

# **TEXAS A&M TASK FORCE 1 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

## **PERSONNEL REHABILITATION PERIOD**

### **VOLUME 1**

#### **REFERENCE NO. 1-24**

##### **1.00 PURPOSE**

- 1.01 The purpose of this document is to provide information for Personnel Rehabilitation Period (rehab time) after a State or federal deployment. Rehab time is intended to help ensure proper rest for returning individuals.

##### **2.00 OBJECTIVE**

- 2.01 Understand the guidelines for when rehab time is warranted and the time period based on type and duration of the deployment and reimbursement claim preparation for the demobilization and post-mission phases of the activation.

##### **3.00 DEFINITIONS**

- 3.01 Basic personnel rehabilitation time: Starts once the task force member reaches their home and records their time on the demobilization (demob) survey.
- 3.02 Extent of rehab time: Rehab time is based on the type of work the members were engaged in during an incident and the length of the deployment. In general, there would not be rehab time allotted for a deployment where the team was only prepositioned for several days versus a deployment that is more than seven days and involves heavy search and rescue activity that would warrant rehab time.
- 3.03 Determination of rehab time for federal deployments; The rehab time will be negotiated based on *US&R Program Directive – 2005-020 Post-mission Demobilization Allowance Standards and Reimbursement Guidance*.
- 3.04 Determination of rehab hours for State and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) deployments: Rehab time will be determined by Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) using the following guidelines.

##### **4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- 4.01 Type 1 & 2 Task Force Operations – 72 hours of rehab time i.e., World Trade Center, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Helene/Milton. 24 hours of rehab time

when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.

- 4.02 Type 3 Task Force Operations – 24 hours of rehab time when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.
- 4.03 Type 4 Task Force Operations - 24 hours of rehab time when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.
- 4.04 Mission Ready Package Operations - 24 hours of rehab time when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.
- 4.05 Type 1 or type 3 Swiftwater Flood Operations - 24 hours of rehab time when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.
- 4.06 Helicopter Search and Rescue Operations - 24 hours of rehab time when deployed over seven days and less than 14 days and engaged in search and rescue activities. 48 hours of rehab time when deployed 14 days or more and engaged in search and rescue activities.
- 4.07 Deployment Survey – When the deployment has ended, TX-TF1 creates a survey, and it is sent out to all Task Force Members who were deployed. The Member is required to respond AFTER they arrive at their duty station or home and are required to report the same time to TX-TF1 as they do their Participating Agency (PA). The survey results are checked and their times are added to the demobilization tracker. Once we have confirmed that everyone has made it home and we have all deactivation times for everyone from each PA, we will send a PDF of the tracker with these times to the PA.
- 4.08 Backfill – Backfill is allowable during rehab time so long as the Task Force Member is not working during their rehab period.
- 4.09 Reimbursable Rehab Hours – only shift hours and backfill differential for those hours are eligible for reimbursement during the personnel rehabilitation period.