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## SME publishes new Mine Rescue Manual

Publication addresses underground mine rescue methods

As the leading international resource for technical information about mining and related industries, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to announce the release of *Mine Rescue Manual: A Comprehensive Guide for Mine Rescue Team Members*. This new SME publication promises to be the premier manual for training underground mine rescue teams.

"There are other materials on mine rescue available, but it is scattered among training centers, universities and government agencies," said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy. "The authors have brought together the best available information in the industry and coalesced the material into one concise reference manual."

Prepared and tested at the Colorado School of Mines, the manual is designed to help mine rescue teams address emergency situations successfully by maximizing the protection of human life while minimizing the cost, not only of rescue and recovery, but to the corporate reputation. This manual is an invaluable tool for every mine rescue team member.

Topics include:

- Surface operations and incident command
- Gases and ventilation
- Team safety
- Injured workers
- Communication
- Legal and regulatory compliance and reporting
- Mine recovery and operations



This spiral bound manual can be ordered from <u>www.smenet.org/store</u>, and is also available as an eBook from <u>www.smenet.org/ebooks</u>, book order No. 405-9.

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