



Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team

Membership Application Packet

Prospective Team Member,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team. Please complete this application package in its entirety. There are three parts to the application.

Part 1. Team application. Complete the application including the endorsement of your Chief.

Part 2. Memorandum of Understanding. A completed and signed MOU must accompany the application package.

Part 3. Training Questionnaire. Complete the attached training questionnaire. Please check any courses that you have completed. In addition, please indicate any disciplines that you hold Pro-Board certifications in.

Generally, only training from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) will be recognized. This includes training in the following courses:

- Rope Rescue, Operational and Technician Level.
- Confined Space Rescue, Technician Level.
- Trench Rescue, Technician Level.
- Surface and Swift Water Rescue.

Some courses that are not offered by the MFA, but considered desirable by the WMTRT are included in the questionnaire. Included are courses offered by FEMA or training agencies offering FEMA equivalent training, the Center for Domestic Preparedness, or other training meeting NFPA 1006.

Other training *may* be considered and applicants requesting consideration for outside training should submit proof of completion along with a course syllabus.

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation, must be scanned to emailed to wmtrt.wmtrt@gmail.com



Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team

Application for Membership

Applicant Name: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone #: _____

Fire Department: _____

Chief: _____

Telephone #: _____

Current rank at Department: _____

Years in Fire Service: _____

Please attach a brief summary of why you would like to become a member of the Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team. Include the reasons you believe you are qualified.

Date: _____

Endorsement of your Chief is required above



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Memorandum of Understanding

Between the Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team Member and Fire Chief

This document shall serve as a Memorandum of Understanding between Western Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team (WMTRT) member _____, member of the _____ Fire Department (hereafter the "Employee") and Fire Chief _____ (hereafter the "Employer")

The Parties agree that cooperation is critical to the overall operation of the WMTRT; whereas the operation of the team is dependent on team members being properly trained and participating in team activities; and whereas Fire Departments have certain administrative responsibilities.

The Employer agrees to allow the Employee to respond to technical rescue incidents, regardless of location, whether on or off duty. The Employer agrees to allow the Employee to attend sanctioned technical rescue team training whether on or off duty.

The Employer shall allow the Employee to respond to technical rescue incidents while on duty. When public safety of the community is affected by the response, the Employee shall be allowed to respond once a replacement has arrived for duty.

The WMTRT agrees to pursue funding for team activities and equipment. In the absence of said funding, it is the responsibility of the Employer to compensate the Employee for WMTRT training and responses in accordance with applicable local agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, or other applicable documents. In the event that funding cannot be maintained, the Employee or Employer may choose not to continue to participate in the WMTRT.

The Employer agrees that the Employee will be protected by all applicable laws and local agreements pertaining to disability and liability as an Employee of _____ Fire Department while engaged in WMTRT activities. The Employer agrees that the Employee will be protected by M.G.L. c 41 111F to the maximum extent possible under the law while engaged in WMTRT activities, including travel to and from emergencies.

Fire Chief (Employer): _____ Date: _____
Print

Signature

WMTRT Member (Employee): _____ Date: _____
Print

Signature



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Candidate Training Questionnaire

Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Please check any Technical Rescue Courses you have completed below. Course completion certificates must be included.

Rope Rescue - <u>Operations and Technician Level</u> required.		
	Completed	Pro-Board Certified
Rope Rescue - Operations Level (MFA) (5 points)		
Rope Rescue - Technician Level (MFA) (10 points)		
In addition to Rope Rescue - <u>At Least One</u> of the below courses is <u>required</u>.		
Confined Space Rescue (MFA) (10 points)		
Trench Rescue (MFA) (10 points)		
Other Desirable Training		
<p>Please note, the list is not all inclusive and other training related to technical rescue response <u>MAY</u> be considered. Applicants requesting consideration for additional training that is not already listed should submit <u>proof</u> of completion along with a course outline/syllabus.</p>		
Surface & Swift Water Rescue (MFA) (10 points)		
Structural Collapse Technician - 80 Hour FEMA equiv. (10 points)		
ICS for Structural Collapse Incidents (MFA) (5 points)		
USAR Medical Specialist (10 points)		
Tower Rescue - NFPA 1006 / ANSI Z359 (5 points)		
Vehicle Rescue - NFPA 1006 (5 points)		
Machinery Rescue - NFPA 1006 (5 points)		
Field Force Extrication (CDP) (5 points)		
Ice Rescue (MFA) (5 points)		

Include any specialized training you have received in other disciplines (CDL, Hazmat Tech, Etc.)
