

EQUIPMENT COST REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

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Purpose: To describe the process for fire departments in the Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Program to be reimbursed for initial equipment purchase costs.

Scope: This policy refers to the equipment purchase reimbursement a fire department is eligible for when they join the Program.

All equipment purchases shall meet current NFPA Standards on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services - Current Edition. Initial (only) rope rescue equipment purchase cost reimbursement is available to THARRP funded fire departments with one or more candidates who have successfully completed all required training (current NFPA 1670 and 1006 editions).

An approved equipment package contains rope rescue equipment valued at approximately \$11,600. The equipment and suggested quantities are provided in the **"Suggested Content for Standard Technical High Angle Rope Rescue Equipment Package(s)"** contained herein. Alternative equipment substitutions meeting the necessary standards are permissible. For example, if a new stretcher is not required, a fire department can purchase other approved equipment equivalent to the stretcher's cost from the approved equipment list. **Contact the Steering Committee's BC Fire Chief's Representative, Matthew Furlot, Fire Chief, Township of Esquimalt, at matt.furlot@esquimalt.ca if you have questions regarding equipment package content.**

All equipment must meet current NFPA Standards. Substitute equipment not found on the list will not be reimbursed without prior approval by the Steering Committee. A fire department wishing consideration for reimbursement for substitute equipment must submit a special request through the THARRP portal. Please review the special request procedure in the THARRP portal guidelines section for more information. The request to the Steering Committee must include the reasons for the substitution. Persons making such a request are advised to wait for approval from the Steering Committee before purchasing non-approved equipment.

Participating fire departments are entitled to apply for a **one-time** reimbursement up to a maximum of \$11,600 for the purchase of rope rescue equipment. Where geographic size or populations warrant the need for additional equipment, the Steering Committee reserves the right to authorize additional funds. Reimbursement in excess of \$11,600 will not be considered without prior consultation and approval by the Steering Committee.

Applications for rope rescue equipment purchase reimbursement(s) shall include:

- The 'Application for Initial Purchase and Reimbursement of Authorized Equipment Packages' is automatically approved for new THARRP fire departments. Reimbursement for the purchase of approved rope rescue equipment will only be forwarded upon the successful completion of

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required training, by at least one candidate.

Original receipts along with an itemized invoice for the purchased rescue equipment.

- **Please note the BCCSA is *not* GST or PST exempt. GST and PST are reimbursed by the Program in addition to the maximum equipment reimbursement of \$11,600.**