First responders may not have the training backgrounds to begin operations at technical rescue scenes. Even so, a first responder may have to begin the process of size-up and get ready to notify and support local technical rescue team response. Initial company safety is paramount and identification of scene hazards to the victim and rescuers are part of the initial actions being taken. Consider your departments role and response to these incidents and develop your own incident size-up procedure for first responder technical rescue response.

Typical Types of Technical Rescue Responses
- Trench
- Confined Space
- Vertical (Rope)
- Water
- Structural Collapse
- Wildland Search
- Heavy Extrication

Review
- Local procedures for notification of technical rescue team response.
- What are the initial actions of your companies at each of these incidents?
- What information should be obtained and passed to Technician responders?

Skill Drills
1. Select a technical rescue response type from the list and identify an area where that type of response could occur.
2. Develop a tabletop scenario and discuss the entire response cycle for the incident.
3. Identify all support functions that firefighters can perform to assist in the technician level response.
4. Review equipment locations and safety perimeters' that need to be established for your sample incident

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