

**JOB PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**NFPA 1006 - Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017)**  
**Chapter 16 – Surface Water Rescue**

**THIS TASK BOOK BELONGS TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all job performance requirements documented in this task book have been completed. I understand that I am responsible for the requisite knowledge and skills that support these JPRs, as outlined in the 2017 version of NFPA 1006, Chapter 16, Surface Water Rescue. I further understand that these JPRs are the minimum job requirements related to Surface Water Rescue and it is my responsibility to not only maintain these skills, but to build upon them.

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The completion of this task book must be verified by the participant's Training Coordinator, Lead Instructor, or the OSFM Search & Rescue Coordinator.

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AWARENESS LEVEL	DATE	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE
<p><b>A16.1.1</b> Recognize the need for technical rescue resources at an incident, given AHJ guidelines, an operations or technician level incident, so that the need for additional resources is identified, the response system is initiated, the scene is secured and rendered safe until additional resources arrive, and awareness level personnel are incorporated into the operational plan.</p>		
<p><b>A16.1.2</b> Establish scene safety zones, given an incident, scene security barriers, incident location, incident information, and personal protective equipment (PPE), so that safety zones are designated, zone perimeters are consistent with incident requirements, perimeter markings can be recognized and understood by others, zone boundaries are communicated to Incident Command, and only authorized personnel are allowed access to the scene.</p>		
<p><b>A16.1.3</b> Identify and support an operations or technician level incident, given an incident, an assignment, incident action plan, and resources from the tool kit, so that the assignment is carried out, progress is reported to command, environmental concerns are managed, personnel rehabilitation is facilitated, and the incident action plan is supported.</p>		
<p><b>A16.1.4</b> Size up an incident, given an incident, background information, and applicable reference materials, so that the operational mode is defined, resource availability and response time is considered, types of rescues are determined, the number of victims are identified, the last reported location of all victims is established, witnesses and reporting parties are identified and interviewed, resource needs are assessed, search parameters are identified, and information required to develop an incident action plan is obtained.</p>		

OPERATIONS LEVEL	DATE	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE
<p><b>O16.2.1</b> Develop a site survey for an existing water hazard, given historical data, specific PPE for conducting site inspections, flood insurance rate maps, tide tables, and meteorological projections, so that life safety hazards are anticipated, risk/benefit analysis is included, site inspections are completed, water conditions are projected, site-specific hazards are identified, routes of access and egress are identified, boat ramps (put-in and take-out points) are identified, method of entrapment is considered, and areas with high probability for victim location are determined.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.2</b> Select water rescue PPE, given a water rescue assignment and assorted items of personal protective and life-support equipment, so that the rescuer is protected from temperature extremes and environmental hazards, correct buoyancy is maintained, AHJ protocols are complied with, swimming ability is maximized, routine and emergency communications are established between components of the team, self-rescue needs have been evaluated and provided for, and pre-operation safety checks have been conducted.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.3</b> Define search parameters for a water rescue incident, given topographical maps of a search area, descriptions of all missing persons and incident history, hydrologic data including speed and direction of current or tides, so that areas with high probability of detection are differentiated from other areas, witnesses are interviewed, critical interview information is recorded, passive and active search tactics are implemented, personnel resources are considered and used, and search parameters are communicated.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.4</b> Develop an action plan for a shore-based rescue of a single or multiple waterbound victim(s), given an operational plan and a water rescue tool kit, so that all information is factored, risk/benefit analysis is conducted, protocols are followed, hazards are identified and minimized, personnel and equipment resources will not be exceeded, assignments are defined, consideration is given to evaluating changing conditions, and the selected strategy and tactics fit the conditions.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.5</b> Conduct a witness interview, given witnesses and checklists, so that witnesses are secured, information is gathered, last seen point can be determined, last known activity can be determined, procedures to re-contact the witnesses are established, and reference objects can be utilized.</p>		

