

VERTICAL LOWERING PREPLAN

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

