INTRODUCTION

A fire officer on a pumper was once asked why he ordered the pumper engineer to drive the 30,000 pound fire apparatus on a road that had a bridge with a 10,000 load limit. The officer responded to the question by saying that "it was an emergency". Rescue personnel often think that the physical laws of the universe do not apply when there is "an emergency". Gravity is one of the laws of the universe that applies to all earthly (rescue) environments. Rescuers deal with gravity every time they lift a patient, every time they move an object and every time they lower themselves on a rope.

Rescuers need to understand the relationship of gravity to basic tactical evolutions such as lifting, lowering, moving and stabilizing loads. Today even with the availability of powerful cranes, strong hydraulic winches and high pressure air bags there is a need for a knowledge of the basic concepts of leverage and gravity. It is the ability of the rescuer to make effective size ups in confined areas of collapsed buildings that often means the difference between life and death.

The rescuer also has a critical role to play when using the heavy lifting equipment such as cranes. All loads to be lifted or moved must be assessed for weight, stability and rigging points. The rescuer's knowledge of rigging equipment and its basic application will enhance the ability of the heavy equipment to perform.

This training module for the US&R Structural Collapse Technician will look at levers, gravity, lifting and rescue rigging equipment.

TERMINAL OBJECTIVE

- Size-up objects that have entrapped people and efficiently apply a variety of machines and power to safely move these objects
- To understand the basic physics, material behavior and mechanics necessary to accomplish the above
ENABLING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of module the student should be able to:

For Part a
- Understand the basic physics as they relate to Weight, Gravity, and Center of Gravity.
- Explain the concepts of Energy, Work, and Power
- Describe what determines the efficiency of mechanical advantages.
- Explain the three classes of levers.
- Describe the efficiency of inclined planes.
- Describe the two types of pulley configurations.

For Part b
- Explain the effective use of high pressure air bags.
- Lifting & Stabilizing Loads and Cribbing
- Calculate the weights of common materials.

For Part c
- Explain use of proper sling angles to efficiently lift a load
- Explain the use of anchor systems, anchor failure considerations, and proper anchor spacing.
- Describe the proper use of swivel hoist ring, steel angle brackets, and concrete screws.
- Understand the proper use of wire ropes, wire rope fittings, end terminations, and tighteners.
- Explain the use of slings and sling arrangements.
- Describe the use of chains for rigging and lifting.
- Determine the effects of critical angles as the relate to lifting and moving objects.
- Identify and describe the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of cranes.
- Explain considerations for crane use, and demonstrate basic crane signals for rescue operations.

PRIME RULE OF L&M
One should only Lift & Move an Object if there is no other viable alternative. Once in Motion, It is more Dangerous.
UNIVERSAL GRAVITATION and CENTER of GRAVITY

PRINCIPLE

- The Earth’s Gravity exerts a Force on all objects on its surface called “Weight”
  - Gravity can help us move and/or stabilize objects
  - Gravity can be used as a movement engine
  - There is no exception to gravity.
  - All objects seek a state of equilibrium.
  - Gravity effects such evolutions as:
    - Lifting
    - Lowering
    - Moving
    - Stabilizing

CENTER OF GRAVITY (CG) AND POSITION CHANGES

- Center of gravity: Point at which the whole weight of object is acting vertically downward = Balance Point.
- Load’s weight is perfectly balanced or distributed around the center of gravity.
- If a load is suspended at its CG, it can be turned in any direction with little effort.
- If load is lifted to the right/left of CG, it will tilt at an angle.
- If a load is lifted below its center of gravity, the weight of the load will be above the lifting point, and the load will tip over.
- Important that loads be hoisted above the load's CG.
- CG of a solid object is located in three planes or directions:
  - X axis = Horizontal, side to side
  - Y axis = Vertical axis
  - Z axis = Horizontal, front to back

EXAMPLE OF CG:
A solid piece of concrete that is 10ft long x 4ft wide x 6ft high has it’s CG at a point that is 5ft from the end, 2ft from the front, and 3ft from the bottom
WEIGHT
- Force of the Earth’s Gravity on a Mass sitting on its surface is called its “Weight”
  - The “Weight of the same Mass on the Moon would be 1/6 as much

EQUILIBRIUM

PRINCIPLE:
- Every object resting on earth is said to be “at rest” and in a state of Static Equilibrium. All objects seek a state of equilibrium.

CHANGING EQUILIBRIUM
- Small outside force/effort at the highest point on the object can change it’s condition from static to unstable equilibrium:
  - Wind or a gentle push can move the object out this "balance point" of static equilibrium.
  - With applied force changes into a state of unstable equilibrium.
  - Object will move (fall over) into another position of static equilibrium.

FRICTION and RESISTANCE FORCE

PRINCIPLE:
- Force found in the location of the contact between two surfaces.
  - It depends on the type and roughness of the contact surfaces as well as the weight that is acting.
- Force acts parallel to those surfaces in a direction opposing the relative motion between them.

The greater the weight (force of gravity) of an object, the greater the friction force
BASIC CONCEPTS RELATED TO FRICTION

- The smoother the two contact surfaces, the less the friction between those surfaces.
- Liquids can reduce the friction between two surfaces. (unless too much surface tension is developed)
- Materials with rounded surfaces that break the contact between objects will generally reduce friction.
- Reducing the size of the surface area between two objects will, normally not reduce the Friction Force
  - Friction Force depends on the Vertical Load per square foot (pressure) and the Friction Factor (based on the surface type and roughness)
  - If the contact area for a given load becomes less, then the pressure increases proportionally, and therefore, the Friction Force remains the same.
- Lifting operations often involve lifting only one side of the object which reduces the weight on the contact surface and consequently decreases the friction force.

FRICTION AND EQUILIBRIUM

- Friction may be the outside force acting on an object creating equilibrium.
- The rescuer can change the amount of friction holding a object in place and allow the force of gravity to overcome the forces of friction:
  - Rocking motion
  - Making surface smaller (tilt lift)
  - Reducing the weight on the contact surface
- Friction holding an object in place can be overcome by the force of gravity when a object is on an inclined plane.

APPLICATION of MECHANICS to COLLAPSE RESCUE

Inappropriate or ineffective use of rescue tools is often a result of a lack of understanding of mechanical advantage. The following is an overview of mechanics of rescue:

- **Mechanics** is the branch of physics dealing with Force, Energy, Work, and Power in relation to physical bodies.
- **Leverage** is the practical application of the moment of force principle.
ENERGY

- Energy is the Work that a physical system is doing in changing from its current configuration to another one.
- Both Energy and Work are measured in Foot-Pounds, but Energy and Work are different.
- There are two types of physical Energy systems, Stored Energy and Kinetic (moving) Energy.
  - An example of Stored Energy is the condition when a heavy object is positioned or suspended above a place where it can move to a lower level.
  - If a Crane suspends a 100lb weight 100ft above the ground, the Stored Energy is 10,000 ft-lbs. Any tall building has millions of ft-lbs of Stored Energy that can be liberated during a collapse.
  - A swiftly moving Train is an example of Kinetic Energy.
- The basic principles of the Conservation of Energy are stated in the adjacent slide.

WORK

- In a general dictionary definition, Work is the Physical or Mental effort directed toward the production or accomplishment of something.
  - Transfer of Energy from one physical state to another.
- In our case Work is the physical effort in moving an object from one position to another. The application of a Force in moving an object some distance against a Resistance (Friction and Gravity).
- In the case of Work an object (pounds) will be moved a distance (feet).
- In the case of Energy an object (pounds) is elevated a distance (feet) above where it can eventually be moved.

POWER

- Power is the Rate at which Work is done. Objects (pounds are moved Distance (feet) within a specific Time (minutes).
  - One Horsepower is 33,000 ft-lbs per minute.
- We need Work to produce the Power that will overcome Friction, Gravity, Wind Resistance over a specific Time period.
MOVEMENT
- Moment of force about a point (always a point) is weight (or force) multiplied by the distance away from the turning point of that weight or force.
- **Foot-pound** means of describing a Moment of Force
  - foot = distance
  - pound = force
  - force = influence that can change an object’s velocity.
- When a force is applied that will cause rotation around a fulcrum (pivot point) = moment of force = foot-pounds.

