

Rescue Specialist

Task Force Position Description

A. 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.

B. Description of Duties

The Rescue Specialist is responsible for the following:

1. Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the rescue portion of the action plan
2. Performing rescue operations under the direct supervision of a Rescue Squad Officer and providing periodic progress reports as needed
3. Operating and conducting routine field maintenance of rescue tools and equipment
4. Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
5. Performing additional tasks or duties assigned
6. 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 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.

D. Required Training

The Rescue Specialist shall adhere to the following:

1. Meet all Administrative and General training requirements
2. Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Technical Rescuer at the Technician or Level 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: Section 1.3.3)
 - 2-1. Job Performance Requirements
 - 2-2. Rope Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 2-3. Confined Space Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 2-4. Trench Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 2-5. Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
3. Complete the *FEMA US&R Structural Collapse Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P2631) or a FEMA US&R approved equivalent course.
4. Complete a *FEMA US&R GPS Awareness Level Course* (Course Code: 9G6200)
5. 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.

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E. Recommended Training

The Rescue Specialist should complete training that meets the requirements of NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue (Technician or Level 2)