

Search Team Manager

Task Force Position Description

A. Functional Description

The Search Team Manager is responsible for managing the search function of the task force and supervising the Canine Search Specialists and Technical Search Specialists. The Search Team Manager reports directly to the Task Force Leader.

B. Description of Duties

The Search Team Manager is responsible for the following:

1. Developing and implementing the search component of the task force tactical action plan
2. Coordinating, managing, and supervising all search and reconnaissance activities
3. Participating in the oversight, administrative and operational control of the development, implementation and operational aspects of search component training (Canine Search Specialists, Technical Search Specialists and Search Team Managers)
4. Participating in the Canine Search Specialist evaluation process at the task force level
5. Providing research and development input at the task force level for the implementation and evaluation of new technologies, equipment, tactics and skills as they pertain to the search component
6. Land navigation and site mapping
7. Determining search and reconnaissance operational, organizational and logistical needs
8. Ensuring that all assigned personnel are kept informed of mission objectives and status changes to include briefings and debriefings
9. Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
10. Providing situation updates, documenting and maintaining records and reports
11. Providing oversight for accountability, maintenance, and minor repairs for all issued/assigned equipment
12. 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 Search Team Managers in the National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional managers, capable of effectively managing and supervising the search component, in the urban disaster environment.

D. Required Training

The Search Team Manager shall adhere to the following:

1. Meet all Administrative and General training requirements
2. Complete the *FEMA US&R Technical Search Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P1231)

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D. Required Training (continued)

3. Complete the *FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P1331)

E. Recommended Training

The Search Team Manager should complete the following:

1. *FEMA US&R Search Planning and Management - Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9G1431)
2. *FEMA US&R Structural Collapse Specialist – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P2631)
3. *FEMA US&R Task Force Leader – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P7131)
4. *FEMA US&R Planning Team Training – Instructor-Led Training* (Course Code: 9P6131)
5. *FEMA US&R GPS/Land Navigation Technician Level Course* (Course Code: 9G6200)
6. Technical rescue technician-level skill sets Appendix A of this Annex
7. *ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents*
8. Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 Technical Rescuer at the Technician or Level 2 (Excluding Chapter 1 Administration: Section 1.3.3)
 - 8-1 Job Performance Requirements
 - 8-2 Rope Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 8-3 Confined Space Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 8-4 Trench Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 8-5 Vehicle and Machinery Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
 - 8-6 Surface Water Rescue (Technician or Level 2)
9. A canine emergency medical course

F. Required Experience

1. Have experience in technical or canine search operations to include but not limited to participation in field exercise(s) and SAR deployments or equivalent qualification as determined by the Sponsoring Agency. NOTE: This requirement does not apply to those members rostered as Search Team Managers prior to July 1, 2008.