

STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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SECTION: Operations Division  
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SUPERSEDES: New  
TITLE: Low Angle Rope Rescue Policy

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard by which low angle rescues will be conducted within the district.

**POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the District to maintain an adequate rope and hardware cache to properly and safely deploy rescue teams for over the side/low angle rescues. It will further be policy to train all engine company personnel to a minimum of "Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational" level of rope systems competency.

**Definition**

Low angle rescue shall be defined as "any rescue requiring rescuers to walk, or carry a litter on slopes where footing is difficult or potentially dangerous". This could include, but is not limited to; increased slope below a rescue operation; a river or other hazard below a rescue operation; slippery, muddy, wet, icy or any other condition that makes footing uncertain.

**Scope**

When an incident meets the above definition, it will be considered a "low angle rescue", and the procedures relating to this policy will be employed.

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