

Subject : Procedures for safe operation.

Prerequisite: that all Sawyers operating on NYNJTC hiking trails are certified and have had the prescribed First Aid training.

A., Sawyers responsibility :

Our Certified Sawyers are the most important component in assuring safe operating conditions during a trail clearing event. They must establish a working relationship with their Swamper before work commences. This means laying out of the operating ground rules and establishing a system of communications that they both understand, whether with a signaling or physical device.

B., Swampers duties and responsibilities.

Once the work commences, the Swamper will take over crowd control keeping hikers, on-lookers, pets and other helpers at a safe distance (30 to 100 feet depending on location or conditions) until the Sawyer has stopped his saw and gives an 'all-clear' for the clearing to begin of the surrounding cut material.

The Swamper will carefully watch the cutting work and warn the Sawyer if he observes dangers above or around him/her. The Swamper will also watch the blow down being cut for any changes in movement that the Sawyer should be made aware of by signaling him/her. (see equipment)

C., Training :

The NYNJTC has already established a course for certification training of its Sawyers.

The NYNJTC could develop a Swampers Training Course for the classroom or an abbreviated version for "on-site" training. At a minimum the Sawyer must address the clearing team before sawing commences.

The NYNJTC should suggest that Swampers take a First Aid course similar to the one given to our Certified Sawyers, but less the CPR component. This course; as one given by NJ Emergency Training Associates is a course modified specifically for our Sawyers, and is approved by American Heart Association and accepted nationally.

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D., Equipment :

***First Aid Kit**

The NYNJTC should supply a First Aid Kit to the Sawyers, or to both the Sawyers and Swampers.

In consulting with one of our Certified Sawyers that is also an EMT, we suggest the following:

1. a., Adventure Medical Kit; "Trauma Pak" with a 25g QuikClot **pad and other essential components. (see attached list)

Estimated cost , 20.00ea.

Or a similar FA Kit in a Nylon Pouch

b., Adventure Medical Kit: "Tactical Field Trauma with QuikClot" and other essential components. (see attached list)

Estimated cost, 36.00ea.

Note: Item a., is in a tough sealed foil pouch (sample provided)

Item b., is in a Nylon Pouch. (sample provided)

Item a., should be sufficient for our needs, since it contains all we need in a 'single incident' pack.

2.... Another brand of First Aid kit that utilizes a Pad type blood absorber that requires pressure rather than chemicals to stop the bleeding would be acceptable. This product; one of which is supplied by Hasquavarna and Stihl, contains a Cederroth absorbent pad and bandage wrap. And there are similar USA made products.

3.....According to EMS personnel, Powdered Blood Stoppers ; such as Woundseal, etc., should be avoided since they may have to be physically removed from the wound which may be very painful.

3.

***Signaling Device**

After studying a number of signaling devices, we think the Whistles for Life Whistle would be a good choice' for a signaling device. (Samples provided).

Cost 2.25 ea. This includes the NYNJTC Logo. (Minimum order 250pcs.)

***Clothing**

Swampers should be required to wear a Hard Hat, Hearing and Eye protection, Gloves and proper footwear.

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