

Finding Balance:

Patient Care Challenges In Technical Rescue

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This presentation will explore a topic that is generally not addressed in depth in most technical rope rescue courses. That is... what about the patient during an extended technical rescue? For a given injury or medical problem, what are our priorities in patient assessment, care, equipment, and technique in ensuring a timely safe evacuation for the patient? Through two case studies, this presentation will look critically at how informed decision-making in patient care, packaging, and proper choice of evacuation options can have enormous impact in facilitating and complementing the overall rescue. Ultimately, this presentation will reinforce the importance of a skilled team when finding a safe balance between speed, evacuation mode, and adequate patient interventions can mean the difference between life and death in a technical rescue.