

Prerequisites

The course Intermediate Mountain Rescue Operations is a prerequisite for this course. This is an advanced-level course in wilderness and mountain based rope rescue.

Course Scheduling Information

For an open enrollment Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations course visit www.wildernesseri.com.

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Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations

20-Hour Course

The Rescue Discipline

Vertical Terrain or Non Horizontal Terrain is a common hazardous situation that is encountered in almost all wilderness and non-urban environments. In order to perform rescue operations in this type of environment, a wilderness rescue individual needs to have an extensive knowledge in rope rescue. The course Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations is the final course for the non-horizontal and vertical rescue discipline.

There are many rope rescue courses available for emergency responders. However, very few of these courses are designed specifically for the wilderness environment. Most courses are designed around National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards on rope rescue. Many organizations that deal with rope rescue in a wilderness environment follow other standards organizations for rope rescue.

The Mountain Rescue Operation series is designed specifically for the wilderness emergency responder dealing with high angle rescue and non-horizontal terrain and meeting standards set by the Union International Alpine Association (UIAA), Mountain Rescue Association and the International Commission on Alpine Rescue to name a few.

The Mountain Rescue Operations series takes an individual from knowing very little about rope rescue in a wilderness environment to being able to perform to the technician level of rope rescue by the end of the three courses. The final course is called Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations.

The Course

Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations is a 20-hour course that picks up where the Intermediate Mountain Rescue Operations course ends. Advanced Mountain Rescue Operations course teaches the students the advanced rope skills necessary to bring the student full circle with their rope rescue training and bring the student to a technician level of rope rescue responder. This course is presented in lecture and hands on skills. The first hour of the course consists of a lecture covering the hazards, standards and constructing of highlines. The final 19 hours consist of practical skill stations presenting the student with and allowing the student to practice single line/ single attendant vertical stokes basket operations, single line/ with auxiliary tenders in verticle stokes basket operations, double line/ double attendant stokes basket operations, A-Frame gantries and high angle evolutions, slopped highline, 3 line

highlines, 4 line highlines (with midpoint drops), 5 line highline (with midpoint drops) and drooping highlines.

General Information

This class is not only useful for individuals whose primary job is wilderness and mountain based rescue, this class is also useful for any individual who might find themselves in a situation in a non-urban environment and needing rope rescue skills (i.e.- ski patrollers). All students who successfully pass this class will receive a certificate of completion. Students are required to provide their own helmet, safety glasses, work gloves, protective footwear, clothing suitable for the environment and material for taking notes.

This class is offered in both open enrollment style courses and contracted courses. An organization may contract this course to be brought directly to their location, allowing individuals to train and learn in the environment that they will be using these skills.

Hosting organizations will be required to provide a classroom site, and an outdoor training site suitable for the evolutions that occur in the class. Wilderness Emergency Response Institute will provide all of the equipment necessary for the class.