

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM

A Component of the National Response Framework
Emergency Support Function # 9



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM MANAGER POSITION DESCRIPTION

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Task Force Position Description
Hazardous Materials Team Manager

Position Specific Requirements:

The Hazardous Materials (haz mat) Team Manager is responsible for managing the Hazmat functions of the task force and supervising the Hazardous Materials Specialists of the Task Force. The Hazardous Materials Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

Description of Duties:

The Hazardous Materials Team Manager is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing the haz mat component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Coordinating, managing, and supervising all haz mat activities
- Providing input in the development of the site safety plan in cooperation with Medical Team Manager and Safety Officers
- Determining haz mat organizational and logistical needs
- Receiving briefings and situation reports and ensuring that all haz mat personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes
- Providing situation updates and maintaining records and reports
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Providing accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued equipment
- Possessing knowledge of the practical application of available (detection, PPE and decon) technology used to support US&R missions and objectives
- The ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing
- Manage and provide leadership to assigned personnel and support resources
- Working well with technical experts, the Incident Support Team, and other outside supporting agencies
- Establishing and maintaining a liaison with haz mat personnel from the IST and task forces
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

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Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Hazardous Material Team Managers in the FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the haz mat component in the urban disaster environment.

Required Training:

The Hazardous Material Team Manager shall:

1. Meet all Administrative and General Training requirements
2. Meet and maintain the requirements as a certified Hazardous Materials Technician as per OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
3. Meet and maintain the AHJ competencies in accordance with National Fire Protection Association standard 472 Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents to the level of Hazardous Materials Technician
4. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System WMD Considerations for Hazardous Materials Specialist course
5. Complete DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level Course
6. Complete all Technical Rescue Skill Set as defined in Appendix A
7. Complete ICS 300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance

Recommended Training:

The Hazardous Material Team Manager should:

1. Complete the Weapons of Mass Destruction Radiological/Nuclear for Hazardous Materials Technician (Course PER-241), U.S. Department of Energy National Security Administration Nevada Test Site.
2. Complete the WMD Hazardous Materials Technician Training (HT) (Course PER-261), Centers for Domestic Preparedness, Anniston Alabama.
3. Complete DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations Level Course

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Appendix A

Technical Rescue Skill Sets:

Minimum skill set recommendations for Task Force Personnel who enter the hazard zone, i.e. forward deployment:

- General Requirements of NFPA 1670
- Rope Rescue awareness per NFPA 1670*
- Trench Rescue awareness per NFPA 1670
- Duties of the Entrant per 29 CFR 1910.146

* Additional Required Rope Rescue skills;

- Safety considerations during rope rescue operations
- Characteristics of life safety rope and webbing
- Application of rope rescue hardware specific to a lowering operation
- Application of rope rescue hardware and software specific to a belay line
- Assemble and apply a Class III harness
- Assemble and apply a “Hasty Harness”
- Tie a Simple Figure eight knot
- Tie a Figure Eight follow-through knot
- Tie an overhand follow-through with webbing
- Attach a prusik loop to a rope
- Be familiar with anchor systems
- Be familiar with raising and lowering systems
- Proficiency at attaching oneself to, and participating in a raising or lowering system
- Proficiency at descending and ascending a fixed line, low angle