

INSTRUCTOR-BASED EXTRICATION TRAINING

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Modern vehicle construction has evolved tremendously over the past 15 years. This evolution has caused a decrease in accidents requiring extrication, and subsequently, the experience that comes with handling these types of incidents. Training responders at the tactical and task level to effectively operate on these scenes has to keep pace with the changes in the tools and technologies that they will be exposed to.

The presenter will explain effective ways to design extrication training programs to address shortcomings with mechanical aptitude, identify the difficulties faced with modern vehicle construction, become proficient with modern rescue tools, and avoid the pitfalls of plateauing when it comes to company-level drills.

The importance of understanding NFPA 1006 JPRs and how to create training programs to meet these objectives will be discussed. Coming up with creative, realistic, and impactful drills that interest every age group and level of experience will be demonstrated.



Kevin Sears has been a member of the fire service for 29 years. He is currently a career fireman at the McHenry Township Fire District in Illinois where he holds the rank of Battalion Chief. Additionally, he has been the Territory Manager and Factory Representative with Genesis Rescue Systems for the past 20 years. In this position, he is tasked with designing, delivering, and implementing various levels of vehicle rescue training programs for first responders and technical rescue professionals across the country.