

**May 18, 19, & 20, 2026**



**California State Fire Training Open Water Rescuer-Basic  
"Will Meet NFPA Standards For Surf Rescue Swimmer Level One"**



**Registration \$675**

**Price Includes State**

**Fire Training Certificate**

# Cambria Fire Department

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Fire Management Consultant International

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## California State Fire Training Open Water Rescuer-Basic

An additional Certificate from FMC stating this meets requirements for NFPA 2500 Chapter 20 Surf Rescue  
Swimmer level 1 course

This course is conducted in the open ocean with surf conditions.

May 18,19, & 20, 2026 Class starts at 08:30

Location:

Cambria Fire Department

2850 Burton Drive

Cambria, California

Contact

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## Open Water Rescuer - Basic

### Course Objectives

This course provides detailed information, and the skills training required, to improve an individual's level of comfort and confidence for safely performing contact rescues in static and surface water conditions. Safety is strongly emphasized. Risk management is reinforced during every skill to establish your level of comfort in the water and to identify and overcome your limitations.

### Prerequisite

It is recommended that the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) devise or adopt a minimum swim capability standard based on the response area needs. A realistic evaluation of the rescuer's water survival skills should be conducted by the AHJ to meet this requirement. It is recommended that the AHJ use an annual swim test standard that meets or exceeds the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists (IADRS) Annual Watermanship Test.

1. Students Must Have Good Swimming Skills.
2. Required Equipment:
  - a. Wetsuit
  - b. Booties
  - c. Water Rescue Helmet
  - d. PFD
  - e. Mask, snorkel or goggles and fins
3. Recommended Equipment:
  - a. Gloves
  - b. Hood
  - c. Extra Wetsuit
  - d. H2O proof helmet light or handheld flashlight.



## Agenda

- Be flexible (dealing with weather and possible mechanical issues)
- Student Safety
- Safety Equipment
- Learn new skills, increase knowledge and confidence, have fun

## Lecture

- Hand signals
- Rescue priorities and safety (risk vs. Gain)
- Distressed swimmer recognition
- Getting help to the victims
- Rescue swimmer operations
- Equipment



## Hands on Training on the beach

- Safety/Hand Signals Review
- Swim test



## Rescue Swimmer Operations

- Rescue tubes
- Entering the water
- Contacting victim
- Bring victim in
- Review: rescue tubes/hand signals
- Rescue paddle boards
- Throw bags
- Basic towing small objects (kayaks paddleboards etc.)
- Review Rescue paddle boards/hand signals
- Multi victim rescues
- Tethered swimmer
- Working Around Piers/fixed objects
- Injured victims/extrications from water
- Submerged victim retrieval

## Note:

- No refunds two weeks prior to starting date
- Registrations must be paid prior to start date