



Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue

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Training Announcement

Course name: Technical Rescue Technician (TRT) Entrance Exam

Course type: ILT: Instructor-Led Training (in-person)

Instructor: Prince William County Technical Rescue Instructors

Course Number	Date	Location	Time	Enroll in Genius By:
26250	July 13, 2026	Colgan High School Aquatic Center at 13833 Dumfries Road, Manassas VA 20112	0800-1500	June 1, 2026
26251	July 14, 2026	Colgan High School Aquatic Center at 13833 Dumfries Road, Manassas VA 20112	0800-1500	June 1, 2026
26252	July 15, 2026	Colgan High School Aquatic Center at 13833 Dumfries Road, Manassas VA 20112	0800-1500	June 1, 2026

Class size: 24 max

Sponsor: Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue

2026 Technical Rescue Technician School Enrollment Process

Step 1 - Application Process

Carefully review the Training Advisory and submit enrollment in Genius with approval from your Chain of Command.

Step 2 - Schedule your Entrance Exam

Log in to Genius and register for Technical Rescue Technician Entrance Exam. The entrance exam will be held on the following dates and times. You only need to sign up for one of the dates.

- **July 13, 2026**
- **July 14, 2026**
- **July 15, 2026**

The location of the entrance exam is the Colgan High School Aquatic Center at 13833 Dumfries Road, Manassas VA 20112.

Step 3 - Entrance Exam

The entrance exam will consist of 3 parts.

- 50 Question multiple choice written test
 - Information will be derived from:
 - JBL Fundamentals of Technical Rescue
 - Technical Rescue Awareness
 - Low Angle Rope Awareness/Operations
 - Passenger Vehicle Operations/Technician
 - Must score a 70% or better.
- Practical Skills Evaluation
 - Practical skills will be derived from Virginia Department of Fire Programs:

- Technical Rescue Awareness
 - Low Angle Rope Awareness/Operations
 - Passenger Vehicle Operations and Technician
- All skills are PASS/FAIL
- Swift Water Rescue Technician Swim Test
 - Swim 200 meters, unaided, maintaining constant forward progress and complete in less than 7 minutes. The first 50 meters will be completed with a strong forward freestyle stroke with head out of water (Tarzan Swim). The remaining 150 meters will be completed with a forward stroke (no back strokes allowed). Candidate cannot stop and place feet on the ground or hold onto the sides of pool.
 - Tread water, unaided, for 10 minutes. Candidate cannot stop and place feet on the ground or hold on to the sides of the pool.
 - Complete 100-yard victim retrieval, aided, towing a victim in a personal flotation device, maintaining constant forward progress, and completed in less than 5 minutes.
 - Bob Test. In an 8' to 10' deep pool, candidates will start by treading water. Candidates must propel themselves to the bottom of the pool, touch the bottom, and return to the surface for a breath. Candidates must repeat this motion for 1 minute without stopping or holding on to the side of the pool.

Step 4 - Acceptance into the Program

Candidates who are successful in all 3 phases of the entrance exam will be placed on an eligibility list for the Technical Rescue Technician School. Qualified candidates will be selected for attendance based on the needs of the system. **100% attendance of all classes and dates is mandatory to successfully complete TRT.**

Any additional questions can be directed to Special Operations Battalion Chief Bryan Ross or Special Operations Training Coordinator Lieutenant Joshua Thomson.