective Partnerships With Other Organizations.

Incidents involving technical rescue are becoming more commonplace with an increase in construction and underground utility systems. The events of earthquakes, explosions, and possible acts of terrorism require that local first responders be prepared, equipped, and trained to effectively handle the various types of rescues that occur today. Having members trained and functioning as part of the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Task Force will help enable us to provide the most favorable outcome to our citizens in the event of an emergency requiring such technical expertise.