



**St. Louis County
Rescue Squad**

**Hook Up and Detach Trailers
to/from Parent Vehicles; Stow
Trailers**

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OBJECTIVE

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PREREQUISITES

None.

RESOURCES

None.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

None.

AUTHORIZED EVALUATORS

Any Rescue Squad member

MAXIMUM RENEWAL TIME

One-time certification; no renewal required.



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Skill Sheet

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Task	Go	No-Go
Backs/positions vehicle to facilitate ease of hook-up with minimum of strain/grunt work		
Attaches hitch to ball securely; fastens all pins and keepers		
Attaches safety chains per USCG Power Squadron specifications (chains form an "X" cradle beneath hitch; one hook up; one hook down)		
Trailer wiring connected securely to female port on vehicle, using bullet plug if needed		
Checks to ensure trailer lights is operational; reports to Logistics Officer if not		
Retracts tongue wheel and locks in "up" position		
Removes chocks and any trickle charge wires before departure		
Stages trailer for stowage, lowers tongue wheel, and removes all attachments		
Stows trailer and replaces wheel chocks and trickle charge wires		

- Hitch must be fully seated on ball, with all pins and keepers fastened
- Must retract tongue wheel before departure
- Must remove trickle charger wires (if connected)
- Must remove all attachments when stowing before moving parent vehicle
- Must replace chocks when stowed

_____ **Go** _____ **No Go** _____ **Evaluator**
 (Initials & 7100-number)