

Rescue Squad Officer

Task Force Position Description

A. Functional Description

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.

B. Description of Duties

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for the following:

1. Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
2. Implementing the rescue component of the task force tactical action plan
3. Determining organizational and logistical needs for the rescue squad(s) and work site
4. Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager
5. Maintaining records and reports
6. Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
7. Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
8. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
9. Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed

C. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Squad Officers in the 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.

D. Required Training

The Rescue Squad Officer shall adhere to the following:

1. Meet all Administrative and General training requirements
2. Meet all requirements for the Rescue Specialist Position Description
3. Have experience in structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or a deployment as a Rescue Specialist
4. Maintain certification in basic first aid. Task force members currently licensed or certified as EMT (all levels) or licensed board-certified emergency physicians inherently meet this requirement.

E. Recommended Training

The Rescue Squad Officer should complete the following:

1. *FEMA US&R GPS Operations Level Course* (Course Code: 9G6210)
2. *ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents*
3. Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue (Technician or Level 2)