

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM

A Component of the National Response Framework
Emergency Support Function # 9



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RESCUE SQUAD OFFICER POSITION DESCRIPTION

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Position Specific Requirements:

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for supervising one or more Task Force Rescue Squad(s). The Rescue Squad Officer reports directly to the Rescue Team Manager.

Description of Duties:

The Rescue Squad Officer is responsible for;

- Directly supervising Rescue Squad(s) and other assigned personnel
- Implementing the rescue component of the Task Force Tactical Action Plan
- Determining organizational and logistical needs for the Rescue Squad(s) and work site
- Providing periodic progress reports to the Rescue Team Manager
- Maintaining records and reports
- Preparing performance evaluations for assigned personnel
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
- Evaluating and modifying rescue tactics as needed

Position Requirements and Criteria:

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become Rescue Squad Officers in the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select functional officers capable of effectively managing and supervising the Rescue Squad(s) and assigned personnel in the urban disaster environment.

Required Training:

The Rescue Squad Officer shall:

1. Meet all requirements for DHS FEMA / US&R Rescue Specialist
2. Shall have experience in structural collapse operations to include participation in field exercise(s) and/or a deployment as a Rescue Specialist

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Recommended Training:

The Rescue Squad Officer should:

1. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations Level course: (When developed and implemented)
2. Complete ICS-300 in accordance with the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance
3. Complete the DHS/FEMA National US&R Response System Rescue Officers Course: (When developed and implemented system wide)