

# TEXAS A&M TASK FORCE ONE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

## INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM (IST) APPLICATION

### VOLUME 1

### REFERENCE NO. 1-18

#### 1.00 PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of this standard is to establish the criteria for the members of Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) personnel to apply for a position on the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST). All Task Force members should fully understand this policy.

#### 2.00 OBJECTIVE

- 2.01 The purpose of the IST Application Policy is to provide information and guidance to Task Force members wishing to apply for a position on the FEMA IST.

#### 3.00 DEFINITIONS

- 3.01 **Agency:** Texas A&M Engineering Extension System (TEEX)
- 3.02 **POCs:** Point of Contact for Participating Agencies
- 3.03 **Members:** Rostered, Development Team Members or applicants of TX-TF1
- 3.04 **IST:** Incident Support Team

#### 4.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 4.01 In addition to the 28 individual US&R Task Forces, the FEMA System has three rostered Incident Support Teams (IST). An IST provides a group of highly qualified specialists readily available for rapid assembly and deployment to a disaster area to manage and support deployed system Task Forces. They also furnish federal, state, and local officials with technical assistance in acquiring, coordinating, and using US&R resources.

4.02

From time to time, Task Force members are encouraged to apply for a position on an IST to fill vacancies. TX-TF1 members should utilize the directions provided in the FEMA US&R Program Directive 2011-005 when applying for a position on an IST. The Program Directive can be found at [www.usarcd.org](http://www.usarcd.org)