

Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Services

Rope Rescue

Checklist for First Responders

Objectives: Assess scene, **C**ontrol hazards, **R**escue victim(s), **E**vacuate victims from scene.

□ Initial On-scene Report

- Establish Command
- Assess Scene
- Establish staging area

□ Size-up Report

- □ Location update as needed, include information about staging and access
- **Conditions** incl. description of incident and hazards found
- □ Actions taken to stabilize the scene and intended future actions
- □ **Needs** resources required

Initial Actions

- □ Isolate and deny entry
- Determine best/safest access
- Control hazards
- □ Lock-Out/Tag-Out
- □ Protect patient when possible
- □ Mark hot/warm/cold zones

Rescue

May only execute rescues, limited to low angles (generally less than 45-degree angles), using rope systems and standardized stokes basket evolutions

• Further actions require Technical Rescue Team

General Reminders

- Calm and reassure victims
- Support self-rescue.
- Travel restriction or fall arresting within 10' of an exposed area with fall risk >6 feet.