

NFPA 1983-2011 Work Group Discussion

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Participate in the process and be heard. Stay silent and you don't get to complain that "they" didn't write it the way you wanted it.

About the Presenters

Jim Frank is the founder and chairman of the board of CMC Rescue, Inc. where for over 30 years he has been involved with product design, testing, training, and technical writing as well as the usual tasks of a small business owner. His duties include participation in standards development with ASTM F-32 Committee on Search & Rescue, ANSI-ASSE Z359 Committee on Fall Protection, NFPA 1670 on Technical Rescue Operations and NFPA Technical Committee on Special Operations Clothing and Equipment (NFPA 1983 on Life Safety Rope & Equipment.) Jim is the current chair of the Safe Practices for Rope Access Work standard committee for the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians.

Jim is a 33 year member of Santa Barbara County Search & Rescue, a Mountain Rescue Association team in southern California. He is a team Incident Commander, Santa Barbara County EMT-1, and has completed Swiftwater Rescue Technician and WEMT courses. He is also a member of the Mt. Pinos Nordic Ski Patrol and is Outdoor Emergency Care certified.

Steve Hudson is a founder and the President of Pigeon Mountain Industries, Inc. a leading manufacturer of life safety ropes and equipment for 33 years. He is co-author of *High Angle Rope Techniques* as well as other rope access and rescue related publications. He is active on ASTM's F32 Search and Rescue Committee, NFPA's Technical Rescue Committee and NFPA's Committee on Special Operations Protective Clothing and Equipment, all of which are actively setting standards for rope technician equipment and/or training.

Steve is Deputy Director of Walker County Emergency Management which oversees the county's 911, Fire, and Emergency Services including the cave rescue team. Steve has served both as a National Cave Rescue Commission Regional and National Coordinator in the past and is presently the NCRC National Training Coordinator. He has taught at over 29 NCRC weeklong seminars and edited the first two editions of the *NCRC Manual of Cave Rescue Techniques*.