

Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team 2007 Fact Sheet

- Organization:** The Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team (HTRT) is a specially trained group of firefighters drawn from the Hillcrest Communities of Beachwood, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights and Willoughby Hills. The HTRT operates under the direction of the Hillcrest Fire Chief's Association.
- Location:** Main response area: Hillcrest Community. Mutual aid agreements established with the 14 communities of the Chagrin/Southeast Hazardous Materials Team. The HTRT will respond outside of the above area when requested by a local fire department.
- Founded:** 1995
- Rescue Services:** The HTRT has been trained to rescue victims trapped on ice, in swift water, dive rescue & recovery. Additionally, the team utilizes extensive rope and rigging experience to rescue victims in ravines or other places inaccessible to fire service ladders. Other treacherous situations include high towers (such as radio and cell towers), confined spaces, trenches & excavation collapses. The team has also been trained in hazardous materials (HAZMAT) and structural collapse.
- Team Focus:** The HTRT is designed to augment the response of the host community fire dept.
- Unique Characteristics:** The entire team is cross-trained in all areas of specialization, with the exception of rescue divers. Dive rescues traditionally require two members on shore for each diver in the water. The team is registered with Federal, State and County emergency response agencies.
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