EMERGENCY RESCUE PLANS

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• Defined roles and responsibilities
• Pre-set procedures
• Checklists and callout lists
• Nothing missed
• Reduce decision-making under pressure
OPERATIONS
RESCUE CLASSIFICATION

Type 1: Managed by guide on site
Type 2: Guide needs assistance / helicopters
Type 3: Major incident, requires external support
Type 4: Helicopter is overdue / missing
CHAIN OF COMMAND

SAFETY COMMITTEE (3 SENIOR LEAD GUIDES)

RESCUE LEADER → SITE COMMANDER → BASE COORDINATOR → BASE COMMANDER

RADIO OPERATOR

RESORT OPERATIONS and GUEST SERVICES
RESCUE LEADER

Directs Rescue On Site

First Guide on Scene

• Assesses, classifies, communicates
• Determines rescue techniques
• Deploys people / equipment
• Tracks progress
• Reports to Site Commander
SITE COMMANDER

Coordinates Logistics On Site

Second Senior Guide on scene

• Staging / triage areas
• Provides and tracks resources
• Evacuates as required
• Communicates between RL and Base
• Demobilization
BASE COORDINATOR

Administrates at Base

Senior Management Staff

• Follows ERP checklist for “Type” of rescue
• Coordinates personnel / equipment at base
BASE COMMANDER

Directs Base Operations

Senior Lead Guide

• Supports SC
• Anticipates rescue needs
• Coordinates external resources
• Prepares for accident investigation

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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Responsible for Rescuer Safety

3 Senior Lead Guides

- External oversight – not part of rescue
- Will stop a rescue for safety concerns
- Shared responsibility for decision
5 KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Designate roles based on skills
2. Train 3 alternates for each position
3. Conduct frequent organization-wide practices (5 times minimum)
4. Ensure external oversight
5. Review, debrief and revise
QUESTIONS?

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