THE HUMAN MACHINE
- All machines require some energy source to apply the forces that will make them produce Work
- Humans can provide at Energy in the form of push and pull forces as well as applying their own weight in the downward direction
- Food is burned as the fuel in the body to create this bio-machine
- As noted in the adjacent slides The Rescue Squad can deliver a lot of Force that does the Work to produce Power

OVERVIEW OF MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE (MA)
- Ratio between the output force a machine exerts to the input force that is furnished to that machine to do work.
- Defines how efficient and effective a machine is.
- Mechanical advantage greater than one (1) means that the output force delivered by the machine exceeds the input force supplied to the machine.
- Mechanical advantage less than one (1) means that the output force delivered by the machine is smaller than the input force supplied to the machine.
- Applied to the relationship between the weight of a load being lifted and the power of the force required to lift/push/hold that load.
OVERVIEW OF MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE (MA) (cont)

- Since all machines, including lifting devices, the efficiency of a machine is determined by calculating the Theoretical MA and subtracting Friction
  - In pulley systems, the Friction Factor may be around 10%. That requires a 110lb force to lift a 100lb object
  - If a system has a mechanical advantage of 3 and friction factor or 10%, it will require about 55lb pull to lift the 100lb.
- There also may be secondary effects that reduce the efficiency of machines as listed in adjacent slide. Some of these are external (environmental) and some are internal to the machine (deflections caused by the applied forces)
- In all machines there may be a Point of Diminishing Return, such as being too big and heavy for hand use, or requiring an inordinate amount of fuel

SIMPLE MACHINES

- Consist of inclined planes, levers, pulley wheels, gears, ropes, belts, and/or cams.
- Rigid or resistant bodies that have pre-defined motions.
- Capable of performing work.
- Energy applied to these mechanisms by a source that causes these mechanisms to perform useful motion.
- More efficient to perform work with machines than with muscle force only.
- We will now discuss Inclined Planes, Levers, Pulleys, and an advanced leverage application, the A-Frame

SIMPLE & COMPOUND MACHINES

- There will often be a trade-off, like time and distance when mechanical advantage is gained. However pulley systems with mechanical advantage, do allow the operator to move the load more slowly with better control.
INCLINED PLANES

- Examples: Ramps, wooden wedge, screw thread
- Gains effectiveness of energy used based on distance traveled = mechanical advantage.
- Use of a gradual slope = less force to move an object a certain distance.

- Percentage of load based on slope and grade
  - When an object comes to rest on a slope, the rescuer must determine the percentage of the load's weight that needs to be managed during the stabilization process.
  - To estimate the load percentage first determine the amount of resistance the load surface has in relation to the object.
  - Discounting friction refer to the table below for approximate weight based on slope.

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- However the friction force associated with sliding objects up ramps may be as high as 35%
  - In this case the Force that is requires to move the object up the ramp is greater as shown above and in adjacent slides
  - The Friction MAY be uses as a Break to keep the object from sliding back down the ramp when the slope is less than about 20 degrees
LEVERS

“Give me a place to stand and I will move the World”
Archimedes

- Application of levers:
  - Move a load that is heavier than can be moved by manpower alone.
  - Pulling/hauling.
  - Raising.

- Leverage is the means of accomplishing work with levers:
  - Transfers force from one place to another.
  - Changes the force’s direction.

CLASSES OF LEVERS

- **Class One Lever**
  - Fulcrum is placed between the force applied and weight (load).
  - MA: Used when a decided advantage is desired.
  - Examples: Crowbars, wrecking bars, pliers, scissors

- **Class Two Lever**:
  - Weight (load) is placed between the force and the fulcrum.
  - MA: Used for advantage in moving heavy materials on a horizontal/near horizontal surface.
  - Examples: Wheelbarrows, furniture dollies

- **Class Three Lever**:
  - Force placed between the fulcrum and the load.
  - MA: used when force may be sacrificed for distance.
  - Examples: Brooms, shovels, baseball bat, tweezers

- The cantilever in the slide below is a special case of a Class One Lever.
SCREW-TYPE MACHINES

- Examples of screw-type machines: Worm gears, screw jacks and valves in fire hydrants.

- Characteristics of these machines are:
  - Combination of a lever and an inclined plane.
  - Thread of a screw is an inclined plan encircling the stem of the screw.
  - Handle is the lever.
  - Thread works in a corresponding groove in the base.
  - Thread is forced to move under the load.
  - One rotation of the handle moves the thread through a distance equal to the distance between it and the thread below it.
  - Distance moved is call the pitch of the screw.

PULLEYS

- Application related to loads:
  - Lifting
  - Pulling
  - Moving
  - Change direction
  - Mechanical advantage
  - Reduce friction

- Fixed Pulley - Change direction of effort:
  - Pulley is stationary: Does not change theoretical mechanical advantage

- Traveling Pulley - Gain mechanical advantage:
  - Pulley is moving: Changes mechanical advantage depending on use
  - Bitter end at the load — the simple system is odd
  - Bitter end at the anchor — the simple system is even

Flexible Power Transfer Methods

- Allow us to apply force at one location and move or stabilize an object at another location
- Ropes
- Chains
- Belts
- Cables

Configuration of Pulleys - Fixed

- Fixed pulleys called COD’s that provide no mechanical advantage (only Change Of Direction).
- Sometimes pulleys change the direction of a force but do not make the load feel lighter.

Configuration of Pulleys - Moving

- Moving pulleys that are rigged to the load and move when load is pulled, hauled, or raised (Mechanical Advantage).
PULLEYS (continued)

- Calculating Pulley Mechanical Advantage (MA)
  - In general the system needs to have a Traveling pulley in order for there to be a MA
  - The number of rope lines (Parts of Line) coming from the Traveling Pulley determines the MA
  - The Load will travel the distance Traveled by the Pulled end of the line divided by the MA
  - As MA becomes greater the Anchor shares more Parts of Line

- In Simple pulley systems there is one set of Fixed pulleys and one set of Moving pulleys (Sheaves)
  - Add sheaves side by side to increase MA
  - On ODD numbered systems the Terminal end of the rope begins on the Load side of the system
  - For EVEN numbered systems the Terminal end of the rope begins at the Anchor End of the system

- In Compound pulley systems the pulleys are “Stacked” to gain MA, as shown in the adjacent slide
  - These systems have less Friction, use less rope and have a shorted Stroke

The difference between theoretical and actual mechanical advantage is "friction"
PULLEYS (continued)

- The adjacent slides provide examples of various pulley systems with different Mechanical Advantage, from 2 to 1 to 5 to 1

- The difference between theoretical and actual mechanical advantage is “friction”.
  - This is illustrated in adjacent slide
  - The pull required to move the load that is attached to the rope that runs over the pulley is the Load + Friction
ADVANCED LEVERAGE APPLICATIONS  A-Frame

- The A-Frame is a fairly complex application of leverage that involves floating an object in air between two horizontal points.

- The application for the A-Frame is most practical during collapse situations involving the movement of objects where there are no suitable overhead anchor points and crane access is not practical.

- The A-Frame may be made from two 6x6x14’-0” timbers that are lashed together at the top, or by using a pair of 12 ft long, aluminum rescue struts connected using special apex and foot connections.
  - The two lower ends of the A-Frame must be connected together, just above the ground, using a stout rope, webbing or chain.
  - The legs should be spaced from 10 to 12 feet apart at the ground.

- A 15:1 or 20:1 compounded mechanical advantage pulley system used for swinging the A-Frame is attached to the apex of the gantry and anchored to an appropriate bombproof anchors.

- The object (Load) is attached to the apex of the A-Frame using a short rigging strap, and a lowering control rope is connected opposite the mechanical advantage pulley system.

- As the A-Frame is tensioned and elevated, the load starts to rise. A hoist or come-along may also be used to initially suspend the load.

- The A-Frame apex must be rotated to be centered over the load, but the angle between the ground and the A-frame should not be less than 45 degrees.
  - At this angle the initial force on the hauling rope system is about 25% greater than the load, assuming that the hauling anchors are placed at least 30 feet from the base of the A-frame legs.
  - The force in each of the A-Frame legs will be about equal to the load as the lifting begins.
A-FRAME (continued)

- As lifting begins, forces are generated in the A-Frame legs
  - The horizontal force tending to move the base of each of the A frame legs away from the load will be about 2/3 of the load.
  - There will also be a vertical load acting into the ground at the frame base that is about equal to this horizontal force.
  - These forces need to be resisted by the ground, and/or some type of restraint system.

