

Command and Control (Single Rope or Dual Capability Two Tensioned Rope Systems)		Washington County Search and Rescue
Lowering Commands: After 'Fresh Eyes', Field Team Leader gives final Operational Briefing then "Over to Control" to begin Operations		
Task:	Objective:	Hints:
1. Role Check:	ALL team members actively scan to detect and correct errors; group consensus affirmed. Check: 1 - Rope 1 and Rope 2, 2 - Tailer, 3 - Edge Team, 4 - Attendant, 5 - Bottom team if applicable	Control says, "all eyes on red rope system"; team looks for: MPD with Parking Brake Off, one hand on handle, one hand gripping infeed rope with ample rope to feed, eyes on load, rope well positioned to Rope Tailer.
2. Edge Approach and Transition Plan:	Precisely but briefly describe how load will approach edge; Describe how the edge transition will be executed: What you will say, what sequence, and what speed the load should move. <i>Must achieve Team consensus</i> ; Expectation: team members - verbal affirmation if agree or speak up if plan requires modifying.	<u>Edge Approach</u> : "Slack all lines, Attendant approach edge, <i>eyes on load</i> , stop! Load red rope into high directional, in on rope red, load blue rope into HD, in on rope blue, operators prepare for down on both, advise when ready". <u>Edge Transition</u> : "Attendant Lean Back, Edge Vector, Down on Both...at this speed (show with hands)"
3. Test System	Operators achieve smooth, synchronous release and feed of ropes, having eyes on load. Rope Tailer - is properly feeding ropes and in strong stance. Edge Operator edgeline properly adjusted.	Control announces, "This is Test Run #1, Attendant Load System (Attendant can apply tension either by leaning back or grabbing and pulling on ropes), Edge Vector, Down on Both. Repeat as required. Control then announces, " System Test Complete, Going Operational". Attendant approach Edge, Stop.
4. Go Operational	Without delay after System Test, go live/operational.	Control says "Attendant, position for Edge Transition", adjust rope lengths if required, then immediately commence movement as practiced.
After Edge Transition, confirm descent speed is good, edges are good, attendant is in fall line and ropes are roughly equal in tension		