WHEN A LIFE IS ON THE LINE
This business of saving someone’s life while risking your own requires a lot of trust…trust in your abilities, your team, your training, and in your equipment.

We know that trust has to be earned. That’s why—for nearly 40 years—we’ve made it our business to be worthy of your trust by helping emergency service and rope access professionals do their jobs more efficiently, with greater safety and less uncertainty.

The simple thought that our purpose is to help rescuers and work-at-height professionals do their jobs drives everything we do at CMC Rescue. As we see it, we’re not so much in the business of selling products as we are working to make sure our customers are successful at what they do.

That’s why we’ve built an extensive body of knowledge about rescue products and techniques, and why we’re eager to share it with everyone. Since the 1970s, we’ve been talking to customers about our products and the way they are used.

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In the early days, CMC’s founder and staff were actively involved in a lot of rescues—more than most of our customers—so it was natural for them to call and get our thoughts about the best way to do things. Over the years, as designers, sellers, and users of rescue equipment, we’ve been front and center in the evolution of the industry—from rudimentary tools and techniques to the sophisticated ones in use today. We’ve documented, evaluated, and explored these advances in our manuals and field guides, and we teach them in CMC Rescue School classes around the world. But one thing has not changed over the years. When you call CMC, you’re going to speak with someone who really knows what they’re talking about. If you have a question, you will get an answer backed by solid information. That answer might come from one of our very capable support specialists, or the head of our engineering team, one of our Rescue School instructors, or even the company founder. We have structured CMC Rescue to be a flat organization without a lot of layers. There are expert users in different positions throughout the company, and all of them are available to our customers. We know that the field experience and knowledge we’ve accumulated are valuable, and we want to make them as accessible as possible. That’s why we continue to make a significant investment in expanding cmcrescue.com by adding rich content with product specifications and detailed images, results from our testing program, instructional videos, and current industry information on standards, training, and techniques.
HAVE IT YOUR WAY
We listened when you told us what features you wanted in a rope access harness. The result is our new Helix Harness. Find out more at cmcrescue.com/helix

THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR THE JOB

Rope access and rescue have one big thing in common—there’s always a life on the end of the line.

There are differences to be sure. Rope access work is typically planned in advance, while a rescue is full of unknowns. But the skills and techniques used by anyone working at height come from the same pool of knowledge and experience.

No one knows that better than CMC. As one of the founding members of the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT) in 1995, we’ve helped to develop the standards for rope access training and safety, and create the certification process for rope access technicians.

Whether they’re being used by a worker on the side of a skyscraper or to help retrieve a victim in a rescue, the tools that CMC develops and delivers to its customers are the gold standard for preserving life and keeping people safe.
Good ideas can come from anywhere—an improvised fix during an incident, a comment from a student in a Rescue School class, or a product engineer with a flash of inspiration. The hard part is turning a good idea into reality. What Thomas Edison said about genius being 99% perspiration is quite true.

That’s why we’ve invested in some pretty extensive engineering, prototyping, and testing facilities. On top of those, the CMC Rescue School gives us access to expert focus groups. Taken together, this allows a deep problem-solving approach to developing new products. We can determine for certain what’s good and what’s not so good, instead of having to rely on anecdotes and easy answers.

In 1984, Wellington Cordage, working with the Los Angeles City Fire Department, developed the Red Alert Rescue Rope System as a roof escape rope. With no descent devices suitable for this 5/8-inch diameter rope, Wellington asked CMC to develop one. CMC designed a large Figure 8 with Ears that became the CMC Rescue 8.

When less is more
CMC Rescue’s 3D (3-stage locking-bar descender) is smaller, lighter, safer, and faster to rig. Learn more at cmcrescue.com/3d

Also shown:
CMC Rescue Static-Pro™ Lifeline
CMC cuts rope orders to custom lengths at no extra charge.
We don’t choose the easiest or most cost-effective way to make CMC Rescue products. We go straight for the best way. That means carefully monitoring every step of the process. It also means that the people who make our products have to be really good at what they do. As employee-owners of the company, our workers are among the most motivated you’ll find anywhere. But we like to take it one step further. We do things like holding rappelling clinics for our sewers—many of whom have been with us for a decade or more—so they can feel what it’s like to actually use the harnesses they make. That sort of thorough understanding is invaluable. At the end of the day, it makes for better workers, better products, and safer, more satisfied customers.

SOLUTIONS IN A BAG
We thought of everything when we created a full range of pre-packaged rescue systems and kits. Get the whole picture at cmcrescue.com/kits

PROUDLY MADE IN THE USA
It’s more than just a matter of pride. By keeping close control over the manufacture of CMC Rescue products, we can maintain the highest levels of quality. This has been noticed outside the United States. CMC products are in high demand by emergency services professionals around the world. All CMC Rescue Harnesses are manufactured and assembled in our Goleta, California facility. Whenever possible, we make our products in the United States and, when necessary, source the best manufacturers globally. Look for the Made in USA icon on our website.
SOMETIMES A LITTLE REVOLUTION CAN BE A GOOD THING

We all like to stick with what’s tried and true—especially in situations where literally every second counts.

But, when something really better comes along it makes sense to give it a try.

That was the case with CMC Rescue’s MPD (Multi-Purpose Device). It’s a single piece of hardware that replaces seven pieces of equipment in a raising and lowering system. The MPD makes training easier, rigging faster, and rope rescue operations more secure.

Of course we’re pleased by the MPD’s rapid and broad acceptance, but we’re most proud of the fact that we have been able to innovate in ways that increase safety for rescuers and victims alike.
CMC grew up along with the rescue industry. Some of us were performing rescues long before we got into the business of manufacturing and selling rescue equipment. In fact, the reason we got into the business was that the right kind of equipment for doing rescues wasn’t available.

Forty years later, we’re still active users of the techniques we teach and the products we make and sell. Rope rescue is in our DNA. It’s the language we speak, and the protection and advancement of the rescue industry and all the people in it is the primary motivation behind everything CMC Rescue does as a company.
A tripod, bipod, and monopod all in one—the Arizona Vortex is a portable, artificial, high-directional anchor unique in its flexibility. Explore the range of possibilities at cmcrescue.com/azvortex
For instructors at the CMC Rescue School, teaching is no classroom exercise. They’re all about learning by doing, and giving students the actual hands-on experience they will need to practice, perform, and master the skills being taught in class.

Our instructors are a rare breed, and they’re not easy to find. We wouldn’t even think of hiring one with less than 15 years of professional rescue experience. On top of that, they have to be committed to passing their skills on to others, and dedicated to keeping up with the latest tools and techniques.

The CMC Rescue School offers rescue and rope access training for fire rescue, technical rescue, tower rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, emergency building shoring, and other specialized skills. Both open enrollment and custom contract classes are available. For more information see cmcrescue.com/school

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**WE WROTE THE BOOK**

It’s books, actually. Our manuals and field guides on Rope Rescue and Confined Space Entry and Rescue have been revised and updated in multiple editions. Along the way, they’ve become recognized as standards in the industry. Our latest manual on Trench Rescue is approved by the California State Fire Marshall, and is the official text for Trench Rescue instruction in the state.

**AND WE SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE**

We incorporated the CMC Rescue Field Guides into an extremely useful app that we update regularly and offer as a free download for iOS and Android devices. It’s popular with rescue professionals around the world, and we’re very glad all that information is being put to good use. Download the CMC Rescue app at cmcrescue.com/app