- The dimensions and forces for two A-Frame systems, using 45 and 60 degree initial angles are shown in the adjacent slides and on the following page.

DIAGRAM OF TIMBER A-FRAME

See SCT04 Appendix for a detailed description of the construction of an A-Frame using 6x6 timbers
DIAGRAM OF A-FRAME FORCES at 45 degree angle
(per 1000lb load. Suggested maximum Load = 4000lb)

A - Frame Forces
for 45 deg. initial angle

1000 lb in each leg
1250 lb in Rope
630 lb
630 lb
630 lb
7.5 ft
630 lb
30 ft
630 lb

DIAGRAM OF A-FRAME FORCES at 60 degree angle
(per 1000lb load. Suggested maximum Load = 4000lb)

A - Frame Forces
for 60 deg. initial angle

900 lb in each Leg
900 lb in Rope
430 lb
630 lb
630 lb
6 ft
430 lb
30 ft
630 lb
A-FRAME (continued)

- In most cases it is necessary to provide a footing/baseplate for each leg of the A-Frame.
  - In very firm ground, a shallow hole may provide enough resistance to the compression forces that are exerted when the A-Frame legs rotate.
    - The forces at the edges of the 6x6 will dig into the ground and create their own bearing surfaces.
  - In softer ground, it may be necessary to use a pair of 12” square plywood gussets to spread the load, and neoprene pads will be helpful in providing shaped bearings for the edges of the 6x6 as it rotates.
  - On concrete paving surfaces, it will be necessary to carefully restrain the 6x6 from slipping, and provide for the rotating bearing.
  - In the both the Airshore and Paratech Rescue Strut and A-Frame systems, a 12” square base plate that provides for the bearing and rotating leg.
    - This base plate must be properly restrained using rope, chain, or other mechanical anchors.

- As the A-Frame is arched over, the load elevates until the A-frame is straight up and the object being lifted is directly beneath apex.
  - As the load moves past 90 degrees, the pulley system becomes useless, and the lowering ropes take over the controlled lowering of the load.

- A-frame systems made by Rescue Strut Manufacturers
  - As mentioned above both Airshore and Paratech make fittings and bases that will allow their struts to be configured as an A-frame.
  - These systems are fairly expensive, so systems using 6x6 timpers may be more practical

SUMMARY of PART a

- We have discussed the basic principles of:
  - Gravity
  - Motion and Friction
  - Energy & Work
  - Simple Machines
  - A-Frames
TOPICS to be COVERED in PART b

- Airbags
- Lifting Considerations & Stabilization
- Calculating Weights

HIGH PRESSURE AIR BAGS

- Characteristics are:
  - Neoprene/butyl rubber — outer
  - Steel/Kevlar — reinforcement
  - Variety of sizes
  - Outer layer textured to reduce slippage
  - Capacity is calculated at 1" of lift
  - At maximum height, usable capacity typically is reduced to 50% of the rated capacity.

- Application:
  - Max. stack of two high (bag centers must align)
  - Lift capacity is that of the smaller bag
  - Lift height is increased
  - Ensure that the smallest bag has capacity for the lift
  - Place the large bag on the bottom

- Bags in tandem:
  - Bags side-by-side or at two points on a load
  - Maximum working capacities added together
  - Consider lift height as well as load weight

- Working area:
  - Flat surface
  - Solid cribbing bed under bag
  - Establish safe zones
  - Pressurize bags slowly and watch for load shift
  - If load is uncontrolled, stop the lift and reevaluate
  - Use solid cribbing or wedges under the load to stabilize
  - See mfr's manual for additional information

- Calculating lifting capabilities:
  - Maximum working pressure of individual bag
  - Surface area contact (is smaller than bag dimensions)
  - Working pressure of bag under load when in use
  - Maximum working capacity is the maximum contact surface area of the bag (always smaller than bag dimensions) times the maximum working pressure.
  - As the air bag lifts and "pillows," surface contact is reduced and the lift capacity is decreased
HIGH PRESSURE AIR BAGS (continued)

EXAMPLE

- 10" x 10" air bag is 100 sq.in. in total area. The maximum working pressure is 118 PSI, and 100 sq.in. times 118 PSI = 11,800 lbs. of lift (5.9 tons) if full bag area was in surface contact. From chart, actual capacity is 4.8 tons.

- Check bag for Identification Tag that lists maximum pressure, load and lift height data.

MECHANICS of LOAD STABILIZATION & MOVEMENT

- Four functions that need to be addressed before any load is stabilized, lifted, or moved:
  - Center of gravity
  - Load Stability including Shims, Wedges & Cribbing
  - Estimating Load Weight
  - Lifting Functions including Critical Angle Considerations

CENTER OF GRAVITY

- Center of gravity is where any load's entire weight is concentrated.

- Loads will seek to have their center of gravity below the point of support.

- Moment of force (distance times weight) is created when the center of gravity moves around a fulcrum.

- Narrow base of support can rapidly become fulcrum (pivot point) for the load.

- The higher the center of gravity is located in the load, the wider and more stable the base of support needed to maintain the static equilibrium.

- A load with a relatively high estimated center of gravity and narrow base of support must be considered to be in a state of unstable equilibrium = moment of force of load's own weight (or external force) can cause the load to move into a state of equilibrium (i.e., fall over).

- Load rotation when the lifting point of the rigging is not directly above the center of gravity.
LOAD STABILIZATION

- Make load attachments above center of gravity when possible.
- Place attachments above and on either side of the estimated position of center of gravity to control load.
  - Wind or shaking from an earthquake (external force) can move a load with high estimated center of gravity and narrow base of support.
- Widen and extend the load base of support when:
  - Distance from base of support to estimated center of gravity is greater than the width of base of the support. Loads showing any signs of rocking or swaying = unstable equilibrium state. Consider that center of gravity may change:
  - Ground shaking changing position of internal load such as machinery in structure
  - Base of support shifting

WEDGES / SHIMS / CRIBBING

- Wedge Sets (always use Married Pairs)*
  - Snug up or tighten load.
  - Change of direction.
  - 2x wedges are more stable than 4x
  - For Shoring, Wedges will start to Cup when the Load reaches about 1.5 times the Allowable Load. This converts to a pressure of about 1000psi. This provides an Overload Indicator (Structure Fuse) for shoring.
  - If Cupping of Wedges occurs when Moving Objects, the process must be stopped Immediately, since it is too dangerous
* = It is always best to place the Wedge Pairs so their Cut Surfaces are in Full contact with each other when moving objects. There will be more Friction and more complete contact. The Ends will also be Square for better Driving

- Shims (single wedge):
  - Stabilizing tools.
  - Incline plane (MA).
  - Take up void space.
CRIBBING

Characteristics of Cribbing
- Douglas Fir or Southern Pine are "The Standard", and there is no significant loss in strength when it has been pressure treated for decay
  - Oak is stronger, and is used in mines and for crane pads, but not available at local stores.
  - Hem-Fir and Spruce-Pine-Fir is a grading category that covers several types of wood that may be used at a 15% reduction in strength.
  - Eastern Softwoods and Western Cedar are also grades that may be used, but with 25% reduction in strength
- Tends to crush slowly
- Provides advance warning of failure
- 500 pounds per sq. inch (psi) max. load capacity

Cribbing Types:
- Box (2 x 2 Crib) : four points of contact
- Crosstie (3 x 3 Crib) : 9 points of contact
- Solid : entire surface area contact

Cribbing strength is determined by figuring the surface area at each point of contact and multiplying by the design strength
- Use 500 psi for Douglas Fir and Southern Pine, but is lower by 15% (425 psi) Hem-Fir & Spruce-Pine-Fir, and lower by 25% (375 psi) for softer woods

Example:
- 4x4 box cribbing is 3.5" x 3.5" = 12.25 X 500psi. = 6,125 lbs. per contact point. Use 6000 lbs
  - Total for Box Crib = 4 x 6000 = 24,000
  - Total for 3 x 3 Crib = 9 x 6000 = 54000

