

## FAQs: Rescue Task Force Awareness

- Q. I completed the RTF module a couple of months ago. Do I have to take it again after April 1?
- A. No. You only have to take the course once. Keep your certificate of completion in case you are audited.
- Q. Who has to take the course?
- A. This is a requirement for anyone holding an EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic certificate.
- Q. When do I have to take the course?
- A. This module must be completed no later than during the EMS provider's first full recertification cycle starting on or after April 1, 2019.
- Q. Will I have to take it every time I renew – like the Ohio Trauma Triage course?
- A. No. You only have to take it once.
- Q. I am currently in my 90-day renewal period and have already submitted my renewal which is in pending status. Do I have to take it now?
- A. No. You may take it during the next renewal cycle that starts after April 1.
- Q. How do I know if it was included in my EMR or EMT course?
- A. The course will be included in all EMR and EMT courses that begin after September 1, 2019. If you completed your EMR or EMT course before September 1, 2019, you need to complete the online module. If you are going to be taking an EMR or EMT course after September 1, 2019, the school may send you to our website to complete the training (and you will submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the school), - OR – the school may include the training within the course. If the course instructor provides the training, the school is required to issue a certificate of completion to you.
- Q. How long does it take to complete the module?
- A. A little less than one hour. You will receive one hour of continuing education credit.
- Q. I'm a fire chief (or owner of an EMS agency). May I teach a class on RTF to all of my personnel at the same time or have them watch the training at the same time?
- A. No. The rule requires currently certified personnel to complete the online course individually. The online course includes survey questions directed to an individual to ascertain his/her involvement in RTF programs across the state and also requires passage of the quiz to be eligible for the certificate of completion. It will be that certificate that the individual would submit if audited at renewal.

Q. Where do I find it on your website?

A. Under "Critical Information," you may click on Rescue Task Force Awareness Course. Make sure you take the course for Ohio-certified EMS Providers.

Q. I'm from out of state and I read about your RTF in the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS). Where do I find it on your website?

A. Under "Critical Information," you may click on Rescue Task Force Awareness Course. When the new page opens, scroll down to the bottom to the section for Non-Ohio Certified First Responders.