A formal Group training session on winter vertical rescue was held at McConnell's Mill State Park from 1000 hours to 1600 hours. The session was led by Keith Conover, M.D. Training was individualized to meet the needs of individual members present. It included rappelling and ascending (with Pryusik knots) on snowy cliffs, and a demonstration and practice of a solo rescue technique for lowering a stranded climber off a cliff. We also had a special guest: Robert Desiderio, M.D., who was a second-year emergency medicine resident from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Robert was doing a special Wilderness EMS rotation at Mercy Hospital and his participation was part of this rotation.

Attendance:
Abbitt, Michael, EMT-P
Conover, Keith, M.D.
Desiderio, Robert, M.D.
Gormley, Owen, EMT-P
Knorr, David
Knorr, Gwen
Kollar, Chuck, EMT
Selza, Don, EMT-P
Thomas, Scott
Worst, Richard
several nonparticipating observers were also present.