- 6x6 box cribbing is 5.5" X 5.5" = 30.25 X 500 lbs. = 15,125 lbs. per contact point. Use 15,000 lbs
  - Total for Crib = 60,000 lbs
  - Total for Crib 3 x 3 = 135,000 lbs

Cribbing performs best when it is uniformly load, since this means that all 4 corners will deflect the same under load (keeping the load level and the crib more stable.)
CRIBBING (continued)

- Height of cribbing when used to stabilize loads to be moved should be limited to two times the width.
  - Support the load on the contact points (load to ground) as uniformly as possible.
  - When using cribbing to support collapsed structures the height may be increased to 3 times the width.
  - The maximum recommended height for 4x cribbing is 4 feet and 6x is 6 feet (for US&R Incidents)
  - Cribbing tends to deflect more than vertical shoring, since all the members are laid flat, and each layer can deflect a little.
    - This can add up to a significant amount of deflection, therefore, the recommended height of cribbing has been limited
    - The deflection for vertical shoring only occurs at the header and sole, since the posts do not deflect in the vertical direction

- Crib height should be limited to only 1 to 1 for conditions where the load is not centered and uniform.
  - For this case it is recommended that the maximum height be limited to 2 ft for 4x cribs and 3 feet for 6x cribs.
  - Also, one should de-rate the strength to half of normal for any case where the load is not centered

- When used for Moving Objects, the Center (or C.G.) of the Supported Load must be within the middle 1/3 of the Crib
  - The third of these Slides shows a Sloped Slab being supported by Cribbing.
  - The angle of the Slope to be allowed when Moving Loads needs to be limited to 10% (1 ft in 10 ft, same as 6 deg)
  - When using cribbing as shoring to support Sloped Slabs of Structures the angle is limited to 30% (3 ft in 10 ft, same as 15 deg)
    - In this case the load must be centered
ESTIMATING LOAD WEIGHTS

- Weight for material in pounds per cubic foot (pcf)
  - Reinforced concrete = 150 pcf **
  - Steel use 490 pcf (use 500)
  - Earth use 100 pcf
  - Wood use 40 pcf

** = This assumes that the concrete weighs 145 pcf and the reinforcing steel adds 5 pcf. However, Concrete Beams and Columns are often more heavily reinforced and may weigh as much as 175 pcf. This can be very important to know when lifting with a crane

- For concrete and other thick, solid objects, calculate the volume of the object and multiply by the weight per cubic foot (pcf)
  - For uniform thickness solid objects the total weight = Width x Height x Length x weight per cubic foot.
    
    Example: 4ft x 2ft x 2 ft concrete slab
    2 x 4 x 20 x 150 pcf = 24,000lbs =24 kips
  
  - For a solid cylinder the total weight = 0.8 Diameter² x Length x weight per cubic foot. (The exact number to use to determine the area of the round end is 0.785, but 0.8 is easier to remember and close enough)
    
    Example: 3ft diameter x 20ft concrete column
    0.8 x 3ft x 3ft x 20 ft x 150 pcf = 21,600lbs
  
  - For a pipe the most accurate method is to find the volume of the solid and then subtract the volume of the hole, and multiply by the weight per cubic foot.
    
    Example: 4ft diameter x 20ft pipe w/ 3ft dia. Hole
    0.8 x (4x4 – 3x3) x 20ft x 150 pcf = 16,800lbs
ESTIMATING THE WEIGHT OF STEEL

- Often rescue operations are needed when large steel beams & columns are present in a collapsed structure.
- Since these heavy objects will need to be moved, some of the first things to consider are the lifting capability of the available equipment, based on the distance to the objects initial and final positions.
  - The information regarding maximum lifting capacity will determine where to mark and cut the heavy steel members so that the weight requirements are met.
  - Most metal suppliers offer booklets that give information about the weight of steel by thickness, shape and dimension, usually on a per foot basis.

- There is a very simple way to calculate the weight of steel by using the known weight of a one square steel plate that is 1" thick. Called The Area Method
  - The exact weight is 40.8 psf, but 40 is close enough. Knowing this, we can say that:
    - \( \frac{3}{4} \)" thick plate = 30 psf
    - \( \frac{1}{2} \)" thick plate = 20 psf
    - \( \frac{1}{4} \)" thick plate = 10 psf and so on

- Here are two examples:

Area Method Example 1
The weight of the steel “box section” shown in adjacent slide can be easily calculated by noting that a 2” thick plate would weigh 80psf.
  - Since the total area of 2” plate is 8 sqft per ft, the section weighs 8 x 80 = 640 pounds per foot (plf)
  - Total weight if the section is 36ft long is 23,040 lbs

This is only 2% less than the exact weight

Area Method Example 2
The adjacent slide shows an additional example, using a built-up so called W shape.
  - Again, the calculation is simple, and the error is the same 2%
  - The 2% is just the difference between the exact 40.8 psf and the easier to remember 40 psf for the 1” x one square foot steel plate

Review of Part b: we have discussed the following:
  - Airbags
  - Lifting Considerations & Stabilization
  - Calculating Weights

Review & conclusion of Part b
- Review
  - Airbags
  - Lifting Considerations & Stabilization
  - Calculating Weights
- Questions?
- Discussion?
- Next: Part c Cranes, Rigging & Bolting
TOPICS to be DISCUSSED in PART c
- Critical Angles
- Concrete Anchor Systems
- Lifting Equipment & Techniques
- Cranes & Rigging

CRITICAL ANGLE CONSIDERATIONS
- The angle of a rigging strap/cable attachment in relation to the lifting point greatly affects the vertical and horizontal forces placed on the anchor attachments as well as the forces in the strap/cable.
  - These forces are easily calculated, based on the properties of the triangle that is created.
- A circle can be divided into three 120 degree sections.
  - If the included angle of the rope system is equal to 120 degrees, the force in the rope and its attachment is equal to the supported load.
  - If the angle becomes greater by pulling the load line tighter, a greater force is placed on the rope and the anchors.
  - If the included angle is less, force in the rope is less.
  - In lifting systems the angle should be as small as possible, but a 120 deg angle, which translates to a 30 deg angle, measured up from the horizon, is the Largest Included Angle that is Allowed
- Applying this concept to rigging can be done by inverting the triangle.
  - The higher the point of attachment is over the objects CG the lesser the forces on the sling and its attachments.
  - The flatter the angle, the greater the forces, as shown in the adjacent slide.
    - As the angle gets flatter, there is a greater compression force that is applied to the top of the load (or spreader bar), due to the angle of the force in the sling
  - Keep this in mind when you begin any lifting operation.
    - In some cases lifting a fairly light object with a flat lifting angle will create forces substantial enough to break the sling and/or blow-out the anchor points.
- The adjacent slide illustrates “If in Doubt, Let It Out”. For Slings this means that the Longer the Sling, the Steeper the Horizontal Angle, and the Less Force in the Sling and its Anchors
CONCRETE ANCHOR SYSTEMS

INTRODUCTION
- The purpose of this section is to provide information about safe and practical methods of anchoring to concrete when some other method (such as cable loops or chokers) is not available.
- Not all of the methods discussed may have useful application in US&R work.
  - The special equipment required for undercut anchors and the sensitivity of Adhesive anchors to vibration and heat, make both of little value in critical US&R situations.
- All the available methods are presented in order to give the student a more complete understanding of anchors.

TYPES OF ANCHORS:
Most of these anchors require the drilling and cleaning of holes in concrete of the proper size and depth.

- Available types:
  - Wedge Anchors
  - Concrete Screws
  - Through Bolts
  - Undercut Anchor Bolts

Wedge Anchors (most commonly used in US&R)
- Are torque controlled anchors that come in two types; Wedge Anchors and Sleeve Anchors. They both have an undercut shaft that is inserted into the hole and the wedge or sleeve device that expands as a cone at the bottom of the shaft is pulled through it when the fastener is tightened.
- Wedge Anchors have higher tension strength than sleeve anchors of the same size. However the sleeve anchor is the only anchor bolt (other than the through bolt) that can be safely used in hollow concrete block.
- Correct hole size (not too large) is very important since the wedge or sleeve must develop great friction against the sides of the hole.
  - The hole size is the same as the anchor. (½” hole for ½” anchor)
- Most of these anchors will develop more friction as they are loaded in tension, since more expansion occurs as the pull on the shaft causes the cone to spread the wedges or sleeve with greater force against the side of the hole.
TYPES OF ANCHORS- Wedge Anchors (continued)

- Applying a setting torque with a calibrated wrench is essential to the reliable performance of this type of anchor, since doing so actually tests the installation.

