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Kennedy Space Center's Protective Services  
Office considers the safety of each employee

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and visitor a top priority every day.

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To help ensure that safety, Kennedy's Special  
Rescue Operations Firefighters recently conducted

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training using the Jaws of Life and other  
advanced rescue tools at a facility nearby.

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"The type of training we're conducting  
today is vehicle and machinery extrication.

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An extrication from a vehicle that has been  
damaged in an accident, or some type of construction

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accident.

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We're trying to access the patient so that  
we can remove them.

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That's what extrication is.

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And that's what we're practicing today."

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"The Jaws of Life are a hydraulic spreading  
tool that we have available to us.

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What you see here is them actually spreading  
the door and separating it from the door frame

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of the car so they can access the patient.”

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In response to a motor vehicle accident on  
the center, a fire engine would be dispatched

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with basic extrication tools.

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If, after an assessment of the scene, it is  
determined that the rescue is more complicated,

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a squad truck would be dispatched that carries  
more advanced rescue tools.

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“The type of equipment that we have available  
to us for extrication on the squad truck can

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range from a very simple screwdriver, up to  
a center punch for clearing windows, all the

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way up to something very technical as the  
Jaws of Life, which are a hydraulic tool that

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have up to a hundred thousand pounds of spreading  
force.”

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“The special rescue team is a well-diversed group of individuals that are trained at a

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higher level than the standard firefighters to provide rescues in rope rescue, which would

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be an elevated rescue from the side of a building, confined space rescue, which would be somebody

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in a manhole or a vault, or vehicle extrication, as you can see demonstrated here.”

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“The training we’re doing today will help ensure the safety of everybody on Kennedy

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Space Center.”

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“The mission of the Protective Services Office is to oversee fire rescue services.

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Our main goal is life.

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Our second goal is property.

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Our third goal is the mission itself.”

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“The Kennedy Space Center Fire Rescue Services is second to none.

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We require all our firefighters to be certified in each discipline they perform in.”

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Recently, the Protective Services Office achieved Pro Board Certification in aerial fire truck

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operations.

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Now, with the completion of this recent training, Kennedy’s firefighters are very close to