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To whom it may concern:

My name is John Hill, and I am the program coordinator for industrial training here at the New Hampshire Fire Academy and Emergency Medical services. The Academy is asking for permission to use city property for life saving rope rescue training. This site was used successfully in the past without any issues.

Different terrain applications are used to provide first responders with the best possible education, giving them valuable experience in these lifesaving skills in a safe and controlled environment. They will be lowering and lifting victims in rescue baskets as well as rappelling down ropes to victims. Anchor attachment points will be set up using trees and rock formations; this is a critical rescue skill.

There will be little to no damage to your property other than cutting down small brush for student safety. We will car pool the approximately 12 to 20 students in from the NH Fire Academy to this site to limit the impact with the local residents. There will be no loud noises or smoke. We will be at the site from approximately 8 AM until 5 PM as this is a labor intensive class that uses a lot of equipment and makes for a long day.

We would expect to use this site only a couple of times per year. Classes will be scheduled a year in advance, and we will keep you apprised of the dates.

The NH Hampshire Fire Academy is a self-insured state agency, and our instructors are covered by workers comp. Once a year, CMC Rescue comes into town and hosts one class, and they have all the required insurance for their students. This relationship with CMC Rescue is a critical function of New Hampshire Technical Rescue Training. Our use of this great training site will continue to build our reputation in the rescue community. We are very proud of this fact and of our great relationship with CMC.

Finally, as some students come from across the country, please know they will be staying in Concord hotels and eating at the local restaurants, giving back to your city. This truly is a win-win for everyone. I look forward to working with your city staff in this great opportunity.

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