- The proper failure mode for this type of anchor is either pull-through (where the conical part of the shaft pulls through the sleeve or wedge) or pull-out of a concrete cone.
  - The diameter of concrete cone that can be pulled is usually more than two times the depth of the embedment of the anchor, however, this assumes un-cracked concrete.

- Anchors of this type should not be used in badly cracked concrete.

- Expansion anchors may be used to anchor raker shores and in tieback systems, provided that the concrete into which they are set is relatively crack free.

Concrete Screws

- The 1/4" diameters screws are used in US&R to fasten devices like the Electronic Level and other monitoring devices. They have a design strength of 300 lbs

- The 3/8" dia screws are similar in strength to ½" wedge anchors, and may be used to fasten Swivel Hoist Rings

- Screws are driven into a pre-drilled hole and the installation requires the use of the proper sized drill bit.
  - The 3/8 Hilti HUS-H Screw uses 5/16" bit.

- They can be installed in less than one minute and placed as close as one inch from the edge of the concrete, using an impact driver or a torque wrench

Through Bolts

- When both sides of a concrete slab are accessible, a standard machine bolt or piece of threaded rod can be extended completely through the concrete.
  - If a washer & bolt head/nut bears against the far side of a slab, a simple, reliable anchor is created.

- The allowable tension value for a through bolt would be the same as for an expansion bolt of the same size with embedment the same as the thickness of the slab.

- Through bolts require access to both sides of the concrete. Not much application in lifting concrete from debris piles.

- Through bolts are useful for anchoring to URM walls, or in tiebacks where concrete or URM walls are involved.
TYPES OF ANCHORS (continued)

Undercut Anchor Bolts (not used in US&R)

- Relatively complicated devices that require the cutting of a straight hole in the concrete and then inserting a special bit that enlarges the hole near its bottom.

- The undercut anchor bolt is then inserted and during the tightening process, prongs extend out from the body of the bolt that engage and bear on the surface of the enlarged hole.

- This produces a very positive anchor, since it does not have to depend on friction between the bolt and the hole as in the case of the other anchors presented here.

- The system requires the use of the special drill bit that undercuts the hole, and, therefore, would not be useful in most emergency situations.

ANCHOR APPLICATIONS

Anchor Spacing & Edge Distance

- Minimum spacing between anchors: 12 times the diameter of the anchor
- Minimum distance to nearest concrete edge: 6 times the diameter of the anchor (9 times if load is acting towards the edge)
- Minimum anchor depth in concrete: 6 times the diameter of the anchor
- Anchor depth should be increased to 9 times the diameter of the anchor, since at ultimate load a more gradual failure will occur.

- One can increase tension values especially in lower strength concrete (2000 PSI) by increasing embedment and spacing to as much as double the minimum listed strength values.

- Cracks in concrete near expansion bolts or shields can significantly reduce their strength.
  - Cracks do not significantly reduce the strength of Adhesive and Through Bolt anchors.
ULTIMATE LOAD VS WORKING LOAD

- The strength of these anchors has been determined by laboratory testing under “ideal” conditions, and is published as the Ultimate Strength.
  - If only the “strength” is listed without the word “Ultimate” one should assume that the value given is the Ultimate Strength and that the working load is about one fourth as much.
  - The Proof Load, which is 2 times the Working Load is load to which anchor installations are tested to assure proper installation.

- The Working Load (sometimes called Allowable Working Load or Design Load) should be listed as not greater than one fourth the ultimate strength.

- The values given for most anchors are based on the ultimate crushing strength of the concrete into which they are inserted.
  - $F'c=3000$ PSI means that a 6” diameter x 12” high cylinder made from the concrete will crush at 3000psi when tested 28 days after it was cast.
  - Most sound concrete can be assumed to have an ultimate strength of 3000 PSI.
  - Test it with a heavy blow from a framing hammer. It should ring and not be noticeably damaged, as long as its not hit on a corner.

INSTALLATION OF ANCHORS

- Drilled holes should be the proper size and depth. Dull bits produce oversized holes which can lead to premature pull-out.

- A metal detector should be used to locate existing rebar, so that it can be avoided.
  - Hitting rebar with the bit will cause oversized holes, and a dull bit which will continue to produce oversized holes.

- Holes need to be cleaned of most all loose material.
  - One method to accomplish this is to drill the hole about one inch deeper than the insertion length, so that some of the loose material will drop to the bottom. (In thin slabs, drill completely through.
  - The pile of concrete powder that collects around the drill bit at top of slab should be carefully swept away.
  - In addition, one should lift-out the loose material by quickly pulling out the drill bit as it is rotating.
  - One should not use air to blow out the hole, and do not allow anyone to inhale any concrete dust – it is very damaging to the lungs.
INSTALLATION OF ANCHORS (continued)

- Wedge Anchors need to be tightened with a calibrated torque wrench as previously discussed.
  - This tests and “preloads” the anchor, giving one reasonable confidence in the installation.
  - See table on following page for Anchor strength and required torque values.
  - Hole size is same as anchor size (½” hole for ½” anchor)

- Concrete screws are easily installed, provided the proper size drill bit is used.
  - Use 3/8” bit for 3/8” Simpson Titan Screw and 5/16” bit for 3/8” Hilti HUS-H Screw
  - They can be installed in less than one minute and placed as close as one inch from the edge of the concrete, using a hand, torque, or impact wrench
  - Drill the holes about one inch deeper than the insertion length. Then the holes need only need to be cleaned using the drill-bit to lift out the excess.
  - The screws can be driven (screwed) into the holes only once, since the threads cut their way into the concrete.

- Adhesive anchors are not normally used in US&R. Their installation requires very clean holes. If they are used, the following installation rules should be followed:
  - Adhesive anchors should be inserted into previously cleaned holes after the adhesive has filled the hole about 3/4 full. All dust needs to be removed by brushing and air blowing (Again to breathing of concrete dust is very harmful to the lungs)
  - The adhesive should be placed using a coaxial cartridge dispenser with a long tube that reaches to the bottom of the hole.
  - Fill the hole from the bottom up, in order to minimize air pockets.
  - Insert the threaded rod with a twisting motion and work out all the bubbles.
  - Most epoxies require a minimum of 24 hours to fully cure at 60° F (15° C) and above. This time must be increased to about 48 hours at 40 degrees F (5° C).
  - Acrylic adhesives can fully cure in as little as 1 hour at 60° F (15° C) and above
  - Most all adhesives used in Anchor Systems have a “Shelf Life” of one year or so, and, therefore, should not be kept in a US&R Cache for longer periods.
ALLOWABLE WORKING LOADS for WEDGE ANCHORS

SAFE WORKING LOADS

WEDGE ANCHORS • KwikBolt, Wedge-All or Trubolt

Allowable Tensile Loads (lbs)  Allowable Shear Loads (lbs)

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INCREASE TENSION & SHEAR VALUES 1.33 x FOR WIND & EARTHQUAKE LOADING

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SLEEVE ANCHORS

Carbon Steel Allowable Working Loads in Concrete (lbs.)

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*ASTM Specification C90, Grade N, Type II.
### EPOXY ANCHORS

#### Allowable Loads - Threaded Rod Anchors

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#### Allowable tensile loads for ASTM A615 Gr 60 Reinforcing Bar

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Minimum spacing = 12 bar diameters
Min. edge distance = 6 bar diameters
LIFTING DEVICES

Steel Swivel Hoist Rings

- These are devices that can be attached to concrete using, an expansion anchor, concrete screw, or through bolt.

- Since the ring’s loop pivots 180 degrees and the ring’s base swivels 360 degrees, the load will always be applied directly through the bolt into the concrete.

  - There is also no danger of the swiveling ring applying a de-torquing twist to the properly tightened, expansion anchor.

- These rings are available in sizes from 5/16” to 3”. The ½” size is suggested as a minimum size, and it has a 2500 lb allowable working load which is greater than the 2000 lb of a ½” expansion anchor with 6” embedment.

