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TO: FIRESCOPE Board
of Directors 23300
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FROM: FIRESCOPE Operations Team, Task Force, & Technical Search
and Rescue Subcommittee

SUBJECT: Request for Addition of Tower Rescue Document to ICS-162-2, TS&R
OSD

APPROVAL: **The FIRESCOPE Board of Directors approved this document on July
11, 2024**

SUMMARY

The Technical Search and Rescue Sub-Committee requests the Board of Directors approve tasking for the subcommittee to create an OSD for tower rescue for publication as FIRESCOPE ICS-162-2, Technical Search and Rescue Incident Operational System Description addendum.

In response to the Technical Search and Rescue Subcommittee Plan of Work for 2022 and 2023, the Tower Rescue Operation Guide will be developed. The document will provide a clear description of the roles, duties, and equipment pertinent during a tower rescue incident.

The Tower Rescue Operation Guide will be assembled referencing the California State Fire Training curriculum, NFPA 1670, and experience from tower rescue instructors. While multiple reference sources will be used, the document will be developed using common language to complement the California State Fire Training Tower Rescue curriculum.

Subject matter experts who contribute to the development of this document will include California Fire Service company officers, current CSFT Tower Rescue curriculum development cadre members, and CSFT Tower Rescue instructors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Technical Search and Rescue Subcommittee recommends that once completed, the Tower Rescue Operation Guide be added to FIRESCOPE ICS-162-2, Technical



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Search and Rescue Incident Operational System Description, to provide a supplemental information resource regarding supervision and control of essential functions at tower rescue incidents.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The document will be sent for approval through the FIRESCOPE decision process. Once approved, it will be sent up for ADA compliance and publication.

FINDINGS

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CONCLUSION

Tower rescues are low-frequency, high-risk incidents of significant public and media interest. Adoption of the proposed Tower Rescue document into the ICS-162 TS&R OSD will provide consistency and assist with the safe and efficient mitigation of these types of events.

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