Battle in the Gorge



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A Scenario Based Fire and EMS Competition

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Inferno in the Gorge

Firefighter Competition 2016 Does your department have the BEST team of firefighters in the state or across the United States? How bad do you want to have the bragging rights? Then come compete in the "Inferno in the Gorge-Firefighter Competition 2016." This competition will test firefighters on their skills, air management, physical fitness, and determination... all while having fun! When the tones drop and the klaxon wails, teams will not know the skill stations until they arrive at the site.



Eligibility:

Teams compromised of 5 members will compete in multiple skills that will be unknown to competitors prior to arrival at competition site. Each team member while wearing full structural fire PPE and SCBA will complete each of the skills. Requirements:

- Firefighter 1 certification <u>MUST BRING A COPY OF</u> <u>CERTIFICATE</u>
- No facial hair
- NFPA approved structural firefighting personal protection equipment
- SCBA one bottle
- Pre-Competition Vital check within "Normal Zones"
- A maximum of 12 teams will be accommodated

Scoring:

Scoring is based on time that it takes to complete the course by all 5 team members. Time penalties will be added to time for not completing a skill properly, improper donning of PPE, unsafe acts, running out of air and score on written exam.

Vehicle Extrication

Vehicle Extrication consists of stabilization and extrication of vehicles in multiple situations. Evolutions and advanced scenarios utilizing fire department's equipment will be created to test a team's ability to solve complex entrapment environments. Vehicle Extrication Competition is dynamic and deliberate. Balancing the complexities of providing appropriate medical care to those entrapped and demonstrating the proper techniques in victim removal from debris is crucial.

Areas of focus are: size-up & safety, speedway efficient extrication techniques, strategies and tactics, gaining victim access, and care of the injured/burned driver following extrication. Testing a team's ability to identify scene safety, vehicle stabilization with multiple devices, patient care techniques, and EMS considerations is the goal of this event.



Eligibility:

Teams comprised of 5 members are needed to achieve given scenarios. At least one team member should possess a valid Emergency Medical Responder (First Responder) certification or higher level. It is recommended to have medical personnel as part of team but not mandatory.

Requirements: -1 Firefighter -Rescuers should be proficient in hand tools and hydraulics -A maximum of 16 teams will be accommodated.





Vertical Rescue

Vertical Rescue is a highly technical skill, demanding teamwork, discipline, and training. It is essential that rescuers are thoroughly prepared psychologically and physically when tackling vertical operations.

Vertical Rescue is a technical part of rescue that requires preparation, skill, teamwork, and a culture of safety for rescuers, victimes, and by standards.

The competition will test your team's competition in these required techniques. Vertical rescue is one of the most technical forms of rescue activity. Discipline and teamwork are critical components of the evaluation of a team's

success. Given a set scenario in a given timeframe and in a vertical environment, teams will demonstrate technical use of Vertical Rescue Techniques. The Vertical Rescue competition will test a team's degree of training, teamwork, and individual commitment to patient, rescuer, and by stander safety.



Eligibility:

Teams comprised of 5 members are

needed to achieve given scenarios. At least one member should possess a valid Emergency Medical Responder certification or higher level. It is recommended to have medical personnel as part of the team but not mandatory.

- Technical Experience in Rope Rescue
- Rescuers may bring their own equipment or use the equipment provided at the site.
- Every rescuer is encouraged to check & familiarize themselves with provided equipment
- Teams will be expected to appoint and announce a team leader to liaison with the lead evaluator of the event.

***A maximum of 10 teams will be accommodated.

EMT Basic Competition

A competition for the basic level skills provider. In order to become successful in the profession of an EMT, a person must possess the capacity to remain active in learning and evolving in order to function

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extreme crisis and have the presence of mind to select the right course of

action in case of emergency. It is important for every EMT to remain in peak physical condition since being an EMT involves a great deal of field and



grunt work. Some of them have to remain on their toes at all times and they must never hesitate to jump into action and provide aid to the public. An aspiring candidate in the field of EMS providers need to be able to communicate in an approachable yet professional manner. The must be decisive and have the ability to utilize proper precautionary measures while treating injured people.

Competitions may select scenarios from the following categories of BLS Care:

Medical Trauma Pediatrics Geriatrics Operations Airway Managemen OB/GYN PatientAssessment

Eligibility:

- Teams are comprised of 3 mem
- One must possess a current WV EMT Certification
- Limit 3 teams per organization
- Members from several organizations can combine to make up a team
- Teams can either be comprised of agency names or names selected by competitive group
- A maximum of 10 teams will be accommodated

Paramedic Competition



A competition designed for the advanced level skills provider. In order to become successful in the profession of paramedicine, a person must possess the capacity to remain active in learning and evolving in order to function at optimum levels at all times. They must remain calm even in times of extreme crisis and have the presence of mind to select the right course

of action in case of emergency. It

is important for every paramedic to remain in peak physical condition since being a paramedic involves a great deal of field and grunt work. Some of them have to remain on their toes at all times and they must never



hesitate to jump into the action and provide aid to the public.

An aspiring candidate in the field of paramedics needs to be able to communicate in an approachable yet professional manner. They must be decisive and have the ability to utilize proper precautionary measures while treating injured people.

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•	One must possess a current WV Paramedic Certification									
•	Limit 3 teams per organization									
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•	Teams can either be comprised of agency names or names									
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A maximum of 12 teams will be accommodated.



A dynamic rescue based scenario that will test the limits of any skilled rescue team. Using any combination of rescue disciplines, a scenario will be built to challenge a team in demonstrating their ability to overcome any traditional or nontraditional setting.

Many times these scenarios draw criticism like, "That would never happen" or "Why would you even do that?"

Responders should always have the mindset that anything can happen and usually does when you are least prepared. Although you can never be prepared for everything, scenariobased practice helps bridge the gap between training and the real world.

Using the power of problem-solving to engage responders and enhance their motivation, this section of the competition's primary goal is to allow the mitigation of rescuers techniques. Unless there is a safety issue, the support stall will allow responders to work through the designated problem, after all, in some instances, not succeeding



can provide many valuable lessons.

Eligibility:

Teams comprised of 5 members are needed. At least one member <u>must possess</u> a valid paramedic certification or higher level. It is recommended to have medical personnel as part of team but not mandatory.

*Technical Rescue Experience Recommended.

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