  - The ½” Swivel Hoist Rings and Expansion Anchors are included in the FEMA US&R Cache List

- For larger loads, it is recommended that the 3/4” size be used. It has a 5000 lb allowable working load. A 3/4 expansion bold with 8” embedment has 4500 allowable working load. It is not in the FEMA US&R Cache

- Previous slides in this section illustrate the proper way to install the Hoist Ring using a ½” x 7” wedge anchor.

  - The hole may be cleaned by just lifting out the concrete dust with the bit a few times if the hole is made 1” deeper than the required 4 ½” embedment.

  - A 3/8” x 6 concrete screw (Simpson or Hilti) may also be used to attach the ½” Swivel Hoist Ring. Since the hoist ring is about 1 ¼” high, the screw will be embedded at least 4 ½”.

Swivel Hooks

- These devices may be used to attach to a shackle, however most often a sling will be used between the load anchors and the Crane Hook

  - If these are used, the Load must be kept from spinning, and or the sling be kept from twisting.
LIFTING DEVICES (continued)

Eye Nuts
- Eye Nuts are drop forged and galvanized devices that can be attached to the exposed threads of an installed expansion bolt to produce a lifting device. ½” Eye Nuts are in the FEMA US&R Cache
- They have a lifting capacity slightly greater than the tension capacity of a wedge anchor, provided that the direction of the load is vertical, (or within 15 degrees of vertical) thereby, loading the anchor mostly in tension.
  - The adjacent slide shows what the eye nut looks like when attached to a ½” x 5” wedge anchor
  - The wedge anchor needs to be installed first; driven 4 inches into the ½” hole (with double nuts w/ washer just above the top end); then one of the nuts is removed, so the lower nut may be torqued to 50 ft-lb against the concrete: then the eye nut is tightened on top of the bolt.
- ½” Eye Nuts with ½” wedge anchors have an allowable working load of about 2,000lb for a vertical pull.

Steel Angles
- May be pre-fabricated to be used with wedge anchors, screws and /or through bolts, however, if not sized properly will cause the failure of the lifting system.
- To be useful an angle must be of sufficient thickness and length. A minimum of two bolts must be used with a single angle in order to assure that it will not spin.
- Due to the prying action of the vertical leg of the angle, it takes 2 expansion bolts to produce the same allowable working load as 1 bolt used with hoist rings.
- Use this angle only if a hoist ring is not available.

Steel Tees
- May be pre-fabricated to be used with ½” Wedge Anchors or 3/8” Concrete Screws
  - The 3/8”x 6” concrete screws have better resistance in cracked concrete, and have tested to be as strong as ½” wedge anchors.
- The T must be a sufficient size to allow for the required spacing of the fasteners, and have the thickness necessary to resist the bending stresses. For tension forces, there is no prying action.
- When the T is loaded in shear (parallel to the concrete surface) the T stem needs to be aligned with the direction of the pull. Use a 5/8” (min) shackle to connect to rigging
RIGGING TOOLS

SLINGS

- Commonly used material for the manufacture of slings
  - Wire rope
  - Chain
  - Synthetic Fibers

Rigging Definition: A length of rope / chain / webbing attached to a load to and/or an anchor for the purpose of stabilizing, lifting, pulling, or moving objects.

- **Wire Rope**
  - Very strong – suited for US&R enviroment
  - Strength depends on size, grade, and core
  - Resistant to abrasion and crushing
  - Must keep from bending or kinking
  - Sharp bends and edges can cause damage

- **Wire rope components**
  - Core (Fiber Core or Independent Wire Rope Core)
  - Strand
  - Wire
  - Center

- **Wire rope safety factor**
  - Wire Rope Slings, Etc = 5 to 1
  - Lifts w/ Personnel = 10 to 1
  - Elevators = 20 to 1
  - Mobile Crane = 3 to 1 for standing ropes
  - Slings have greater factor of safety than for wire rope used on cranes due to likelihood of rough usage & wear

- **Wire Rope Inspection** should be done on a regular basis
  - Need to check for conditions in adjacent slides
  - The following are wire rope discard conditions
    - Kinks
    - Bird cage
    - Core protrusions
    - Core failure
    - Rope stretch

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- Kinks
- Bird Cage
- Popped Core

**Wire Rope: Discard Conditions**

- Core failure
- Strands bind and take oval shape
- Rope stretch
- Reduce diameter and increase lay

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SLINGS (continued)

- Wire rope fittings and terminations are available in many designs. There are Socket Terminations and Loop Terminations as shown in adjacent slides
  - Swaged and Spelter Sockets
    - These sockets are normally found connecting the Standing lines (wire rope lines that do not move) on a Crane
  - Wedge socket
    - If properly manufactured and installed, will only reduce capacity by 10%
    - These normally occur at the connection of the Ball to the Whip line of a Crane. (Whip line is a single part line that extends from the Crane boom tip, just beyond the main sheaves)
  - Flemish eye
    - Most reliable and efficient termination. Must be done in a shop, and it does not reduce load capacity.
  - Fold back eye
    - Unreliable, do not use it.
  - Cable clips
    - During past US&R incidents it has been necessary to construct cable terminations using these clips.
    - All rescue personnel should become familiar with how to position and tighten these useful devices.
    - Reduce capacity by 20%

Chain and Chain Slings

- Limited use due to weight.
- Links can break without warning
- Requires padding between chain and load to create better gripping surface.
- Should not be exposed to cold temperatures for long periods of time.
- Avoid kinking and twisting while under stress.
- Load must be seated in the hook.
- Avoid sudden jerks in lifting / lowering the load.
- Use padding (planks, heavy fabric) around sharp corners on the load to protect links from being cut.
- Cannot use for overhead lifting unless tagged by manufacturer.
SLINGS (continued)

Chain and Chain Slings
- See chain sling discard conditions shown in adjacent slide.
  - Chain stretch
  - Twisted links
  - Gouged links

- **Synthetic slings:**
  - Tends to mold around the load adding additional holding power.
  - Do not rust and are non-sparking.
  - Are light weight making it easier and safer to rig, and carry on rubble pile
  - Have no sharp edges thereby reducing injury potential.
  - Are more elastic than chain or wire rope and can absorb shock loading better.
  - Are not effected by moisture and are resistant to many chemicals.
  - Are very susceptible to abrasion and catastrophic failure, especially in the collapse structure environment.
BASIC SLING ARRANGEMENTS

■ Single vertical / horizontal hitches:
  • Supports load with single leg of rope / chain / webbing.
  • Full load carried by a single leg (one straight piece of chain / rope / webbing).
  • Should not be used when:
    - Load is hard to balance.
    - Center of gravity hard to establish.
    - Loads are loose.
    - Load extend past the point of attachment.

■ Basket hitches:
  • Supports load by attaching one end of the sling to a hook.
  • Sling wrapped around the load.
  • Sling returns to the other end to attach to the same hook as the other side of the sling.
  • Presents problems related to keeping the load balanced or stabilized.

■ Double basket hitches:
  • More stable than single basket hitch.
  • Uses 2 single slings wrapped at separate locations on the load in the same manner.
  • Allows for the locating of the center attachment hook over the estimated center of gravity.
  • Permits the wrapping of the slings to either side of the center of gravity.
  • Can use a "double wrap" basket hitch which makes contact all the way around the load surface for increased securing of loads (i.e., good for cylindrical loads).

■ Single choker hitches:
  • Loop a strap / rope around the load.
  • Pass 1 eye through shackle attached to other eye.
  • Pass the eye over the hook.
  • Sling should be wrapped around the load.
  • Sling is secured back onto itself.
  • Potential of having stability problems.
  • Creates a vise-like grip on load.
  • Choker has 75% capacity of single vertical sling
BASIC SLING ARRANGEMENTS (continued)

- **Double choker hitches:**
  - Has two single slings spread apart around the load.
  - Does not make full contact with the load surface.
  - Can be double wrapped to help control / hold the load.
  - Double choker with 2-points of wrap around the load provides better lifting / pulling / stabilizing / moving than single choker.
  - When using straps in pairs, hooks should be arranged on the straps so that they will pull from the opposite sides = better gripping action.
  - Creates a vise-like grip on load.

