



Transportation Emergency Rescue Committee

Event Description:

The North American Vehicle Rescue Challenge will be held between the dates of **August 20-24, 2019** in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. This challenge is a TERC USA & TERC Canada sanctioned event open to all teams. Teams must be a current member of TERC USA or TERC Canadas. Visit our website www.terccanada.ca or www.tercus.com to learn more about the TERC organization and its benefits.

Each team will participate in three challenge pits, Limited, Unlimited & Rapid Pits. The defining factor between the pits is the availability of rescue tools. The Limited Pit presents only hand and pneumatic tools, and the Unlimited pit, makes available all rescue tools, including heavy hydraulic rescue equipment. The teams have 20 minutes to safely extricate an entrapped patient from a simulated vehicle collision. The Rapid Pit is open to all tools but the teams will have only 10 minutes to safely extricate the patient from the scenario. The point scoring is primarily based on the command structure, hazard and scene control, patient and rescuer safety and the techniques used to disentangle the patient.



2019 North American Vehicle Rescue Challenge

Hosted by the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

Limited to 18 Teams

Located at the Dartmouth Crossing

Cromarty Drive



Team Registration

TERC Reg #: _____ *Not a member of TERC please leave blank*

Team/Department Name:

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal Code/Zip: _____

Country: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone#: _____

E-Mail: _____

**Please Indicate your Hydraulic Tool Manufacturer Preference:
(TNT/Hurst/Genesis etc.)**

Team Composition: (6 members)

Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL

I.C.: _____

Medic: _____

Crew (1): _____

Crew (2): _____

Crew (3): _____

Crew (4): _____

Alternate: _____

All Team Registrations must be accompanied with:

- Team Waiver
- Team Bio & Picture (Send as soon as possible to be included in program book)
- Any Special needs team or team members require (example: scheduling)
- Entry Fee: **\$1,250.00cdn**

> All Forms and Payment must be received by July 26, 2019

Please Make checks payable to: “NAVRC2019”

Mail to:
Halifax Extrication Team,
Po Box 364,
Musquodoboit Harbour, NS, B0J 2L0

For more information please contact Eugene Justason (902) 222 – 1081 or email
at: justase@halifax.ca

Accommodations:



Hampton Inn and Suites

\$ 179.99 Per Night

65 Cromarty Dr, Dartmouth, NS B3B 0G2

Phone: (902) 406-7700

Rate of **\$179.00 (standard) & \$209.00 (suite)** which will be available to book until midnight on **July 21st, 2019** or until the block is full

To make reservations, you can either **copy & paste your customized link below** into your web browser and select the correct dates or call toll free at 1-877-406-7701 and quote group code **NOR**.

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/reservations/index.jhtml?hotel=YHZDTHX&groupCode=NOR>

Group Code When Booking: **NOR**

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Team Arrival and transport from Hotel

6:00pm – opening Ceremonies

8:00pm – Teams Captains Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:00am – 4.00pm -Competition Pits (Unlimited/Limited)

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00am – 4:00pm - Competition Pits (Unlimited/Limited)

Friday, August 23, 2019

8:00am – 4:00pm - Competition Pits (Unlimited/Limited)

Saturday, August 24, 2019

8:00am – 4:00pm - Competition Day (Rapid Pits)

7:00pm - Closing Ceremonies & Awards Dinner *“Class A Uniforms to be worn”*

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Check out and transport to airport

Halifax Regional Municipality; Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency
North American Vehicle Rescue Competition (NAVRC) 2019
Informed Consent

I acknowledge that I am participating in the North American Vehicle Rescue Competition 2019, to be held in Dartmouth Nova Scotia, August 20-24, 2019. This competition involves simulating motor vehicle collisions and I/my Team will be competing to remove the passengers from inside the vehicles. Although all precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all participants, I recognize that there is an inherent risk in this activity simply by it's nature and the type of equipment necessary to carry out this activity.

I agree to follow all pertinent safety rules and regulations defined by the Transportation Emergency (Canada and United States) Rescue Committee, Halifax Regional Municipality/Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) and my own home Fire Department for such activities and agree to use/wear all protective equipment as necessary to further promote my own safety and that of other participants.

It is understood that if I am not an employee of Halifax Regional Municipality/Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency, I am not entitled to Workmen's Compensation, other benefits or insurance coverages as typically available to their employees. It is the responsibility of my home Fire Department to ensure that I am adequately insured for any and all insurance coverages for which I am entitled or may be appropriate before, during and following this Event.

I hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury, damage or death and verify this statement by signing below and hereby release Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), it's Mayor, Council, Employees and Volunteers from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my Assignees, Heirs, Guardians, and Legal Representatives now have or may hereafter have, for injury, disability, impairment, incapacitation or loss resulting from my voluntary participation in the North American Vehicle Rescue Competition 2019 save for the gross negligence of Halifax Regional Municipality/Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency.

