

SCOUTS South Africa

Rubric for Assessment of Gallantry Awards

NAME: _____ GROUP: _____ DISTRICT: _____

Type of incident	Situation	Level of Risk or Difficulty		
		Low	Medium	High
Water Rescue: risk of drowning, hypothermia, etc.	Dam or river	Small dam or river	Large dam	Fast flowing river
	Sea	Calm sea	Moderate sea with surf. Some current	Rough sea with strong current
	Type of craft in distress	Power boat in good condition	Gig or sea kayak or sailing dinghy	Surf board or K1 or K2 canoe
	Swimmer in Distress	Exhausted, but non-responsible or cooperative swimmer; no injuries	Uncooperative, struggling swimmer, no serious injuries Or injured, but cooperative swimmer	Uncooperative, struggling swimmer, or/and with significant injury
	Wind	Calm	Moderate wind	Strong wind
	Precipitation	Dry or damp	Moderate to heavy rain or significant snow	Heavy snow or extremely heavy rain
	Temperature	Warm or mild	Cool to cold	Very cold
	Visibility	Clear	Poor	Very poor
	Rescue facilities	Full rescue equipment available (surf board, canoe, etc.), buoyancy, life lines	Buoyancy aids and/or life lines available	No rescue equipment available

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Type of incident	Situation	Low	Medium	High
Fire	Building – residential or business	Residential or small single storey building, tiled roof	Single storey with thatch roof or double storey building	Large building with high fire risk. E.g. factory with flammable fuels/products
	Vehicle Fire	Private car or small commercial vehicle	Large commercial or passenger vehicle	Commercial vehicle with flammable fuels/products
	Veld, forest or mountainous terrain	Small bush or grass fire	Extensive bush or grass fire	Forest or mountain fire
	Equipment available	Hoses, extinguishers and fire blankets, water tanks, beaters, as required	Fire extinguishers, fire blanket, fire beaters, buckets	None or very limited
	Protective clothing	Full safety clothing and breathing apparatus	Limited protective clothing	None
Urban Violence, Hijacking, Break ins	No. of Respondents	Respondent was alone	Respondent was with 2-4 people	Respondent was with 4 others
	No. of Perpetrators	One	2- 4	More than 4
	Potential threats	Perpetrators unarmed	Perpetrators armed with knives	perpetrators armed with gun(s)
	Location	In public place with others around	Semi isolated location, within earshot of other people	In isolated location, out of earshot of others
	Type of incident	Car theft or smash and grab	House or hall break in	Armed break in or theft

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Road accidents	Bicycle or motor bike	One cyclist	Up to 4 cyclists	Multiple cyclists
	Vehicle	Car	Bus or taxi	Truck with flammable load
	Status	Upright and limited damage	Not upright and significant to severe damage	Severely damaged and risk of fire or on fire
	No. of passengers	one	Up to 4	More than 4
Hiking and climbing incidents Injured hiker, snake bites, risk of hypothermia, hyperthermia or heat stroke	Environment	Flat or rolling terrain	Steep terrain	Mountainous or cliffs
	Access	Easy	Difficult access, but possible with care	Required specialist equipment, ropes, etc. to gain access
	Wind	Calm	Moderate wind	Strong wind
	Precipitation	Dry or damp	Moderate to heavy rain or significant snow	Heavy snow or extremely heavy rain
	Temperature	Warm or mild	Cool to cold	Very cold

Applicable to all situations				
Rescuer/ Rescue Team	Duration of Risk	<10 Minutes	>10 Minutes	> 1 Hour
	Training of rescuer	Very skilled, semi professional	Skilled	Unskilled
	Ability of rescuer	Fit and strong	Of average ability	Physically or mentally challenged
	Injury to rescuer	No or minor injuries sustained. Did not materially affect capability	Moderate injuries sustained which affected capability, but persevered	Rescuer persevered despite serious injury
	Support received.	Worked in a team of 3 or more	Worked with one other rescuer	Worked alone
	Perseverance	Short term resume	Considerable perseverance	Exceptional perseverance
Patients	Status of patients	Conscious and able to assist	Unable to assist, but docile	Unable to assist and injured, uncooperative or disabled
	No. of patients assisted	One	Two or three	More than three

Conclusion					
Overall assessment of risk and performance	Level of Risk to rescuer	Showed courage and determination. Low level of risk	Showed bravery and significant determination. Risk of significant injury or possible loss of Life	Showed high level of bravery and exceptional determination. Risk of serious injury or possible loss of Life	Showed extreme bravery and remarkable perseverance. Real risk of loss of Life
Recommendation	Award	Certificate	Bronze Cross	Silver Cross	Gold Cross