- **Bridle hitches:**
  - Uses 2 / 3 / 4 single slings -- each sling is called a "LEG."
  - Slings secured to a single point this is usually in line between the center of gravity and the anchor (lifting point).
  - Can provide very stable lifting, stabilizing, moving, pulling due to distribution of load onto the multiple slings.
  - Sling lengths must provide for even distribution of the load.

- **Basic guideline for sling formations - make sure slings protected at all actual or potential sharp corners in contact with loads.**

**TIGHTENERS**

- **Wire rope tighteners** have been required during many US&R incidents.
  - They may be used for lifting light loads as well as tightening cable tiebacks and other rigging.
  - Care needs to be taken to not overload them. **DO NOT ADD CHEATER BARS TO THE HANDLES**
  - They are available in several configurations, and are included in the FEMA US&R Cache.

- **Cable winch**
  - The length of the handle and the strength of one person provides the Overload Limit. **DO NOT ADD TO LENGTH OF HANDLE.**
  - Take care in re-winding the cable, it can foul.
  - These devices are 2 to 3 feet long, therefore their use may be limited in confined spaces.

- **Load binder (most common with chain use)**
  - Use ratchet type for reliability, and must wire tie handle for safety.
  - Have 50 to 1 ratchet action, but only 8 inch take-up.
TIGHTENERS (continued)

- **Chain hoist**
  - Can lift up to 6 tons with 100lb pull. **DO NOT EXTEND HANDLES OR OVERPULL USING MORE THAN ONE PERSON.**
  - These tighteners have large take-up (up to 10 feet), and some only require only 12 inch clearance.

- **Turnbuckles**
  - Commonly used tightening device, and are in the US&R Cache
  - Can be used to do final tightening of tiebacks, and liberate Cable Winch to do other jobs.
  - The maximum take-up can vary from 8” to 24”, depending on what type is purchased.
  - They may be difficult to tighten at high loads, so keep the WD-40 handy.
  - HOOK ends are only 2/3 as strong as EYE or JAW ends

RIGGING FITTINGS

- **Ring, hook, and shackle components of slings should be made from forged alloy steel.**

- **Basic components:**
  - Hooks
  - Shackles
  - Eyes

- **Provide means of hauling (lifting) loads without directly tying to the load.**
  - Can be attached to wire or fiber rope, blocks, or chains.
  - Used when loads too heavy for hooks to handle.
  - Hooks need latch or mouse closing/securing device.

- **Mousing**
  - Process of closing the open section of a hook to keep slings / straps from slipping off the hook.
  - Can mouse hooks using rope yarn, seizing wire or shackle.

- **Shackles**
  - Check rating stamp and Working Load rating.
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CRANES used for COLLAPSE RESCUE

- Pre-incident information:
  - Develop and maintain listing of businesses with crane resources including crane equipment, crane operators and crane rigging equipment.
  - Develop telephone call-up list for crane resources.
  - Develop an identification and vendor call-back system for verification of incident needs and projected response time to the incident, as well as confirming on-scene contact person + their location.

TYPES OF MOBILE CRANES

- **Hydraulic Cranes**
  - Mounted on mobile chassis. (some have AWD & AWS)
  - Have outriggers, which need to be set on firm bearings: some have “on rubber” lifting capacities.
  - Self-contained. (except for 120 Tons and greater)
  - Relatively fast to set up.
  - Rated by lifting capacity, in tons, at a distance of about 10 ft from the center of the crane.
  - The variable length boom makes them very useful in a US&R incident.

- **Rough Terrain (RT) Cranes**
  - Normally would be trucked to the site
  - “Pick and carry” capabilities – driving with loads
  - Rated for “on rubber”
  - More adaptable to rough terrain, but must be leveled to lift.

- **Lattice Boom Cranes (sometimes called conventional)**
  - Lattice Boom Cranes may be **Truck Mounted** or **Crawler Mounted**
  - Normally requires more than one truck to haul the boom components, counter weights, and rigging.
  - **Crawler Cranes** usually require several trucks, since the crawlers may be trucked separately
  - Have a longer set-up time than the hydraulic crane
  - Rated by lifting capacity, in tons, at a distance of about 10 ft from the center of the crane.
  - Require more set-up area than the hydraulic crane.
  - Need to find a place to park all the trucks
Lifting capacity of all cranes is reduced the farther away the center of the cranes is from the load.

- The 'Rated Load' is what can be lifted at 10 to 12 ft from the Crane "Pin" (the Center of Rotation)
- They are, essentially a very complicated 1st class lever

Areas of Operation

- All Cranes are required to carry Load Charts on board
- Cranes may have different capacities for different Quadrants of Operation, as shown in adjacent slide
- Some Cranes may Lift “on Rubber”, but most require their Out Riggers to be Fully Extended in order to operate safely.
- Crawler Cranes are, of course an exception to the statement above, but some crawlers do have extendable tracks for greater lifting capacity

Crane Rigging

- Most Cranes have two separate Hook/Systems that they can lift from.
- The Main Block will have more than one sheive so that its hook has the greatest capacity.
  - It may have several “Parts of Line”, which multiplies the strength of the wire rope that is connected to the Drum for lifting.
  - Often the capacity of each Part of Line is determined by the strength of the Brakes on the Drum. However the capacity of the wire rope, also must not be exceeded
- The Ball (Headache Ball) and Hook normally drops over a single shieve at the tip of the Crane Boom
  - It most always has one “Part of Line”, but the Load moves much faster on this “Whip Line”.
  - Again the capacity of this line is often determined by the strength of the Brake at the Drum
CRANES used for COLLAPSE RESCUE (continued)

- **Moving the Load & Moving Tactics**

  - **Securing the Load**
    - As stated in the adjacent slide, the type of Load and its weight + center of gravity must be known.
    - When Cranes are lifting near their maximum reach, have a very small Safety Factor for Tipping. A load the is underestimated by 20% can tip a Crane.
    - As previously discussed the Sling Angle should be made as steep as possible, although 45 deg is a reasonable place to start

  - **Adjusting the Rigging**
    - Check all slings, hooks & connectors
    - All should be aligned and without twists, etc
    - Load should be slowly lifted a short distance off the ground
    - Check balance and that all slings appear to be tight (one should note that for four leg slings it is very difficult to have more than three be tight. This is not a problem, since the Strength Rating of a Four Leg Sling is based on only 3 Legs

  - **Checking Center of Gravity (C.G.)**
    - If Load does not come up level, it means that the Rigging has not been correctly placed (Not Centered on the C.G.)
    - The Load will rotate until its C.G. is directly under the Lifting Hook
    - The Load, then, needs to be set down, and the rigging needs to be shifted towards the side of the Load that came up Last
CRANES used for COLLAPSE RESCUE (continued)

- **Sling Leg Adjustment**
  - One may need to change position of the Slings, or type of Hitch, in order to properly center the load
  - In some cases a pair of Slings may not be able to be positioned so the Load can be lifted without tilt
  - In such a case, another connection devise may need to be added, such as a Chain Hoist that is connected to the Load using an anchored Hoist Ring or Eye Nut
  - Note that Edge Softeners are needed to preserve the integrity of Synthetic Slings, especially when lifting Broken Concrete

- **Rules of Thumb**
  - The adjacent slide lists some common rules of thumb. They summarize what has been said on the preceding pages, and are important considerations to be remembered.

- **Common Rigging Considerations**
  These are given in the adjacent slide, and will be discussed in order:
  - Double T (also single T) Long span, precast concrete members are configured so that they may only be lifted from near the ends. (otherwise thy are likelt to break)
  - Wood Trusses – are often mays using onlt 2x members and have little strength in other than the vertical direction.
  - No Rapid Swing – the rapid swinging of a crane boom under load will induce side loading into the boom, which can cause it to buckle
  - Using rigging as shoring – cables, shackles, turnbuckles etc., have been used in tiebacks to stabilize shored structures

**SUMMARY of SCT04 Part c**
We have discussed the subjects listed in the adjacent slide. The student should be familiar with all of them.
REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE CRANE

- Prepare for crane request by using standard US&R forms.
  - 20 questions & forms are on following pages

- Be sure to describe potential load weights and load materials so that the right size crane, the right rigging equipment, and the right personnel can be matched and sent to the incident.