Date:

Name (Chief/ Designate) (please print):

Signature:

Originating Fire Department: _____

Address of originating Fire Department:

Halifax Regional Municipality; Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency
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Name

Signature

Witness

COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. No team shall participate in any exercise unless authorized by the Competition Coordinator or his / her designate.
2. Substitutes may be granted by the Competition Coordinator or his / her designate in the event of a “no-show” by any team member previously

registered to participate. **Substitutes will be chosen at random from volunteer rescuers from other teams.**

3. The Host department reserves the right to use information or photographs that may be obtained from the competition for educational and training purposes. At no cost to the Host department.
4. The Host department will not be responsible for the damage or loss of equipment as a result of participating at this event.
5. All scoring information shall remain the property of the host department and shall remain confidential. Each team will receive a copy of their score sheet by mail after the competition and only the results forwarded to TERC USA.
6. There will be a time limit of twenty (20) minutes for each of the two scenarios. Ten (10) minutes for the rapid pit.
7. **Safety is a priority:** Approved personal protective equipment must be utilized at all times to ensure skin, eyes, head and feet are protected from injury.
8. Alcoholic beverages will not be present or consumed on the competition site during the hours of competition. Evidence of alcohol consumption will result in the team being disqualified.
9. There will be a **Team Captain's meeting at (Date & Time to be Announced)** for the purpose of discussing safety, scoring, judging, inspection of home-made tools and drawing times for scenarios. **Attendance by Team Captains is mandatory.** Judges, the Interior Patient Manager, Safety Officers and other officials will be present.
10. The challenge will begin at 8:00 a.m. when the first competing team will present themselves to the Tool Boss. They will then be sequestered at 7:15 a.m. and be sequestered at 7:30 a.m. while the scenario is being set up.
11. Each team must be present sixty (60) minutes prior to their start time at the Tool Pit to allow time to choose tools. Teams will be sequestered thirty minutes prior to their scenario.
12. Teams will consist of a minimum of five personnel to a maximum of six. One Captain and four or five squad members will be allowed to compete. **There will be no alternate member.** The same I.C. and three of the rescuers from the first scenario team must participate as part of the second scenario team. You may substitute one or two rescuers for the second scenario.
13. Teams being unable to draw enough personnel from their own station or department will be allowed to bring in a maximum of two from a

neighboring department. Separate waivers will have to be signed by each department Chief.

14. Hand tool kits and shoring will be supplied by the Host department or any tool supplier on site. Participating teams are not required to supply their own tools, but if any home-made or unapproved tools are used in the competition, they must be examined and approved by the Head Judge and Safety Officer prior to being placed in the tool staging area.
15. **Limited Pit Category:** Hand tools, saws-alls, hand-operated hydraulic and pneumatic tools, light enough to be operated by one rescuer.
16. **Unlimited Pit Category:** Any approved tool carried on a first run apparatus is permitted, however, a maximum of two (2) hoses will be allowed. Therefore, any combination of tools and pumps can be staged, but only two may be used at the same time.
17. **RAPID PIT CATEGORY:** ALL Tools are allowed for team to work with, while safely removing the patient within 10 minutes.
18. All verbal commands during the scenarios will be audible to spectators and officials. No personal radio sets are allowed during the evolution. The I.C. may carry a dummy radio to simulate communication with incident dispatch.
19. The decision of the judges in final.
20. No electronic devices (pagers, cell phones, etc.) will be allowed in the sequester area.

COVERALLS: If a rescue team is accustomed to wearing coverall-type equipment in place of the regulation firefighting gear on normal rescues, and elects to use coveralls, the team must produce a letter of approval from their Fire Chief.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Safety Officer:

1. The Safety Officer will have the authority to stop any evolution, when, in his judgment, there exists a potential danger to spectators or team members.
2. The responsibility of the Safety Officer is to prevent injury through unsafe acts or hazardous conditions, and in conjunction with the Head Judge, inspects all unapproved tools presented by teams for use in the competition.

3. The Team Captain is responsible for presenting home-made or unapproved tools or apparatus to the Head Judge and the Safety Officer for inspection prior to including that tool in the tool staging area.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. The minimum requirement for the participants working in the pit area will be as follows: Approved head protection, eye protection, hand protection and safety footwear. Exposed skin from neck to toes to be covered at all times.
2. The minimum requirements for the judges and safety officer, camera crews and equipment suppliers in the pit area will be as follows: Approved head protection, safety glasses and safety foot wear. Pit crews must wear hand protection while working in the pits or compound.
3. **No Smoking** in the pit area or vehicle compound area.
4. **Pit and vehicle compound areas are out of bounds to spectators.**
5. **“FREEZE”** command by a judge or safety officer will identify an unsafe condition. The hand will be raised by the official giving the FREEZE command and the evolution and the time will be stopped immediately. The condition will be identified, the lead judge will verify that the I.C. understands the problem, and the evolution will be started again. **A “FREEZE” command by an extrication team member does not stop the clock.**
6. All tools will be maintained in a safe operating condition. Defective tools will be removed from service immediately.
7. Compensation coverage is the responsibility of the home Fire Department or Rescue Company.
8. All personal injuries will be treated and reported to the committee, injuries must be reported immediately, not at the end of the scenarios or the end of the day. Injury reports will be sent to the Fire Chief of the injured person’s Fire Department.
9. Failure to observe the Safety guidelines after a preliminary warning will result in the team’s disqualification

10. All fuel tanks will be removed from the vehicles and all fluids will be drained before a vehicle enters the compound.