Positions

1. 'Rescue Team Leader-
   a. in charge and assigns tasks
   b. resolves problems, expedites
   c. supervises team

2. Assistant Rescue Team Leader/Radio Operator
   a. assists RTL as needed

3. 'Safety Officer
   a. independent check on all systems
   b. enforces safety around lip
   c. provides final clearance before patient is lowered

4. 'Spotter
   a. assumes position on face near route
   b. provides first hand diagnosis of potential problems and ongoing/developing problems

5. 'Spotter Belayer
   a. belays spotter from appropriate stance

6. 'Belayer
   a. if possible selects good position to observe lowering
   b. sets up bombproof anchor
   c. pads where necessary
   d. will belay patient and attendant

7. 'Belayer Rope Handler
   a. assists belayer in set-up
   b. controls rope during operation

8. Belayer Observer
   a. necessary if belayer cannot see progress of lowering
   b. sets up personal anchor and safety line
   c. assists belayer in set up

9. 'Brakeman
   a. selects bombproof anchor
   b. sets up lower system
   c. coordinates with rescue team leader
   d. operates brake during lower
10. **Assistant Brakeman/Radio Operator**
   a. assists brakeman in set-up
   b. controls rope during lower
   c. point of communication between litter and brakeman

11. **Edge Attendants (Two)**
   a. assist safety officer in establishing safety area
   b. place appropriate anchors, load bearing safety lines for themselves and others.
   c. need personal ascending gear
   d. assist litter over edge

12. **Litter Attendants/EMT’s (minimum two)**
   a. primary concern = patient
   b. explain to patient
   c. rig litter for descent/including belays
   d. protect and monitor patient during descent
   e. control litter during descent

* These positions are the absolute minimum that must be filled
# These positions should ideally each have a radio
The absolute minimum would be the assistant brakeman and the litter attendant.

NOTE: Before the safety officer is asked to perform his checks, each individual who sets up a system, anchor, etc. should check it again himself/herself and then have it checked by another team member.
POSSIBLE ICS FOR LITTER LOWERING OPERATION

INCIDENT COMMANDER

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FINANCE PLANS OPERATIONS LOGISTICS

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(EVACUATION TL)

RESCUE TL

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Safety Officer Spotter Brakeman Belayer PM/EMT/Charge

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1. spotter 1. Ass't brakeman 1. belayer 1. litter
2. belayer 2. edge attendant rope handle " attendants/
3. edge attendant 2. belayer EMTs
observer 3. " " "