

equipment and techniques are utilized by persons engaged in this activity and that often no one piece of equipment, or a technique, may be termed "the best". However, the NSS recognizes its responsibility to the Society membership and others involved in caving to provide information regarding caving techniques, equipment, and safety considerations. The Safety and Techniques Committee of the NSS should be the repository for all information relating to caving safety, techniques, and equipment and is charged with the following activities and responsibilities:

(1) Provide assistance to internal organizations in regard to caving techniques, equipment, and safety considerations as requested, and in the establishment of grotto safety committees and educational programs.

(2) Upon request provide assistance and advice to other Society committees, activities, and programs in regard to caving techniques, equipment, and safety considerations.

(3) Prepare short articles on various caving techniques and/or equipment for distribution to the NSS membership; such activity should be coordinated through the Caving Information Series.

(4) Prepare slide show programs on various caving equipment, techniques, first aid, and safety considerations, with distribution to be coordinated through the Audio-Visual Aids Committee.

(5) Provide information concerning caving techniques, equipment, safety, and safety education to the membership upon request and through the NSS NEWS.

(6) Conduct valuations on existing and new equipment used in caving and report these evaluations in a clear, objective, and precise manner to the membership via the NSS NEWS.

(7) Collect, catalog, and evaluate reports of caving accidents, equipment failures, and similar phenomena; provide non-anonymous information to the Editor for publication in AMERICAN CAVING ACCIDENTS; and, at the discretion of the Safety and Techniques Committee Chairman, report or publish such information through other outlets.

(8) Maintain and develop a repository of knowledge and information concerned with caving safety, techniques, and equipment, and conduct research on the improvement of existing caving equipment and the development of new caving techniques and educational methods.

(9) Work with equipment manufacturers and distributors to mitigate or eliminate safety hazards of equipment.

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The National Cave Rescue Commission is established in the Administrative Vice-President's Department. The duties, responsibilities, and privileges of the Commission are as specified in the Charter of the National Cave Rescue Commission which is hereby approved. (See Appendix S)

91-422 NCRC Meetings 2-25-84
The NCRC shall hold not less than one meeting of its Regional Coordinators annually. The agenda of the meeting shall be distributed to all Regional Coordinators at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Minutes of the meeting shall be distributed to all Regional Coordinators not later than 30 days after the meeting. A copy of the agenda and minutes shall be available to all NSS members upon request.