<p><b>O16.2.6</b> Deploy a water rescue reach device to a waterbound victim, given required equipment and PPE so that the deployed equipment reaches the victim(s), the rescue equipment does not slip through the rescuer's hands, the victim is moved to the rescuer's shoreline, the victim is not pulled beneath the surface by rescuer efforts, the rescuer is not pulled into the water by the victim, and neither the rescuer nor the victim is tied to or entangled in the device.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.7</b> Deploy a water rescue rope to a waterbound victim, given a water rescue rope in a throw bag, a coiled water rescue rope 50 ft to 75 ft (15.24 m to 22.86 m) in length, and PPE, so that the deployed rope lands within reach of the victim, the rescue rope does not slip through the rescuer's hands, the victim is moved to the rescuer's shoreline, the victim is not pulled beneath the surface by rescuer efforts, the rescuer is not pulled into the water by the victim, and neither the rescuer nor the victim is tied to or entangled in the throw line.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.8</b> Develop and implement an action plan for the use of watercraft to support the rescue of a single or multiple waterbound victims, given watercraft, trained operator(s), and policies and procedures used by the AHJ, so that watercraft pre-deployment checks are completed, watercraft launch or recovery is achieved, rescuers are deployed and recovered, both onboard and rescue operations conform with watercraft operational protocols and capabilities, communications are clear and concise, and the candidate is familiar with watercraft nomenclature, operational protocols, design limitations, and launch/recovery site issues.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.9</b> Define procedures to provide support for helicopter water rescue operations within the area of responsibility for the AHJ, given a helicopter service, operational protocols, helicopter capabilities and limitations, water rescue procedures, and risk factors influencing helicopter operations, so that air to ground communications are established and maintained, applications are within the capabilities and skill levels of the helicopter service, the applications facilitate victim extraction from water hazards that are representative of the bodies of water existing or anticipated within the geographic confines of the AHJ, air crew and ground personnel safety are not compromised, landing zones are designated and secured, and fire suppression resources are available at the landing zone.</p>		

<p><b>O16.2.10</b> Implement procedures for performing watercraft based rescue of an incapacitated waterbound victim, as a member of a team, given a water hazard that is representative of the anticipated rescue environment watercraft that is available to the team (if applicable), designated victim packaging and management equipment, and water rescue PPE, so that the control and stability of the watercraft is maintained, risks to the victim and rescuers are minimized, and the victim is removed from the hazard.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.11</b> Demonstrate fundamental survival swimming and self-rescue skills, given safety equipment, props, and a controlled setting representative of the anticipated rescue environment, so that the risk of injury is minimized, flotation is maintained, available PPE is utilized, and egress is accomplished.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.12</b> Identify procedures for operation of rope systems particular to the water rescue needs of the AHJ, given rescue personnel, an established rope system, a load to be moved, and PPE, so that the movement is controlled, the load is held in place when needed, and operating methods do not stress the system.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.13</b> Support operations, given a designated mission, safety equipment, props, and water body, so that skills are demonstrated in a controlled environment, performance parameters are achieved, hazards are continually assessed, correct buoyancy control is maintained, and emergency procedures are demonstrated.</p>		
<p><b>O16.2.14</b> Terminate an incident, given PPE specific to the incident, isolation barriers, and tool kit, so that rescuers and bystanders are protected and accounted for during termination operations; the party responsible is notified of any modification or damage created during the operational period; documentation of loss or material use is accounted for, scene documentation is performed, scene control is transferred to a responsible party; potential or existing hazards are communicated to that responsible party; debriefing and post-incident analysis and critique are considered, and command is terminated.</p>		

TECHNICIAN LEVEL	DATE	INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE
<p><b>T16.3.1</b> Swim a designated water course, given a course designated by the AHJ as demonstrating the capabilities necessary to operate in the anticipated rescue environment, water rescue PPE, and swim aids as required, so that the specified objective is reached, all performance parameters are achieved, movement is controlled, hazards are continually assessed, distress signals are communicated, and rapid intervention for the rescuer has been staged for deployment.</p>		
<p><b>T16.3.2</b> Perform a swimming surface water rescue, given a simulated victim, water rescue PPE, conditions representative of the anticipated rescue environment, swim aids as required, flotation aids for victims, and reach/extension devices, so that victim contact is maintained, the rescuer maintains control of the victim, the rescuer and the victim reach safety at a predetermined area, and medical conditions and treatment options are considered.</p>		
<p><b>T16.3.3</b> Demonstrate defensive tactics in the water rescue environment, given a waterbound victim in a stressed or panicked situation so that the rescuer can maintain separation from the victim to create or maintain personal safety and can perform self-defense techniques to prevent rescuer submersion if direct contact is made between a panicked victim and the rescuer.</p>		
<p><b>T16.3.4</b> Supervise, coordinate, and lead rescue teams during operations, given incident checklists, maps, topographic surveys, and charts, so that teams are managed, personnel are supervised, hazards are assessed and identified, safety and health of team is ensured, qualifications/abilities of rescuers are verified, pre-entry briefing is conducted, and debriefing is performed.</p>		