



# Training and Technical Rescue

**Date:** May 18, 2020  
**To:** Michael Schwartz, Fire Chief  
**From:** Alan Whisler, Battalion Chief  
**Subject:** May Board Report

## Training and Safety:

### Special Drills, Classes, Events:

With the month May, we have started to pick up training while still maintaining social distancing. The District completed a four-day mini academy for our lateral hires. The academy had to be shortened because of the concerns of Covid-19. Firefighters Coleman, Hansen, and Wager all performed well in the academy and have been assigned to shift. The academy covered SCBAs, hose pulls, ladders, and search and rescue techniques. They will continue to work on their skills with their new crews. I would like to thank Captain Perhacs and the duty crews for assisting with this academy. I have attached a brief bio on each new hire.



With the help of Facilities, we were able to host Vent Entry Isolate Search (VEIS) training at Station 55. The crews were able to practice this skill as we were able to simulate live fire in the room with a breakable window. This allowed the crews to work on their forcible entry and search skills. Once the drill was completed, the crews practiced headfirst bail outs and different drags and carries.

Over the last year, we have been slowly upgrading our training props. The latest prop we have been able to update is our roof prop. We have lowered the pitch to allow us to make it more of a positive learning experience. I would like to thank Captain Perhacs, Engineer Worl, Engineer Meadows, Firefighter Turnbeaugh and Facilities Coordinator Schrader for helping with this build.

The crews continue to work on their annual RT-130 training. RT-130 training is a required training for Wildland firefighters every spring prior to Wildland fire season. This year we will continue with the PACK test, which is a federal standard to measure a person's agility. He or she will have to walk 3 miles with a 45-pound pack on under 46 minutes.

- **Daily Training** – See attached outline.
- **Upcoming Training:**
  - **RT-130 - Due May 30**
  - **Pack Test – TBD, due to snow**
  - **Swift Water Refresher – June 8, 10, and 12**
  - **Wellness – Part 1: May 18 to 22; Part: June 15 to 19**
  - **Shore Zone Rescue – June**
  - **Summer SSV Skills – June 2020**





North Tahoe Fire Protection District

**Training Division**

**4-20 (May 21st – July 1st, 2020) Training Assignments**

Below is a list of next month's training events. The expectation is for the entire crew to participate in each drill. A minimum of two hours is expected for each training. If you are unable to complete the training, email the Training Chief and your BC with the reason why it wasn't completed.

Additional training can be added in hoses, ladders, task books. Contact the Training Chief with any questions.

Shift	Date	Assignment
C Shift	May 21 & 22	SCBA quarterly evolution, timed drill, review buddy breather and RIC packs. If you have not gone over the new RIC pack, grab one from station 51 for review. Needs to be documented that you have trained on new pack
A Shift	May 23 & 24	SCBA quarterly evolution, timed drill, review buddy breather and RIC packs. If you have not gone over the new RIC pack, grab one from station 51 for review. Needs to be documented that you have trained on new pack
B Shift	May 25 & 26	SCBA quarterly evolution, timed drill, review buddy breather and RIC packs. If you have not gone over the new RIC pack, grab one from station 51 for review. Needs to be documented that you have trained on new pack
C Shift	May 27 & 28	Pack Test, Blackwood Canyon, Contact Whisler
A Shift	May 29 & 30	Pack Test, Blackwood Canyon, Contact Whisler
B Shift	May 31 & June 1	Pack Test, Blackwood Canyon, Contact Whisler
C Shift	June 2 & 3	Progressive hose lay, line construction...see hand out
A Shift	June 4 & 5	Progressive hose lay, line construction...see hand out
B Shift	June 6 & 7	Progressive hose lay, line construction...see hand out
C Shift	June 8 & 9	Swift water refresher – be prepared to get wet, review ppt, contact Wagner
A Shift	June 10 & 11	Swift water refresher – be prepared to get wet, review ppt, contact Wagner
B Shift	June 12 & 13	Swift water refresher – be prepared to get wet, review ppt, contact Wagner
C Shift	June 14 & 15	Stokes basket lashing and connect to main & safety line, see attachments
A Shift	June 16 & 17	Stokes basket lashing and connect to main & safety line, see attachments

Shift	Date	Assignment
B Shift	June 18 & 19	Stokes basket lashing and connect to main & safety line, see attachments
C Shift	June 20 & 21	Captains choice
A Shift	June 22 & 23	Captains choice
B Shift	June 24 & 25	Captains choice
C Shift	June 26 & 27	Shore zone refresher – Meadows to set rotation
A Shift	June 28 & 29	Shore zone refresher – Meadows to set rotation
B Shift	June 30 and July 1	Shore zone refresher – Meadows to set rotation

**\*\*References are listed in Target Solutions under Monthly Training/2020/ 4-20**

**Training discussions – Login at <https://fireengineeringvideos.com/login/>;** once you login you will type in smoke in the search bar, there are three videos to watch.

