

training site suitable for the evolutions that occur in the class. Wilderness Emergency Response Institute, LLC will provide all of the equipment necessary for the class.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course. This is the entry-level course in wilderness and mountain based rope rescue.

Course Scheduling Information

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

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Basic 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 Basic Mountain Rescue Operations is the initial course for mountain rope rescue and deals solely with the non-horizontal environment (or low-angle environment).

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 standard 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 first course is called Basic Mountain Rescue Operations.

The Course

Basic Mountain Rescue Operations is a 20-hour course that teaches the students the basic rope skills necessary to take the Intermediate and Advanced Mountain Rescue Practices Courses. This course is presented in lecture and hands on skills. The first 4 hours of the course consists of a lecture covering the rope rescue standards, types of ropes, rope construction, types and use of rope rescue software, types and use of rope rescue hardware, Rescue Systems and Phases of Rope Rescue. The final 16 hours consist of practical skill stations presenting the student with and allowing the student to practice the necessary knots and hitches needed for rope rescue, securing individuals into a stokes basket, handling stokes baskets, rigging stokes baskets for low angle evolutions, constructing simple mechanical advantage systems, use of lowering systems, transferring from a haul system to a

lowering system under load, passing knots in lowering systems, construction and utilization of A-Frame gantries, constructing anchoring systems using both man made and natural materials and lowering and raising stokes baskets down low angle environments.

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 low angle 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