

Safety Officer

Task Force Position Description

A. Functional Description

The Task Force Safety Officer is responsible for monitoring and assessing the safety aspects of the task force during training, exercises and incident operations. The Safety Officer reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

B. Description of Duties

The Safety Officer is responsible for the following:

1. Overseeing all health and safety of all task force personnel during day to day operations, training, and exercises as well as on deployment
2. Coordinating with task force team managers relative to the health, welfare, and safe operations of their assigned personnel
3. Preventing injuries and illness of task force members through appropriate administrative and engineering controls of hazards including enforcement of safety policies and procedures
4. Conducting site safety analysis, completing required ICS documents for IAP/TAP, developing safety messages and conducting safety briefings
5. Working with task force team managers to establish acceptable entry conditions and appropriate personal protective equipment to be worn by personnel entering the hazard zone
6. Establishing and enforcing the use of a personnel accountability system to be used during training, exercises and actual disaster deployments
7. Immediate intervention of activities to prevent the loss of life and prevention of injuries
8. Conducting incident/accident investigations with appropriate task force personnel under the direction of the Task Force Leader
9. Preparing post incident injury reports and submitting them to the Task Force Leader
10. Preparing and maintaining entry permits, records, and reports
11. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned

C. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become task force safety officers in the National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers capable of effectively managing and supervising the safety function in the urban disaster environment.

D. Required Training

The Safety Officer shall adhere to the following:

1. Meet all Administrative and General training requirements
2. Complete a *FEMA US&R GPS Awareness Level Course* (Course Code: 9G6200)
3. Complete *ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents*

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D. Required Training (continued)

4. Complete the *FEMA US&R Task Force Safety Officer – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P7231)
5. Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Technical Rescuer at the Technician or Level 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: Section 1.3.3)
 - 5-1 Job Performance Requirements
 - 5-2 Rope Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 5-3 Confined Space Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 5-4 Trench Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 5-5 Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
6. Complete the *FEMA US&R Structural Collapse Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P2631) or a FEMA US&R approved equivalent course.
7. 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 Safety Officer should complete the following:

1. Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue (Technician or Level 2)