

POLICY MEMORANDUM 3-01: Technical Rescue Deployment as a Trainee

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1. Policy 3, Training Curriculum, currently requires completion of both the online and in-person segments of Introduction to Field Operations (IFO) prior to deploying on a Technical Rescue (TR) mission. The only permitted exception is in the case of cancellation of a scheduled IFO class, in which case the member can deploy as a trainee with certain restrictions. Because IFO is only offered twice a year, this results in some new members waiting to deploy for several months.
2. The stipulation that IFO be cancelled in order to deploy as a trainee is hereby removed. Once trainees complete all other mandatory requirements, including online IFO training and the associated quiz, they are eligible to deploy as trainees with the additional restrictions outlined in paragraph 1 of the Training Curriculum.
3. The member's trainee designation will expire either a) upon successful completion of an in-person IFO class or b) 12 months after completion of the online quiz, whichever occurs first. If neither of these events occur, the member is no longer eligible to deploy.
4. This change will be incorporated in Revision R of Policy 3 when coordinated for publication.



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