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## Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Wager Bio

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as a part of the team at North Tahoe Fire Protection District. In my professional career I take great pride in providing the highest level of service and care to the public. I take pride in my commitment to the Fire Service and feel a strong sense of duty to honor the trust that the public places in all First Responders. I strive to be the best I can be as a Firefighter at all times and seek every opportunity for self-improvement. I have been called upon to fill many rolls in my career and am proud of my commitment to safety and professionalism.

I am proud to have served our country in the US Army where I developed a unique skillset and strong work ethic which I credit to my success in the fire service. My career in the fire service began over 10 years ago as a Volunteer Firefighter with Garden Valley Fire Protection District. My introduction to the fire service opened my eyes to a new and exciting career which lead to employment

with the US Forest Service where I enjoyed working seasonally on an engine crew for two summers. In the fall of 2012 I was offered a full time position with Garden Valley Fire Protection District. To improve my level of service to the community I became accredited as a Paramedic in 2016, and shortly thereafter I was promoted to Engineer. I was also able to incorporate my experiences as a professional River Guide to develop a Water Rescue program. I am proud of my accomplishments and life experiences which have carved a path to my future success at North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

My greatest accomplishment in life is being a husband and new father to a baby girl. My family and faith give me the motivation and support to succeed. Away from work I enjoy spending time doing anything outdoors. A few of my favorite hobbies are fly fishing, whitewater rafting and kayaking, skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking, and off road adventure to name a few. My creative side enjoys building log furniture. It brings me great joy to live and work in an area that has such abundant natural resources and beauty to enjoy, and I don't take it for granted.



Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Hansen  
Bio

My name is Brian Hansen. I am 34 years old, and I am from Oceanside, CA. I was born and raised in Vista, CA which is in the northern part of San Diego. I have lived in the greater San Diego area for all of my life. Before getting hired with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, I worked for the Escondido Fire Department which is located in northern San Diego County as well. I worked for Escondido for just over 9 years. While employed there I worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic for 7 years. I then promoted to the rank of Engineer/Paramedic where I worked in this rank for just over 2 years. How and why did I end up with North Tahoe Fire you may be asking? My wife whom I met in 2013, is from the Reno/Tahoe area. She was born and raised in Verdi, NV. She came to San Diego for her graduate program in Physical Therapy. While going to school in San Diego, we happened to meet. We ultimately got married and started our family. We recently made the decision to make the move to the Reno/Tahoe area to be closer to family. The area also grew on me as I visited throughout the years, and I was ready to make the move from the coast to the mountains.

My wife and I got married in 2016. She works as a Physical Therapist. She recently acquired a position with Northern Nevada Medical Center. We have two children. Our daughter is 2, and our son is 7 months old. My wife and I are extremely grateful for these opportunities and what they have allowed us to do for our family. We are excited to be closer to family so our children will get to grow up with many family experiences and memories.

Growing up in Southern California I had a variety of outdoor hobbies which included surfing, mountain biking, hiking, snowboarding, and swimming. Living near Lake Tahoe I will be able to continue most of these activities, but with some new scenery. In particular, I am looking forward to the hiking and mountain biking I will be able to do around the lake.

I am excited to begin this new chapter in my life. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and to become a part of the North Tahoe Fire family. I will strive to become a valued member with this organization through hard work, dedication, and being a team player. I look forward to spending the rest of my career with the North Tahoe Fire Protection District.



## Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Coleman Bio

My Name is Joshua Coleman. I am originally from Huntington Beach, CA , but have spent the last 7 years living on the Big Island of Hawaii. My wife of 8 years and I built up our family farm where we had our 3 kids who are now 6, 5 and 3 years of age. We raised sheep and goats for market, grew coffee and a variety of tropical fruit, and harvested honey straight from our beehives. Farming is a passion we will continue in Gardnerville, NV while best of all, being closer to family. Family was a big part of what was missing in Hawaii.

While living in Hawaii, I worked as a Ground and Flight Paramedic. I enjoyed aviation so much while flying, I took a position with the State of Hawaii as an Airport Firefighter. The Fire service has been a big part of my life since I started volunteering in 2004 for Costa Mesa Fire. Prior to moving to Hawaii, I worked for Los Angeles Fire Department.

I am excited for this new position with NTFPD to continue expanding on my fire service and EMS career. I am very thankful and honored for the opportunity to work for NTFPD and to serve the North Tahoe community.

