

## **RESCUE SPECIALIST**

### **I. Functional Description**

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for performing the rescue function of the task force incident operation. The Rescue Specialist reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer.

### **II. Description of Duties**

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for the following:

- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the rescue portion of the action plan
- Performing rescue operations under the direct supervision of a Rescue Squad Officer and providing periodic progress reports as needed
- Operating and conducting routine field maintenance of rescue tools and equipment
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties assigned
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed

### **III. Position Requirements and Criteria**

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Specialists in the National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the rescue tactics and techniques required in a disaster environment.

### **IV. Required Training**

The Rescue Specialist shall adhere to the following:

- Complete all administrative and general training requirements
- Meet requirements of NFPA 1006 (2008) Technical Rescuer Level 1 & 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: Section 1.3.3)
  - Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements
  - Chapter 6: Rope Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
  - Chapter 7: Confined Space Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
  - Chapter 8: Trench Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)
  - Chapter 10: Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)

- Complete the National US&R Response System Structural Collapse Technician Course or a FEMA/DHS approved equivalent
- Complete the National US&R Response System GPS Awareness Level Course
- Current Certification in basic first aid for first responders or equivalent

V. **Recommended Training**

The Rescue Specialist should complete Chapter 11: Surface Water Rescue (Levels 1 & 2)