- Reach distance should be calculated from suitable crane lifting location or locations.
  - This assessment should be completed by identifying suitable location(s) that would accommodate aerial ladder operations
    - Distance is measured from the center pin on crane turntable to the center of gravity of the load.
  - Generally, the larger (either capacity or reach) the crane, the longer the response time and a larger area is required for effective operation.
  - Conventional cranes may require an area as large as 35ft x 200ft for boom assembly.

- Ensure sufficient access to the area before crane's arrival:
  - Access road condition and width.
  - Overhead clearance. (including power lines near site)
  - Room and conditions to maneuver around the site

- Rescue personnel must be assigned to facilitate crane operations:
  - Communicate with the crane operator
  - Assist the crane operator and riggers

- Rescuers should prepare for crane operations:
  - Anticipate the best location for crane operation & setup.
  - Initiate clearing activities prior to arrival of the crane.
  - Is surface sloped or level?
  - Is surface hard or soft?
  - Obstacles and hazards:
    - Buildings
    - Walls
    - Wires
20 QUESTIONS to ANSWER when ORDERING a CRANE

When you contact a rental source of heavy lift equipment, they will start asking questions to permit them to give you what you need. If you can have answers to their questions ready beforehand, you will speed the process considerably. If you have answers to the following questions, you will be well prepared for the rental agent’s questions.

1. Who are you and what are you doing?
2. How quickly do you want a machine?
3. What do you intend for this machine to do?
   - Pick and swing
   - Pick and carry
   - Lift large objects at small distance
   - Lift small objects at large distance
4. Will multiple machines be needed? (Second machine to set up primary machine).
5. What are the capabilities of the onsite crew? (Are they qualified to assist with set up?)
6. If this machine is for a single task, what is the load weight and what is the load radius?
7. If this is for multiple tasks, what are several combinations of load and distance? Max load / min distance, max distance / min load, possible mid load/mid distance?
8. Will this task require pick and carry capability?
9. What are the limits of room available for operation of the machine?
   - Overhead clearance, tail swing clearance, underground obstructions?
10. Is there a place to assemble boom (if lattice) and crane (counterweights)? Including room for assisting crane?
11. Are there limitations on delivery of crane or parts?
    - Posted bridges, low clearances, underground utilities?
12. What areas of operation are anticipated?
    - Over rear, Over side, Over front, On rubber?
13. Are two crane (simultaneous) picks anticipated?
14. Will work be performed on a continuous (24 hr) basis? Is auxiliary lighting available?
15. Will radio communication be required to control load? Are dedicated radios available?
16. How much boom is required? Are special boom features (offset, open-throat) needed?
17. What size hook block is needed? Are shackles to fit hook available?
19. Are additional rigging components needed?
    - Load cell, lift beams, slings, shackles?
20. Who is the contact person and who is the person directing the rigging operations?
**US&R Crane Use Form CU-1**

This form is intended to act as a check-list when ordering or planning for the use of a Crane. One form may be used for each Crane. The Sketch should show the approx position of crane and setup area, as well as where trucks for removal of debris should be staged. Also need to show locations of overhead and underground hazards. **Get form on Disasterengineer.org**

**US&R Rigging Action Plan - RAP**

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**Situation Name:**

**Rigging Task:**

**Weather Conditions:**

**Load Description:**

- **Load Weight:**
- **Block Weight:**
- **Rigging Weight:**
- **Jib Weight:**
- **Jib Ball Weight:**
- **Hoist Line Weight:**
- **Other Weight:**

**Total Weight:**

**Date and Time of Lift:**

**Task Force Name:**

**Task Force Leader:**

**Crane Operator:**

**Crane Make & Model:**

**Crane Serial No.:**

**Jib Length:**

**Jib Position:**

- [ ] Stowed
- [ ] Retracted
- [ ] Offset at

**Size of Counterweights Installed:**

**Front Outrigger Installed:**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Lift will be On:**

- [ ] On Main Block
- [ ] On Jib

**Setup On:**

- [ ] Crawlers
- [ ] Outriggers
- [ ] Tires

- [ ] Extended
- [ ] Retracted
- [ ] Other

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**Hazard:**

- [ ] Electrical
- [ ] Fire
- [ ] Underground
- [ ] Other

**Are Crane Mats, Blocking Req:**

**SKETCH**

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**US&R Rigging Action Plan - RAP**

It is intended to be the planning tool and record of rigging ops during one operational period. It can then serve to hand-off the info to the on-coming shift. A copy should also get pack the the TF and/or IST Plans Unit.

The HERS should number all significant loads, give dimensions & weight, indicate load Radius, indicate where the load is intended to go, and check-off if moved. One page will work for 12 loads. Use as many pages as necessary. This form works best if a copy machine is located at the forward BoO. **Get form on Disasterengineer.org**

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**LOAD PATH HAZARDS**

Overhead

Below Grade

Contamination [ ] Biological [ ] Chemical [ ] Radiation [ ] Other

Debris Removal Effects

Chain of Evidence Needs:

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CRANE HAND SIGNALS
Rescue personnel must have a basic knowledge of hand signals normally used to communicate with the crane operator. These hand signals have been adopted as National Standards.

At each incident, it will be up to the Heavy Equipment and Rigging Spec to determine if there are any exceptions to the standard hand signals that are being practiced locally.
SUMMARY of SCT04
The two adjacent slides list the subjects that have been covered in this module. There are many and all should review the parts of this manual that need to be “refreshed”

REPEAT of ENABLING OBJECTIVES
Hopefully all have been able to:

For Part a
- Understand the basic physics as they relate to Weight, Gravity, and Center of Gravity.
- Explain the concepts of Energy, Work, and Power
- Describe what determines the efficiency of mechanical advantages.
- Explain the three classes of levers.
- Describe the efficiency of inclined planes.
- Describe the two types of pulley configurations.

For Part b
- Explain the effective use of high pressure air bags.
- Lifting & Stabilizing Loads and Cribbing
- Calculate the weights of common materials.

For Part c
- Explain use of proper sling angles to efficiently lift a load
- Explain the use of anchor systems, anchor failure considerations, and proper anchor spacing.
- Describe the proper use of swivel hoist ring, steel angle brackets, and concrete screws.
- Understand the proper use of wire ropes, wire rope fittings, end terminations, and tighteners.
- Explain the use of slings and sling arrangements.
- Describe the use of chains for rigging and lifting.
- Determine the effects of critical angles as they relate to lifting and moving objects.
- Identify and describe the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of cranes.
- Explain considerations for crane use, and demonstrate basic crane signals for rescue operations.
The “A” Frame
Pair of 6x6x14ft lashed at 12ft, A is set at 60 deg.

The “A” Frame can be made with 6” X 6” X 16’ Timbers
Rated at 5,000lb with an Apex Angle of 30°.
Lashing 6”x6”x16’ Timbers to make the “A” Frame

- Use 60’ ½” static rescue rope.
- Clove Hitch with (4) side safety.
- (8) figure eight wraps.
- (4) fraps.
- Clove Hitch with (4) side safety.
- 2”x 6” scabs (5) nail pattern.

Rigging the A Frame

Assemble listed equipment
Elevate and secure timbers
3’ from the top of the timbers tie a clove hitch leaving 3’ of tail for the safety

Wrap the 3’ tail around the clove hitch on each side of the 6X6
Slack being taken out of friction hitch safety around clove hitch

Now make (8) figure 8 wraps around the timbers, snug tight
Now make four fraps between the timbers snugging the (8) wraps tight

After the fraps are tightened tie a clove hitch with friction hitch safety on the second (opposing) timber
2x6 scab block nailed to timbers to prevent lashing slippage

The A Frame is now ready to be raised
Use a flat ladder carry and raise
The A Frame is raised & scissored apart, 30 deg. is the desired apex angle

- The A Frame is raised and scissored apart
- 30 degrees is the desired apex angle
- Legs should be tied and scabbed & placed in 6” holes
Set A Frame on a 4’ gin pole for application of raise/lower straps

The duplex nail heads help secure the temporary gin pole
6’ rigging straps (loops) are added to each timber for raise/lower attachment

After attaching the raise/lower lines, the A Frame is raised into place
Erecting the “A” Frame
The “A” Frame
2-Airshore “Struts w/steel fittings, just past vertical

The “A” Frame
2-Paratech Struts w/steel fittings – picking up load