

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



RESCUE SQUAD OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION

FEMA National US&R Response System

Task Force Position Description

Rescue Squad Officer

Position Specific Requirements:

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for supervising one or more Task Force Rescue Squad(s). The Rescue Squad Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for;

- Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
- Implementing the rescue component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Determining organizational and logistical needs for the Rescue Squad(s) and work site
- Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager
- Maintaining records and reports
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Squad Officers in the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the Rescue Squad(s) and assigned personnel in the urban disaster environment.

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Required Training:

The Rescue Squad Officer shall:

1. Complete all Administrative and General Training requirements
2. Complete DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level Course
3. Meet requirements of NFPA 1670 (2004) Structural Collapse Technician Level
4. Meet all requirements of NFPA 1670 (2004 Edition) Chapter 9 Section 9.3.5. Operations levels for the specific disciplines defined in Sections 9.3.6 – 9.3.9 are excluded from this requirement.
5. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician Course
6. Shall have experience in DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or a deployment as a Rescue Specialist (This requirement does not apply to those members rostered as Rescue Squad Officers prior to July 1, 2008)

Recommended Training:

The Rescue Squad Officer should:

1. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations Level Course
2. Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance