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EMS TOOLS DIG OUT COLLAPSED TRENCH

What is It?

Trench Rescue Equipment used by Love County EMS-Fire Brigade to safely dig out a patient who is trapped in a collapsed dirtworks, such as a utility trench.



How Trench Rescue Is Done

Firefighters line two sides of the collapsed trench with reinforced plywood sideboards.

They insert expandable cross braces between the sideboards to keep them in place.

Using hand tools, they lift dirt from the trench, bucket by bucket, until they locate the patient.



(Top Photo): Firefighters Derek Weeks, R.J. Morgan, and Cody Hendricks extract the sturdy sideboards from the trench rescue trailer. **(Above Left):** Fire Training Officer Dustin Michael assembles the hand tools that will be used to pull dirt from the trench. **(Above Right):** Firefighters Cody Hendricks, Wade Connot, Billy Martin, R.J. Morgan, and Derek Weeks illustrate a fully assembled rescue framework.

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