

The Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program (THARRP) prepares fire department personnel in technical rope and tower crane rescue procedures for workers in distress working at heights (e.g., tower crane operators). It was established in 1991 by the Greater Vancouver Regional District Fire Chiefs, in response to stated needs of industry.

The THARRP program is administered by the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA), and overseen by the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Steering Committee. The committee is comprised of representatives from BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association, BC Fire Chiefs' Association, participating employers, labour, BC Construction Safety Alliance and WorkSafeBC.

Training

THARRP is a train-the-trainer program consisting of :

- **NPFA 1670** - 2017 Edition Awareness, Operations & Technician Levels for: (Rope & Tower Rescue)
- **NFPA 1006** - 2017 Edition Awareness, Operations & Technician
- **Instructor Development Training**

There are currently six recognized training agencies in BC.

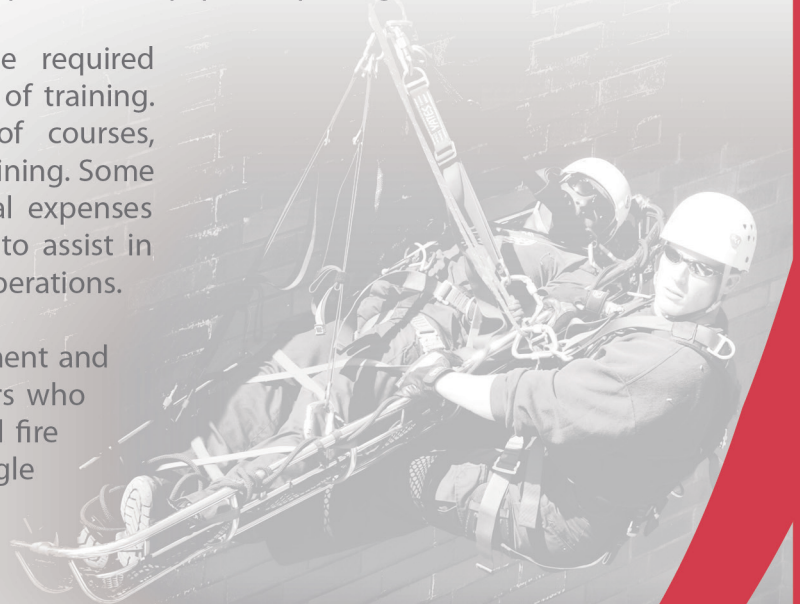
Funding & Reimbursement

A total of 34 industry classifications units provide funding to the program via WorkSafeBC assessments. Funding for instructor training is directed by the BCCSA to select fire departments. Each department is eligible to receive funding of approximately \$11,000 to purchase initial rope rescue equipment packages.

As instructors successfully complete each of the required courses, departments may apply for reimbursement of training. Departments are reimbursed for the full cost of courses, including staff replacements to cover personnel in training. Some reimbursement for travel, accommodation, and meal expenses are allowed. The department is eligible for funding to assist in developing a high angle rescue plan for tower crane operations.

Participating employers, who complete a risk assessment and determine that a need to rescue or evacuate workers who work at high angles may arise, may contact the local fire department for assistance in developing a high angle rescue plan for tower crane operations.

For THARRP Operating Guidelines and further details visit www.bccsa.ca.



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